FIELDEND RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION LTD

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A very happy New Year to you all!

And, surprise, surprise, along with all the other traditions at this time of year comes another Planning Application from Newland House, for us to respond to!

Please do look at the plans, available at Teddington Library and at http://www2.richmond.gov.uk/PlanData2/planning_caseno.aspx?strCaseNo=09/3265/FUL

The new firm of architects has worked very closely with the Council and tell us that they have sought to address the objections raised in the last two appeal judgements. Despite their confidence, it still seems that if this development is given approval, it will have a detrimental impact on us here at Fieldend.

- ➤ The building is 2+ storeys high, will form a dominant structure and will be clearly visible to all householders whose properties face the Newland House site.
- ➤ The design of the new building includes an open plan resource and activity area so...
- Not only will the noise generated by an extra **160** (very young) children on the site be significant at playtimes, but there could also be far more noise and activity outside at other times of the day.
- The rear garden of No 36 (the Headmaster's house) will be turned into a car park
- ➤ No one is able to tell us what will happen to No 11 Waldegrave Park if this plan goes ahead.

These points are in addition to our previously expressed objections which relate to the loss of a residential house and gardens, the impact on the two Conservations Areas and highway safety, traffic generation and parking problems.

As for previous applications and in response to comments from Residents, the Board will write on behalf of FRAL, objecting to the plans on the above grounds, but we also urge you to write individually. Please note that all objections must be received by the Council by Friday 8th January.

And now on to other, happier matters.....

Thanks to our Carol Singers

And to Colin and Christabel (No. 2) who kept us all in order and in tune and to Roy and Alison (No. 20) for the most welcome mulled wine and mince pies afterwards. Despite a rather damp evening we had an excellent turnout and collected the brilliant sum of £91.07 – another excellent contribution to the work of the Shooting Star Trust. Many thanks to you all.

New home required!

As many of you will know, Norman and Tessa Khambatta (No. 47) will be moving shortly and so Tessa writes:

A friendly Felix cat of approximately 8 years is looking for a new home as we can't take her with us. She has a happy nature and would enjoy a garden.

If interested, please phone Tessa on 020 8538 9177.

Our own FIELDEND Baby-sitter

Iona Serridge (No. 7) is continuing in the footsteps of a long line of younger members of Fieldend, by offering reliable and local baby-sitting. Iona can provide references on request and can be contacted on 0779 4408831 or 020 8892 3963.

Cards from Australia, Canada or New Zealand?

If you have received Christmas post from any of the above countries, Dot
Firth (No. 15) would be really pleased to have the used stamps from the envelopes. Dot also collects used
British Commemorative stamps and again would be delighted if you could pop any of these through her door. Don't worry about duplicates as Dot takes these

to Teddington Hospital where they collect stamps as

part of their fund-raising.

And finally...

The AGM

A reminder that our AGM this year will be held at the Alexander Pope hotel, (formerly the Pope's Grotto) on Wednesday 10th February at 8.00. The AGM packs will be distributed during the week commencing 18th January but please do make a note of this date in your new diaries. As you know, this is the one formal meeting of our Association and the Board look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible ... remember ... your Board needs you!