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Dear members and residents as this is our first newsletter with our logo, website and e-mail address we hope you find it both informative and interesting.

Any residents association needs new members so if you have not signed up please do so by either entering details on the website or just write in. The more people in the association the more clout we have to get things done or highlighted to any authority. Cedars Park is a good modern development and your home, keeping it that way benefits every one.

Although some time has passed since the inaugural meeting, we have not sat still and below is a summary of what has been going on, and some of the results / successes.

Proposed warehouse on South side of Distributor road

The whole length of this road was always earmarked and approved for Industrial development in the original Stowmarket Development Area plan, this can be viewed on the website, there's not much we could do about this, but all new developments have to be sympathetic and in keeping with it's surroundings. The proposed warehouse caused concern for residents and a site meeting was arranged with Planning Council officials Architects and representatives from the company proposing the scheme. The result from a constructive meeting was that the warehouse would be put in at a less obvious elevation and horticultural screening and finish made it more acceptable. The improved drawings can be viewed at MSDC Needham Market.

The Distributor Road

We asked SCC for various safety measures to be put in place, the first response was that the road was ok as it is; we did not agree and requested site meeting with County Officials. Finally we got one; this was attended by A. Newman, Eleanor Ramsey, Frank Whittle and other County Officials, R. Willison-Gray, F. Hillyer, and other residents. After a lengthy and at times forceful meeting and after we had walked the whole of the Distributor road we reached an agreement confirmed later by SCC to the following in brief

- 1) Kestrel drive sign to say road not suitable for H.G.Vs.
- 2) Erect 4 kill your speed signs.
- 3) Concrete area for Bus stop.
- 4) Toucan crossing by footpath.
- 5) Staggered barriers on Cycle paths.
- 6) Alter lay by to stop all night parking.
- 7) Woodpecker Close erect post on walk way.
- 8) Pedestrian barriers on lozenge Island crossing.
- 9) Tidy up and fence area near Tomo Estate

A full report can be seen on our web site and notice board

The notice board was something else we pushed for and got.

We should like to thank Councillor Frank Whittle for his help and support in these and other matters.

New B1115 Relief Road and Bridge over the Railway

This has now been given the go ahead Compulsory purchase orders have been agreed but as yet we have seen no timetable.

Speeding and general problems

Four residents and representatives from various areas and villages attended a Police and Information Forum at Claydon High School on the 28th of June. This was headed by Chief Inspector Sharp, District Commander and County Councillor Eleanor Ramsey who is on the Suffolk Police Authority

Many points were discussed and among those put by residents of Cedars Park was the general level of vehicle speeding around the development, in particular, the Distributor road and Kestrel Drive. (Both 30 mph) Residents also expressed concern about the Distributor road being used by scooters and motor bikes as a free for all track at night and weekends. We have been assured by Chief Inspector Sharp that he will give these points his attention. We shall follow this up. This is of even more importance bearing in mind that the school opens in September.

We asked Theresa Jones (Community Watch Liaison Officer) for an official reply concerning this matter. Here is an extract from her reply

Speed limits MUST be obeyed at all times ----- speeding tickets can and will be issued to those caught offending.

During a recent meeting with PC John Skinner, he advised us he will be making a specific point of reinforcing speed limits

Other points raised were incidents of vandalism and drinking, (something not peculiar to Stowmarket) some of which have taken place on the new and expensive children's play area. We would like CCTV cameras put there, but a police presence now and again would be helpful. Our beat officer P.C. John Skinner said that there would be foot patrols on the estate during school holidays.

We shall also be pushing to extend the no drinking ban in the town to recreational areas in Cedars Park. These areas should be for everyone to enjoy and not spoiled by the few, so if you do see any problems of this nature please inform the police, the authorities hopefully will respond accordingly. Again we shall follow this up

There is a telephone number should you feel the need to pass information to the Police, this is a Community Intelligence Hotline and is **01284 774029**.

Several people attending the forum stated that they did not always like calling police on 999, but we were assured in no uncertain terms by all the officers present that if you have these or associated problems **you ring 999**. Enough said.

Other Points

Many of you may not be aware that a planning application was put in for a pub with dining/ restaurant facilities on the ground opposite Muntons, we are lead to believe by the proposed developer that it would be family friendly, something there seems to be a lack of this side of the Town. The initial application has been turned down by MSDC. We believe that the application will be resubmitted. Just keep your eyes open for the application, a notice has to be published. When it is a copy will be put on our website and on the notice board in Kestrel Drive. Plans when submitted will be available at MSDC for anyone to view.

Finally if you have any views or opinions we would like to hear from you please contact us. Either on our web site or by letter