

Agenda

1. Matters arising
2. Lawnswood Roundabout public meeting (18 July) feedback
3. PACT meetings (17 July and 28 August) feedback
4. West Park Fields
5. LBA/GALBA updates
6. AOB

Present

Tony Ray (TR); Ian Richardson (IFR); Graham Sugden (GS); Hilary Sugden (HS) Michele Mooney (MM); Barbara Plumtree-Varley (BPV); Steve Taylor (ST).

Apologies Lesley Walton (LW)

1. Matters Arising
 - a. History of West Park project. Photos of old/new Headingley, including West Park, are available to view on Headingley.com website (Part of Headingley Development Trust). It now includes a summary and history time line.
 - b. IFR has contacted a local councillor regarding the possible installation of speed bumps on Arncliffe Road. As yet no reply.
2. The Lawnswood Roundabout public meeting at the Weetwood Hotel (18/7/24) was well attended with the majority of those present opposed to the council's proposals. Introductory input from the planners re the latest proposals followed by Q and A. Our three local councillors were also in attendance. Many concerns were raised and the planners have now given written responses to them
 - a. The alterations would only save one serious accident every 13 years according to their Outline Business Case (OBC)– They 'expect' the scheme to significantly improve the safety record.
 - b. What are the injury figures on the roundabout? – Between 2005-2019 there were 29 personal-injury collisions of which 18 involved cyclists. Zero injuries to pedestrians.
 - c. Increased air pollution? – They agree that the introduction of traffic signals will worsen air pollution in locations near to the roundabout. They hope that increased active travel (walking and cycling) will help reduce pollution
 - d. Potential rat runs? - They believe that most journeys will only be increased by 30 seconds and therefore will not be an issue. Traffic to be monitored during and after the alterations.
 - e. The OBC states that the alterations offer poor value for money so why go ahead? – Poor value for money because it will increase journey times based upon Dept of Transport criteria. They still want to go ahead so as to encourage active travel.
3. Feedback from the two recent PACT meetings (17 July and 28 August) has already been circulated by email to members. There has been a noticeable increase in vehicle crime, in particular vehicles having their tyres deflated by members of the 'tyre extinguisher group'.

4. West Park Fields.
 - a. TR met representatives from the Woodland Creation team with a view to inspecting the whips which we planted last year. A review will be carried out by the team and additional whips will be planted next year to replace those which have not survived.
 - b. Some more mature trees need replacing. This will take place in the coming planting season.
 - c. TR was contacted by the Parks Department. They have received comments regarding two issues related to West Park Fields
 - i. A request for a copse of trees to be planted between houses on Parkview Place and the new children's playground. The committee has no objection to the Parks Department going ahead with this.
 - ii. To close the gap in the fence at the corner of Park View Place. The committee felt that we could not support this request as it is a public right of way leading onto West Park Fields.
5. Leeds Bradford Airport LBA Updates
 - I. The ongoing issue of the number of night flights to and from LBA continues to be a major issue. Leeds City Council have now rejected three of the four CLUEDs (Certificates of Lawful Existing Use or Development) which limits the number of night flights that LBA can avoid including in the restricted total number of night flights allowed.
 - II. We are still waiting for a decision re CLUED 2 which, if accepted, would allow QC 0.25 planes to be immune from the night time cap. These planes have been in use since 2007, but increasingly the latest generation of planes (Boeing Max, Airbus Neo) are QC 0.25 and will comprise the majority of flights over the next few years.
 - III. LBA will appeal against the decisions taken by LCC
6. AOB
 - a. ST raised concerns regarding electronic distribution of minutes/abridged minutes and other documents to members. It was agreed that:
 - i. PACT minutes to be distributed via email only and not placed on WPRA website or Facebook
 - ii. HS to distribute minutes to committee members and abridged minutes to IFR (to send out to members via email) and to ST (to be posted on the WPRA website).
 - b. GS to contact members, via IFR, inviting them to raise issues to be included as future agenda items.

Date of next meeting Monday 11 November at 7.15pm HS 14/9/2024