

## **St Margaret's with St Nicholas Ward Forum Chairman's update and report on activity since November 2017**

### **Website**

Forum member Jeremy Rodwell has offered to take on the task of webmaster pro bono, which will relieve Wayne Hart of a hefty chore. Since the agm Wayne has been carrying out the task for no payment, for which we are most grateful, especially as his self-employed business as a letter-cutter is considerable and he has not been well.

### **Public Access Defibrillator (PAD) provision.**

Jeremy Rodwell instigated the forum's interest in this important subject and he and Brian Falconbridge have been exploring how the forum might initiate provision. To date there has been heartening news: representatives of Rotary and BID (Business Improvement District) are in discussion on a joint plan to install CPADs in strategic locations in the town. This positive news comes with the equally positive response Jeremy and Brian had from Andrew Barlow, Community Collaboration Manager Norfolk & North Cambridgeshire, East of England Ambulance Service NHS. The forum is hoping/planning to organise a CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) Awareness Day (along the lines of the flood awareness event last year) led by Andrew to include guidance on the capabilities and application of CPAD units. There will be a further update at the forum meeting,

### **Excessive Noise**

Following sustained correspondence with the borough, the forum was offered a meeting with Dave Clack, the borough's Safety & Welfare Adviser. Sally met him with Michael Brindle (the forum member who originally brought up the subject) and the meeting was most positive. Explaining the difficulty of dealing with noise, which is both transitory and subjective, DC offered to monitor events for the coming year with a view to assessing the degree of disturbance and what, if any, action should be taken. He has suggested residents keeping a diary over the year, details of which will be emailed to those interested and is going to provide a list of events, so we know what we're in for. NB some events are council-run, others private and so the ability to take action to control noise differs.

We emphasised that we were as much concerned of the effect on the participants' hearing as forum members own. Several members living in the vicinity of Tuesday Market have endorsed complaints of disturbance from events there. These have been compiled into a further report for DC.

### **KL traffic route survey**

This is being undertaken by borough and county. We have a copy of the brief sent to councillors (previously forwarded to ward forum members) and have formally asked to be logged as a 'consultee'. On a first assessment of the brief several aspects of concern arise. NCC and BCKLWN in partnership are carrying out transport study work leading to the development of a Transport Strategy for King's Lynn. The

project is to understand current and future issues and develop a preferred strategy, including modelling of the options available, to arrive at a series of implementable scheme proposals. It will focus for activities in and around the town particularly with regard to ongoing initiatives by BCKLWN to improve the town. The areas to be looked at are King's Lynn Riverfront Regeneration (Nelson Quay), Heritage Action Zone, Declared Air Quality Management Areas and Local Plan review. A workshop will be held early in 2018 with wider stakeholder organisations to seek views and opinions on issues, opportunities and potential interventions, followed by a second workshop with wider stakeholder organisations to seek views and opinions on the draft preferred strategy. Stakeholder engagement will take place in March and November 2018. We note also that the misnomer 'Nelson's Quay' is retained, though we have been given some clarification on that.

### **Nelson's Quay.**

The name came up at a meeting where Cllr Nockold (deputy leader) was present. She said that a name for the riverside development had to be thought up at very short notice so that the project could be included in an international marketing campaign by the government. It is therefore merely a 'name in progress' and not set in stone. We shall see. Forum members have suggested: Cresswell Quay, Carmelite Quay, Regis Quay, Hansa Quay, Merchants Quay, King John's Quay. Cllr Beales (cabinet member for corporate projects and assets) has ruled out Vancouver Quay on the grounds that it would confuse the project with the shopping centre. He has further stated: "Many people cannot understand why the shopping centre is named after a Canadian island anyway."

You will be aware that the forum wrote in opposition, which has proved to be of no avail. Forum members who wrote to Cllr Beales individually have received neither acknowledgment nor response.

**Future GP Services.** Sally attended the recent Norfolk Healthwatch meeting. Topics were wide-ranging but a determined element of attendees ensured that the SJMP move was thoroughly aired and no-one was left in any doubt as to the strength of feeling. The report of the meeting is on the website: <https://www.healthwatchnorfolk.co.uk/ingoodhealth/stp-event-summary/> ST signed up the forum to the Healthwatch newsletter, which *might* make us better informed.

NB Norfolk's former coroner William Armstrong heads this organisation and the reason why the meeting was held in Lynn is his determination to involve areas in the county outside of Norwich.

### **Tree strategy**

Still awaits publication.

### **KL 'B' CCGT Power Station Project.**

On 17 January, EP UK Investments (EPUKI) published a document entitled *King's Lynn 'B' CCGT Power Station Project* outlining why they wish to alter the 2009 consent under a Section 36C Variation for a CCGT power station to allow for

modern, high efficiency CCGT units to be installed on the site and also to have the potential to install other technologies to improve flexibility. This will be either for 2 x CCGT units with a total power output of 1,700MW *or* for 1 x CCGT (1,000MW) + 1 x OCGT (299MW) + battery storage (400MW). The amount of land required to meet current standards is more than it was in 2009. Along with the proposed increase in electrical output, this means roughly an additional 4 hectares (10 acres) of land must be reserved for carbon capture readiness.

To make the plant work, EPUKI would need to provide a new gas pipeline to the new CCGT units from the existing gas connection, build a new electricity substation on site to transmit the power into the national transmission system, and add a number of small amenity and utility buildings (e.g. water treatment) as well as maintenance workshops, stores buildings, offices, etc. In addition, they would like permission for a Peaking Plant (so as to respond quickly to short-term demand on the National Grid), Battery Storage (to stabilise the the national transmission system) and Black Start (to allow the power station to start up independent of the National Grid).

The new building will be behind King's Lynn Power Station, now known as King's Lynn Power Station A, and will occupy about the same amount of land as King's Lynn Power Station A. Variation application must be made to the Secretary of State for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy who will determine if the application is "suitable for publication". If it is then EPUKI must publicise the decision, following which the local planning authority has two months to comment and other consultees one month. Submission of the application will be made in February 2018 and the decision of the SoSBEIS will be made in March 2018. The period for submission of comments will be April to June 2018 with a decision from SoSBEIS being made in September 2018.