



KINGS LANGLEY & DISTRICT RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Annual General Meeting – Chairman’s Report – April 2021 (for the period April 2020 to March 2021)

We find ourselves hopefully nearing the end of the coronavirus pandemic, however, due to ongoing lockdown and safety considerations, the Association decided to cancel the 2021 Annual General Meeting which would have taken place in April and instead provide updates by way of this report along with the Association’s Financial Report.

The KL&DRA’s prime focus has always been on the preservation of the character and setting of Kings Langley as an historic village in Hertfordshire. This passion can sometimes be mistaken as NIMBY (Not In My Back Yard). We do not object to reasonable and appropriate development on brownfield sites that supports real housing need for local people. We did not object to the application to be build 55 homes on the brownfield part of Rectory Farm, but we do object to the rest of the site which is green field, green belt land adding an additional 145 homes. We object to this further development because we are **CAMBY (Care About My Back Yard)** and we will always oppose over-development, inappropriate design and unnecessary destruction of our Green Belt that harms our village.

Here are some examples of what we got involved with during the period April 2020 to Mar 2021:

Planning applications:

- Station Road: We supported the enforcement / reinstatement of Green Belt land developed without permission
- Rectory Farm: We objected to 89 houses – application withdrawn in May 2020
- Westmeon – we objected to development in the Green Belt – application was withdrawn
- 16 Hempstead Rd 08/2020 – objected to overdevelopment of the small site in Kings Langley

- 34 Coniston 09/2020 – objected due to inappropriate development in the Green belt
- Moto MSA at J20 03/2021 – objected due to inappropriate development in the Green belt and significant impact on local traffic and the village of Kings Langley
- West Herts College 10/2020 – Although a brownfield site, which is a good thing, we objected to the extent of overdevelopment of the site

Other activities included:

- Lobbying local MP and Councillors regarding the TRDC Local Plan
- Working with the London Green Belt Council and CPRE regarding reducing the Government housing targets
- Lobbying and writing to Sir Mike Penning
- Creating our own Brownfield Register for Kings Langley
- Responding to the DBC Local Plan consultation
- Planning white paper 10/2020 – KL&DRA submitted comments
- We joined with other DBC area RAs / Groups as The One Voice Alliance
- Supporting the Neighbourhood Plan initiative
- Created a new dwellings register

We also continued our work as part of the Three Rivers Joint Residents Association where we were involved with:

- Lobbying Three Rivers area MP & local Councillors
- Submitting responses on changes to the planning system consultation
- Justifying lower housing need in Three Rivers
- Writing to the Housing Minister
- Lobbying candidates in the local elections to protect the Green Belt

Keeping Kings Langley villagers informed

Throughout the following months we will continue to inform our subscribers and other Kings Langley villagers about the threats to our village due to the housing targets the government has set for our local councils, Dacorum Borough Council and Three Rivers District Council.

In December 2020, our Social media activities were taken over by Lucy McRae and Lucy is doing a great job in building our online presence.

I would like to thank:

The Association's Committee for their invaluable help and support.

Our secretary Ann Johnson and Treasurer, Eric Martin for all their hard work during the year.

Our Comms sub group, Annie Martin, Eric Martin, Mark Rogers and Ann Johnson for pulling our communications strategy together and especially to Annie who also looks after getting information to our non-computer users.

Our social media guru Lucy McRae for getting our message out across social media.

Also in the area of communications a big thank you to Jeremy Wilkins who has provided us with free printing of our newsletters.

Our newsletters wouldn't get anywhere without Val Lee and her dedicated team of distributors so a big thank you to Val and her team

Thanks also to Cheryl Hall on KLM for re-posting and sharing and all that clever stuff that helps get our messages out to a wider audience.

Thank you to David Zerny for producing our emails communications to all our email subscribers. If you're not a subscriber, sign up on greenbeltmatters.com

Thank you also to our Parish Council liaisons, Alan Johnson & Mark Rogers

Finally, none of what the Association has achieved would have been possible without the generous donations of our supporters and members.

Gary Ansell

Chair

KINGS LANGLEY & DISTRICT RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

End of document