

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE.

King's Lynn's Conservation Area. Following the area being added to Historic England's Heritage at Risk Register, we have written to the borough asking what, if any action is being taken to rectify this placing and if the powers which exist to compel the owners of listed buildings to repair and renovate their properties, are being employed.

Noise and anti-social behaviour, nuisance and the law. Norfolk Constabulary has been contacted to invite a speaker to the quarterly meeting to address the forum on what the police is doing and the action citizens should take. It has not been possible to arrange this for the January meeting and so the committee is concentrating on the April meeting. Regarding the White Hart Stores and the NCP vacuum cleaner, I have been contacted by NSCC who have asked me to continue recording these nuisances for the period January to March. If the NCP vacuum cleaner is still causing reverberations then NSCC will install a monitor at Friarscot, though it seems that it will be until possible to take action on these nuisances until April or May.

Heritage Action Zone and Vision King's Lynn. A new HAZ is proposed for Norfolk Street. Lorraine Gore, the borough council's chief executive has written to the ward forum asking for views and ideas. At a first instance the ward forum committee agreed that there needs to be a comprehensive assessment of the town and its commerce, and in particular transport. The committee is therefore proceeding along these lines and plans to have a paper formulated soon. Regarding Norfolk Street, BCKLWN has received a variation of license for one of the night clubs to extend their opening hours to 04.45 on Saturday and Sunday mornings.

St James Medical Practice. Few patients have been aware of the consultation taking place - the second - over the move to North Lynn. The forum remains concerned over the difficulties for elderly and infirm patients to access the proposed new site and also for young mothers without their own transport. We will write asking for a continued town centre presence, to the practice, to Healthwatch Norfolk and SJMP's patient participation group. We are also writing to the practice manager, Kathy Foley, asking why the forum was not informed of the new consultation.

Town centre premises being turned to residential use. There is a proposal that consideration be given to returning the upper floors of business premises in the High Street to residential occupation. This is more complicated than it appears, not only because it requires the co-operation of the freeholders, most of which are large conglomerate companies, but that such conversions will be extremely expensive. However, this should not compromise BCKLWN in carrying the proposal forward.

Quarterly Forum meetings for 2020. Following our experience last year when numerous events clashed with our meetings, the committee has decided to switch from Wednesdays to Tuesdays. These are the dates:

January 14, Dr Paul Richards, the Conservancy Board and its work.

April 14, Norfolk Constabulary. Noise and anti-social behaviour; nuisance and the law.

September 8 - AGM. Rail services to and from King's Lynn. Fenline Users' Group,

December 8 - speaker TBC