JESMOND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

JRA Committee Meeting Summary Wednesday 6th November 2024

Special Session with reference to ASB

We were joined by representatives of Northumbria University, Newcastle University, Northumbria Police and Newcastle City Council.

Issues

- Along with ASB, transient noise has now become a significant issue, this mainly occurs on Wednesdays with gangs gathering in the streets and then making their way to West Jesmond metro station. The JRA presented a video compilation of ASB incidents that had occurred since the end of Fresher's week. The video represented less than 10% of recorded incidents.
- Initiations, despite injuries and one death these continue unabated.
- Reprisals, intimidation, mental well-being. Residents told that 'this is a student street and you shouldn't be living here'.
- Damaged property, overturned bins, litter
- HMO Density, too many HMOs in Jesmond.
- Promoted as party city/area
- PSPO ignored
- Broken glass
- Landlord sanctions
- Student sanctions

Discussion:

Prevention:
Educate 1st year students before they move into the community.

Reporting:
Only a fraction of incidents are reported for fear of reprisals and also 'Resident fatigue' in that things are not improving so what is the point in reporting incidents as no action appears to be taken.

Feedback:
How many reports of ASB have been received, (Police, Universities, Council) and what action has been taken?

CCTV:
Would cost £5000 and then £500 pa, it was felt that this would merely move problems to other areas.

Police patrols:
Wednesday noise is prevalent before Operation Oak commences at 8pm, patrols before this time would be beneficial.

PCC Grant:
Grants of up to £5000 available, JRA to complete application form.

Street Wardens:
What is happening with these?

ASB Drop in:
Poorly attended due to lack of publicity.

Jesmond East Low Traffic Neighbourhood
No movement, however a new Councillor with LTN responsibility is now in place.

ASB
Quiet this week as it is a reading week at Newcastle University and a good percentage of students are not present in Jesmond.
The ASB Drop in at the Cricket club was held on 23rd October; however attendance was poor due to lack of publicity.

Planning – NCC
Note that City Council has sent an enforcement notice to the owner of 204 Jesmond Dene Road that the use of the house as a Short Term Let is a planning contravention.

Objections to the following Planning Applications have been submitted:
2024/1204/01/DET| Change of use from retail (Class E) to a drinking establishment with expanded food provision (Sui Generis), new shopfront with bi-fold windows and retractable awning to front , in addition to a pavement café. 53-55 Saint Georges Terrace, Jesmond, Newcastle Upon Tyne, NE2 2SX

2024/1316/01/DET| Conversion of existing hotel to 10 No. residential apartments and erection of 8 No. 2 storey mews houses (Class C3), with associated access, parking and landscaping, following demolition of rear offshoots. Whites Hotel, 38-42 Osborne Road, Newcastle Upon Tyne, NE2 2AL

2024/1517/01/HOU| Erection of a single storey extension to rear and creation of a yard for bin and bike storage with access to the side lane to rear. 48 Devonshire Place, Newcastle Upon Tyne, NE2 2ND. The reason for the objection to the application is that the creation of the so called “Upper Yard” that could also be described as a Roof Garden or Terrace will have an impact on the residential amenity of the area.

2024/1410/01/DET| Creation of 9 No. new residential units (Class C3), comprising 4 No. apartments within the retained former Dun Cow public house and erection 5no. three storey houses with garages. Creation of 4 No. off street parking spaces and associated landscaping. The Dun Cow Brandling Place, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE2 4RS

New:
2024/1622/01/DET | Change of use from a 6 bed HMO (Class C4) to 7 bed HMO (Sui Generis). (Retrospective) 58 Larkspur Terrace, Newcastle Upon Tyne, NE2 2DU - Objection to be submitted.

Decision: Extension of 61 Larkspur Terrace to accommodate 7 tenants. Cycle parking at this property is problematic as there is a very small back yard. The council has agreed that cycle parking only needed to be provided for the two additional tenants.

Licensing
Siesta Coffee 146 Manor House Road
The application was granted but with reduced opening hours:
Monday to Saturday 10:00 to 21:30
Sunday 10:00 to 19:00
The later opening was agreed by the applicant, the earlier closing was imposed by the licensing committee. The applicant is supposed to have agreed conditions with Northumbria Police. The decision could still be appealed.

Application: "Angel's Share" St George's Terrace ex Boots; Objection submitted.
A representative of the JRA attended Licensing Sub-Committee Meeting on Wednesday 6 November 2024. A decision is due 5 working days from the date of the hearing. Post meeting note: The licence was granted.

Christmas
JS has been in touch with the Watson Foundation and the committee agreed to make a donation of £1000 towards the Christmas decorations in Acorn Road.