



## JESMOND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION



### JRA Committee Meeting Summary Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2024

#### **Aims and Objectives for 2024 / Amendments to Constitution**

Formalised Code of Conduct and "Safe Space Policy" to be included in the Constitution or reference made to separate documents.

#### **ASB**

Engagement Meetings at Cricket Club with Police, Council and Universities now to be termly and the meeting for this term was held on Wednesday 13th March 2024. JRA representatives attended this meeting.

Police and Council say that ASB is reducing, but this is only because the number of complaints have reduced. Number of complaints have reduced because residents don't bother reporting as there is no observable follow up action.

Wednesday nights are getting worse. It was suggested that the Neighbourhood Policing Team should work in Jesmond on Wednesday nights. We would like to see more active enforcement using Public spaces protection orders that would stop drinking of alcohol on the street. Only 5 PSPO's were issued in the last year.

It was noted that the working hours of Operation Oak do not reflect the requirements.

Scheduled operation hours: 10:00pm – 4:00am

Active on the street house: 10:20pm – 3:30am

The issue is that the revellers don't start getting back from town until after 3:00am just when the police are leaving.

Transient noise is getting worse. The Neighbourhood Policing Team are aware of this.

#### **Planning**

Monthly report issued by email. New application for change of use from C3 to HMO for first floor flat at 40 Helmsley Road. The flat is above what would have been a shop. Agreed no action.

Restrictions on Short Term Holiday lets to be introduced later this year but will be dependent on Local Authority Action to remove the permitted development rights that would allow changes between residential and short-term holiday lets. Whilst the focus on Short Term Holiday Lets nationally is the loss of C3 accommodation this is probably a secondary issue in Jesmond. The main concern in Jesmond is ASB associated with Short Term Lets. Agreed that we make representations to the City Council to remove the permitted development rights.

#### **Licensing**

No current licensing applications in Jesmond.

The licence for the application at 22 Osborne Road for Tilia: plan to convert the Baskey's estate agents premises was granted at the meeting of the Licensing Sub-Committee held on Tuesday 13th February 2024 at 11.00 am. The licence was granted subject to a number of conditions that included:

Noise from the premises, including noise from patrons, amplified music or live music shall not be audible beyond the boundary or within any parts of the building which do not form part of the licensed premises, so as to cause a statutory nuisance.

And minimum alcohol pricing.

### **Joint JRA/JCF Leaflet**

To be finalised.

### **Jesmond East Low Traffic Neighbourhood**

It was noted that the Council has sent out letters to residents seeking engagement for new proposals as was set out in the Council report that was issued when the bollards were removed. The council are also engaging with businesses. The pre-election period starts on 22 March 2024 which will limit any interaction with the Council. The council advised that they would be looking at some further engagement with residents in early summer (June) noting that it takes time to do the engagement carefully.

JRA have had correspondence with One Jesmond and a meeting with representatives of One Jesmond was planned (and took place) on 17 March 2024.

Agreed to publicise JRA intention to take an active role in the issue, but not to take sides.