

Hockley Residents Association

Minutes of Public Meeting held on 13 January 2009

- 1 December was a speaker meeting with Arriva, so no minutes taken. Around 90/100 attended on a freezing cold night to voice displeasure at Arriva's bus cuts.
- 2.0 Matters arising / New Business**
- 1/09 **Airport:** Kiti Theobald from SAEN (Stop Airport Extension Now) spoke about their concerns about the impact an extension to the runway and flight activity would have on the area. BG
It was agreed we would invite someone from the airport to present their side of the argument.
- 2/09 **Bus Cuts:** Arriva have confirmed the cuts effective from next month but say they have made some minor changes following our meeting with them. The cuts appear to be aimed primarily at bus pass holders and we have written to our MP in this regard. It was believed that ECC were looking at funding some extra services but (subsequent to meeting) they advised this was not viable.
- 3/09 **Core Strategy:** At the close of consultation in December, only 3/400 comments had been made. Not all of these were objections and many responses had opposing views, so unlikely major changes will be imposed. We now await the Town Centre study which RDC are still promising for this month.
- 4/09 **PCT Update:** The chairman and vice-chairman, together with the Chair of Hawkwell RA, met with PCT Chair & Chief Executive. Little material progress but:
- Hawkwell GP surgery out to tender. Decision due May-ish.
- 4,500 extra UDAs (Units of Dental Activity) to be provided and the 13K temporary UDAs to be made permanent. We were disappointed with the small increase, particularly as Southend (already by far the best area) received more than Hockley. Possibility of more next year.
- GP Premises etc: Now a more flexible attitude and PCT recognises need to treat us as a separate community. However no progress on determining where new premises could go. We suggested that the PCT should link closely to RDC re the Town Centre Enhancement Plan.
PCT strategy due out shortly and they will present to our meeting in March.
- 5/09 **Railway Station:** Letter received complaining about the state of the station following painting. This view was shared by a number of members and agreed to write to the railway. BG
- 6/09 **Police Matters:** Steve Joynes:
- is looking for Neighbourhood Watch volunteers
- asked if anyone is experiencing problems with excessive numbers of refuse lorries in the Betts Farm area on Wednesday. Only one person reported they had experienced any problems.

- 7/09 **HRA Meetings:** Following comments made at previous meeting, members had been asked to consider options, including afternoons. Agreed that afternoons were unlikely to attract many new members but we should change evenings to a 7.30 start.
- 8/09 **Quiz:** Christine Mason is running a quiz night on 6 March for the 'smellies' appeal
- 3 **Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 10 February at 7.30pm (new time!)**