



Parking Issues

The Council and police are taking all possible measures to deter 'illegal parking' in the Harrowby and Ancaster areas. However, this will not reduce the volume of parking, nor will it prevent cars being parked inconsiderately or on grass verges.



The only alternative to continuing with the current situation is to set up a resident's parking scheme. This would probably need to extend over a wider area to that currently affected and will require a lengthy public consultation exercise. If there are a significant number of objections to such a scheme, there might need to be a public enquiry, which would lengthen the time scale further.

The Council has already done a lot of the necessary background work as part of other local resident's schemes, but nevertheless it is likely to be months rather than weeks before any scheme could be put in place. Local councillors have assured WPRA that everything that could be done is being done to resolve this problem.

Boddington Hall

Council, the Governing body of Leeds University, decided on November 15th to sell the site of Boddington Hall within the next four years. The reasons for the decision are that extensive re-refurbishment is required and that now students prefer to live closer to the University.



Boddington is Leeds University's largest student residence and can house 1150 students. It was built in 1960 with further self-catering flats added in 1992.

The intention is that the Hall will not close until 2011/12 and that the University will use the proceeds of the sale to build replacement accommodation closer to the campus.

The University has given assurances that replacement accommodation will be provided in line with their Housing Strategy, and that it will honour the commitment not to build any new student accommodation in the Area of Housing Mix (previously ASHORE) which covers Headingley and parts of the nearby neighbourhoods Woodhouse, Hyde Park, Little Woodhouse, Burley Lodge, Burley, Kirkstall and West Park.

So far there's no indication of how the Boddington Hall site might be used in the future, but be assured that WPRA and other local resident groups will be keeping a close eye on developments.

Planning Applications

1 The Ring Road

An application to change the use of into a combined clinic and surgery has been withdrawn. WPRA had submitted concerns about parking and the introduction of business premises into a residential area.



Leeds Metropolitan University

LMU has submitted a proposal to erect sixteen lighting columns eight to twelve metres in height on four outdoor tennis courts on the Beckett Park campus. The courts are in the area behind St. Chad's Church and so they should not affect West Park unduly. However in view of the existing light pollution from the campus, WPRRA has submitted concerns about the impact of University lighting on the general area.

The WPRRA AGM

The next Annual General Meeting of the West Park Residents Association is scheduled for 2nd April 2008 in the United Reformed Church, Spen Lane. We'll circulate further details closer to the date.



Pot-Holes

According to the Council, residents should report pot-holes, particularly dangerous ones, by calling 0845 1240113 or by emailing highways@leeds.gov.uk.

Website News

Recent developments to the WPRRA website at www.westparkresidents.org.uk include links to an 'e-newspaper' giving up-to-date news for Headingley, West Park & Lawnswood. This lists the latest local planning applications and a host of other local stories. Traditional local gardeners might be especially interested in this recent story 'Tip-off leads to discovery of cannabis farm in West Park'.

How to Join WPRRA

The fee is £3.00 per household and the subscription year is from one AGM to the next (effectively April to April).

To join, please send your details and the fee to: WPRRA Treasurer, 26 Ring Road, West Park, Leeds, LS16 6EJ.

The West Park Chronicle

Articles, news or letters from local residents are most welcome for the next edition; please contact the editor, Doug Kemp via the website



Please include your name and address plus phone number and email address as appropriate.

And finally...

'Happy Christmas Everybody!'

Everyone involved with WPRRA wishes all residents of West Park a Merry Christmas, and may the New Year bring plenty of smiles – and fewer problems.