



# Minutes of the Inaugural Meeting of the Belmont Road Neighbourhood Improvement Group

Old Magistrates Court, St Helier, 6pm on 7 Feb 2023

Chair: Constable of St Helier, Simon Crowcroft (SC)

Deputies present: Deputy Coles, Deputy Feltham, Deputy Mezec, Deputy Porée

SC introduced the Neighbourhood Improvement Area scheme and opened up the floor to issues arising in the Belmont Road area. The following were raised:

- Speeding in both directions
- Noise from bikes and cars
- Diversions due to ongoing building works causing confusion
- Residents can't pull over to unload shopping and children
- Illegal parking
- Major issue of a lack parking for residents
- Cigarette butts by the beauty salon
- Issues with bins at Belmont Gardens – fly tipping and overflowing rubbish, and noise from bottle bins
- There is a huge number of flats going up in the immediate vicinity and residents are not consulted as part of the planning process
- There is nothing for children to do with the increase of families coming to the area
- Cars mounting the pavement
- Problems arising from 6<sup>th</sup> category licence at Spearmel Stores

Potential improvements suggested for the area included:

- Speed reduction measures – speed bumps, cameras, chicanes
- Opportunities to encourage owners of derelict shops to refurbish
- Introduce unloading bays with short time stays
- Bollards to stop mounting pavements at Bath Street end

- Place for traders to be able to stop
- A solution for the bin area, an enclosure or relocation
- Trees, greenery and flowers
- Bike racks
- Remove ability to sit on the wall outside Spearmel Stores

PC Alex Guelper gave an update on what the police are doing to tackle the issue of problem drinkers outside Spearmel Stores and the abuse of its 6<sup>th</sup> Category Licence.

The police have been aware of the various issues for some time and have taken several steps to try to tackle the problem including speaking to the owners of the store and frequently monitoring the store's alcohol sales. Spearmel Stores is at the centre of the issues with unsociable behaviour in the area and the police will continue to monitor the area.

SC confirmed that he is to have a meeting with the Bailiff in the coming weeks to explore restrictions to the shop licence to mitigate some of the issues by

- restricting the sale of alcohol to certain hours
- enforcing the rule that the sale of alcohol should be ancillary to the main business
- prohibiting the sale of miniatures, single cans, high strength lager
- emphasising responsibility of businesses to trade responsibly

Actions for the next meeting:

- Andium to be invited to the next meeting to answer resident's concerns regarding the ongoing developments in the area
- The Parish to investigate removing the ability to sit on the low wall opposite Spearmel Stores, to research options under the Licensing Law and to look at the possibility of moving the euro bins from Belmont Gardens or enclosing them in some way as it is accepted that a lot of residents and traders nearby need to use them

**Next meeting: Wednesday 22 March 2023, 6pm,**

**venue Jersey Arts Centre**

**PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE TO ALLOW MORE TIME FOR THE ABOVE ACTIONS TO BE COMPLETED**

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