

Briefing Note

There follows a number of supporting papers as listed below and attached thereafter : -

- 1 – Roger Browns notes from onsite meeting 25th August
- 2 – Paul Campbells notes from Zoom meeting – 17th August
- 3 – Email of concern and response to local resident I
- 4 – Email of concern and response to local resident II
- 5 – Email of concern - local resident III
- 6 – Email of support - local resident IV
- 7 – Email of interest - local resident V
- 8 – Email noting facility enhancement requirements – local resident VI
- 9 – Email suggesting action groups – local resident VII
- 10 – SPC letter to residents dated 10th September
- 11 – First Abbey road Tree and hedge plan
- 12 – Email string suggesting ecological report
- 13 – ARVG Desire path
- 14 – Proposed new desire pathway

This list represents the full list of resident communications on the subject, I believe, and a very small sample of the pertinent email traffic amongst councillors and some reports concerning the wonderful work being undertaken by working party members on ours and resident's behalf.

** {The local residents communications are not for wider spread distribution please as consent has not necessarily been sought and given for you to do so}*

There has been some excellent progress made in making the Abbey Road Village Green more resident user friendly over the last few years but especially the last few months. Rather than a wild green space good for viewing from distance or often used by hardened welly clad dog walkers, it now enjoys greater maintenance efforts and subsequently is aesthetically more pleasing from a distance and under closer scrutiny already provides pleasant surroundings for any walker who has a liking for a wilder experience on one side of the road thanks to the closely mown pathways, whilst providing in marked contrast a

much more pleasant recreation / sporting area on the other via a more frequent grass cutting regime.

Many different strands of work have been discussed with some elements agreed at Amenities committee recently but it is clear that a joined up approach to these strands of future proposed developments is required, and a clear sense of what ought to be put in place needs to be determined.

The latest hedge planting project has provoked a varied response from residents as the emails, and I understand social media postings, demonstrate. What should be a win-win project is perilously close to causing public outrage in some quarters in all probability due to our not getting the right message out. With also some councillors views to each other and to residents giving an inconsistent picture. Whilst there appears to be an opinion amongst some residents that the wider consultation process that had been suggested at a previous committee meeting was an error on councils' part to omit to instigate.

One very good suggestion was that a conservation group be proposed to help move the project on, and this can perhaps be used to reclaim widespread positive agreement and consensus amongst the local community and I believe Roger is willing to talk about this and many other aspects of the project next Tuesday evening.

It is suggested, and one hopes that this coming meeting will discuss and agree, for a working party to again be appointed to help manage expectations, complete an overall plan and make recommendations to committee as to what is the next priority issue/development to be proposed be undertaken and agreed.

Clerk SPC