JESMOND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

JRA Committee Meeting Summary Wednesday 8th January 2025

Management of JRA Social Media Accounts (Facebook, X (ex Twitter) and Bluesky)
IN has set up a JRA Bluesky account and posting similar information to X.

Jesmond East Low Traffic Neighbourhood – JS
On hold, does not appear to be a City Council priority at the moment despite Council policies to become a more sustainable city etc.

ASB
Quiet recently due to Christmas holidays.
The attendance of the Councillors, Council Officers, University Representatives and Police at the next committee meeting was discussed.
Topics for discussion will include:
Request for feedback on information presented at the meeting held on 11 November 2011.
Rugby Club Initiation Ceremony.
Preparation for next ASB Drop In Session.

Treasurers Report – DE

Balance	£6794.79	8 January 2025
Recent Payments	£1000	Acorn Rd Decorations
	£324	Cradlewell Defibrillator

Planning
The JRA have been invited to meet with the developer of Jesmond 360 with reference to their proposals for a "Mobility Hub" / Car Park. Agreed that we are not interested in following this up at this time. Jesmond 360 will not be in the new Jesmond Ward that will come into force in 2026.

Planning permission for the "Angel's Share" in the former Boots shop on St George's Terrace was granted. This development has also received the required licence. The planning permission is more restrictive than the licence in terms of the hours that the outside area can be used.

There is an appeal against the decision to refuse change of use to an HMO at 118 Manor House Road - an objection on behalf of the JRA has been submitted.

There is an application for change of use from residential to HMO use at 32 Sunbury Avenue and an increase in the number of occupants at 54 Sunbury Avenue - objections on behalf of the JRA have been submitted.

Licensing
New application for Pizzeria and Cafe Francesca - this appears to be for a combined restaurant and cafe, with the restaurant as existing and the cafe in the vacant space facing onto Cavendish Road. Consultation ends on 09/01/2025.

	Start Time	End Time
Monday-Saturday	11:00	21:30
Sunday	12:00	19:00

Agreed no action as extension of existing licence and same end time as Siesta Coffee.

Contact with Local Groups

IN reported back that he is having difficulty getting in touch with local residents groups in Jesmond sub-areas and streets. The contacts from the old list are largely no longer in place. It appears that what activity there is on a local basis has moved away from email to social media groups. Suggested that we try to get local contacts by including a note on the leaflet.

Priorities for 2025

Planning - Formalise the link between the planning work carried out by NCC on behalf of the JRA and End ASB Facebook Group.

ASB

Public Engagement – How to demonstrate that the JRA represents Jesmond residents views.

LTN – If anything happens

Makers Market – Planned for 22 March 2025 in the Jesmond Cricket Club Pavilion Suite.

Review committee members activities at the next meeting.

AOB

Final recommendations for new Ward Boundaries was noted. There will be a single Jesmond Ward that is effectively an expanded North Jesmond Ward, with the current South Jesmond Ward split between the new Jesmond and Ouseburn Wards.