

Wivenhoe Old Quay Residents' Association (WOQRA)

2014 Annual Report

Roads/Parking

Road Adoption: Persimmon have been in negotiation with Essex County Council (ECC) since summer 2013 to request ECC to adopt West Quay. The Residents' Association supports Persimmon's request as it is a shared resource available to the public. Cllr Julie Young has also supported Persimmon's request on our behalf. However, despite our combined efforts we have received no new information since March 2014, when we received an email from Vince Coffey (ECC Highways) indicating that ECC would (in principle) adopt West Quay as well as 'a footway width area' around the water feature.

Parking: ECC undertook a consultation on parking restrictions for much of the Persimmon site in March 2015. The restrictions introduce resident permit-holder-only parking between 7:45am and 8:45am, Mondays to Fridays inclusive. The consultation is the result of many years lobbying by residents, supported by the Residents' Association and Cllr Julie Young. The deadline for objections or representations is (was) 6th March 2015.

Site maintenance

It is not clear who is responsible for the streetlamps on the site. We have asked Persimmon and their consultants (TDS) to clarify the issue, and they in turn have asked ECC. As of March 2014, we have not had a response from anyone.

Other (non-highway) areas of the site remain the responsibility of Persimmon, although we have had limited success in persuading them to respond to maintenance requests (although they still undertake 'landscaping' every month – i.e. weeding and herbicide). However, we have succeeded in getting them to replace the dead tree (next to the water feature) and repair the bollard at the river end of the water feature. However, both of these were achieved only after many emails and phone calls and required the support of ECC and Cllr Julie Young. Despite assurances to the contrary over the past 18 months, no progress has been made with refurbishment of the street furniture – we have been told by Persimmon that this is in abeyance whilst they negotiate adoption of West Quay.

There has been some progress with the water feature in the past year. For example, in summer 2014 the water feature was emptied and cleaned, and early in 2015 repairs were made to one of the aquasonic devices. There was a suggestion from Persimmon in 2013 that a one-course brick barrier should be constructed around the water feature to prevent grit and other debris entering the water – no progress has been made on this suggestion.

Accounts

The current balance of WOQRA's account is £1210.58.

Officers

The Secretary (Bernard Horan) and Treasurer (Sandra Ellesley) intend to resign as members of the executive committee at the 2014 WOQRA AGM.

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WOQRA Executive Committee: Aulay Mackenzie, Robert Taylor; non-executive members: Keith Baker, John Forrest, Simon Page.

6th March 2015