

KRAG PRESENTATION TO HCC HIGHWAYS' PANEL – 31 Jan 2018

Good Morning everyone.

My name is Karen Johns, current coordinator of the Kingsmead Residents' Action Group, (KRAG)

In July 2017, on behalf of KRAG, the following petition was presented to the East Herts District Council's full council meeting and a copy also given to Herts County Councillor, Andrew Stevenson:

'We, the residents of Ware Road, Hertford and all roads in the surrounding area, request that **East Herts District, Local Planning Authority impose an immediate suspension on all planning decisions that involve residential parking provision, and call on Hertfordshire County Council Highways to complete their *comprehensive traffic and parking study as soon as possible*** – to look in detail at the serious problems we are experiencing in relation to road safety, resulting from congestion, problem parking and speeding vehicles.'

We are grateful that the KRAG petition was responded to and that the Traffic and Parking Study has now been completed and its report published.

After having had an initial opportunity to consider the report and its suggestions, a number of KRAG members have broadly identified the following option and related issues, as being a key priority:

'Option 6: Constables Way Visitor Parking'.

KRAG asks EHDC and HCC to exert all necessary pressure on the Liberty Rise Management Company, to ascertain not only whether they are in breach of contract but also to ensure that they make every effort to resolve the parking issues.

I would also mention that the speed devices already planned for possible sites in both Ware Road and Stanstead Road are welcomed and it is hoped that their long-term data collection will be useful in informing future speed measures along those roads.

Furthermore, KRAG is reassured to learn that discussions are already underway regarding the possibility of a 'stop & drop' area in Burleigh Road, for Wheatcroft school children.

Finally, thank you giving me the opportunity to make this brief representation on behalf of KRAG.