

# Hockley Residents Association

## Minutes of Public Meeting held on 10 August 2010

1. The July meeting was a speaker meeting – the MUD group gave a presentation of their proposals for a cycle track.
2. **Core Strategy DPD proposals:** RDC have now input all responses to the DPD consultation. There was a high response rate across the District and for Hockley in particular. It was pleasing that many people used the form of wording circulated by the HRA and there were almost unanimous views. The number of responses for Hockley was:
  - Housing in West Hockley – 496
  - Gypsy sites: 631 re Plumberow and 539 re Lower Road
  - Town Centre Boundaries: 459
  - Reclassify as District Centre: 465
  - Redevelop Eldon Way: 4. RDC have not input any responses relating to Eldon Way and the HRA is pressing them to do so.

Mark Francois MP will speak at a special meeting on Friday 10 September.
3. **Core Strategy Inquiry:** We await the Inspector's report due 1 October but RDC have now announced that they plan to build 190 houses a year for 20 years, thus contradicting previous promises to abandon the Labour government's targets.
4. **HAAP:** New consultants have been appointed and an initial meeting held on 2 August. That meeting was not well advertised and it was unclear if the general public was invited. The HRA has secured the consultant's acknowledgement that public opinion is firmly against major redevelopment. We have also asked RDC to advise a date for a public meeting promised for the Autumn but they have refused to do so.
5. **PCT:** The latest data from the PCT, on Practice Based Commissioning, confirms the heavy focus of investment in Central Southend, to the detriment of other parts of the District. However, the Government has announced that PCT's will be disbanded, so it will be difficult to secure meaningful action in the interim. The HRA will continue to monitor progress.
6. **HPPG:** The current plan is approaching the end of its 5 year life in October. Need to consider possibility of establishing a new team and finding finance for a new plan. Volunteers required. **All**
7. **Dentist:** the PCT advise that the new dentist will open in early October.
8. **Policing:** PC Steve Joynes has been prompted and will be leaving the area. Whilst very sad to see Steve go, the HRA is pleased at his promotion and recorded its sincere thanks to Steve. He is being replaced by PC Gary Tween.
9. **Street Cleaning:** Complaint received that the side entrance to the Royal Mail sorting Office in Eldon Way was often badly littered. RDC asked to review. **BG**
10. **Next Meeting:**  
**10 September 2010** – Speaker: M Francois MP (NB – 8:00pm start)  
**14 September 2010** – monthly meeting