

**THE RAYNES PARK BUSINESS BREAKFAST  
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH  
THE RAYNES PARK ASSOCIATION**

19<sup>th</sup> June 2018

**LOCAL ISSUES**

- **Crossrail2**
  - Crossrail2 provided an update on the project. Whilst the project is still not definite, the Government have launched an affordability review which has been underway since January. Following the initial consultations which began back in 2015, the team at Crossrail2 have now had an opportunity to review the feedback, and the next round of public consultations will have taken into consideration what happens beyond Wimbledon.
  - They are working with local engagement groups to discuss various options around the level crossings at West Barnes Lane and Motspur Park.
  - There will also be consultations around safeguarding zones.
  
- **RideLondon 2018**
  - Taking place on Sunday 29 July the local area will see road closures from 7.30am to 7.00pm. Businesses along the route can go to: [www.prudentialridelondon.co.uk](http://www.prudentialridelondon.co.uk) for celebration packs, and everyone is encouraged to get involved and support riders.
  - This year there is a new event for young people, so the event will be bigger and better than ever before. Merton Council have an update on their website of road closures etc <https://www.merton.gov.uk/communities-and-neighbourhoods/events/prudential-ridelondon>
  
- **Grand Drive Road Closures – SGN**
  - Works begin on 23 July and will last for approximately 20 weeks (almost until Christmas) to replace old gas mains. [www.sgn.co.uk](http://www.sgn.co.uk) for up to date information. Local information can be found in the flier which was distributed to local residents [here](#).
  
- **Planning**
  - The impact of Crossrail2 can be felt around the area, with potential developments uncertain about the future, because of their proximity to the railway line.
  - Raynes Park was unsuccessful in obtaining any CIL funds recently from Merton Council.
  - A summary of key developments at the planning stage in the locality include:
    - The All England Club sports field on Grand Drive – major application for a new club house, car park, second air dome, maintenance buildings and courts.
    - 557 Kingston Road – Dundonald Church – 17/P0763 - proceeding towards finalising the S106 for the new church with flats above and then issuing planning permission.
    - 559-589 Kingston Road – Manuplastics and land to the west – 16/P1208 - work commenced on sorting out the S106.
    - South side of Wyke Road – 17/P0609 -. Construction of three apartment blocks (two three storey blocks and one four storey block containing 10 x 1 bedroom flats (Amended scheme)
    - Rainbow Industrial Estate – non material amendment applications with to add/amend conditions so as to enable phased development – 18/P0258 and 18/P0259. Otherwise – no news.
    - 40A Lambton Road - 17/P2023 - 3 dwellings on a backland site – reduced from 4 – considerable local interest –refused by Committee in April.
    - 80-86 Bushey Road - 16/P1317 - Major retail/food and drink development. Most unoccupied buildings now demolished. Unclear as to how the approved scheme might progress for the time being as occupied buildings like Pets at Home remain and the scheme would need to somehow work around these.

- **Police**

- Rogue Trades have been prevalent in the area, with some being caught recently and sentenced.
- Bike crime outside Raynes Park station continues to be an issue. They suggest securing bikes with 'purpose built' robust locks.
- Travellers have recently been located at Tesco's in New Malden, and also along West Barnes Lane. Whilst they have been moved on, there has been terrible mess left behind. The police suggest that any premises, where possible, ensures that access to properties is secured so that they cannot gain access with their vehicles.
- The Safer Neighbourhood team also hold Ward Panel meetings every 3 months. This is a public meeting to which anyone is welcome to attend. It lasts between 45mins to an hour, at the local Waitrose.

- **Network Rail**

- The Raynes Park Association continues to work with Network Rail to improve the planning along the railway embankments in the town centre. They appealed to local businesses to help with this initiative by sponsoring some of the planting.

- **Drainage**

- Flooding remains a problem in Raynes Park under the railway bridge and the Raynes Park Association continues to push for drains and guttering to be cleared.