

# SGRA Special General Meeting

## The Victory on 23 October 2006

### Attendees

C Neary N Shannon  
A Ford R Shannon  
L Ford D Rutter  
S Park G Robinson  
I Matheson C Simpson  
J O Brien J Ruddick  
R Hughes B Moore  
S O Brien P Spicer  
M Cookson H Spicer

Please note that the below is a summary of the discussion

The Chairman opened the meeting and thanked all those who attended for coming at such short notice, this was to discuss the draft license to read and provide comments.

Jerry wished to make it clear that Newcastle City Council nor Persimmon Homes employ the SGRA and they do not have the authority to sign a legal binding document.

He also expressed that whatever decision is made then this will have an impact on us all.

These are questions that were raised by residents at the meeting.

Q. Have the Electricity Board been contacted about safety in regard to the sub station that is situated there. AP

Q. The fence was discussed as well round the perimeter on Ridgewood Gardens, which would be the better type of fence, a resident advised that a plywood fence would better from the health and safety point of view, also when the demolition starts there will be a lot of dust and debris – and that a national standard be enforced re good practice, the same resident also queried the temporary waiting area at the top of Ridgewood Gardens.

The Chairman had received a photograph from a resident on Ridgewood Gardens showing a picture in 1981 been taken a hole that was filled in by the National Coal Board after vehicles had been using this road. Jerry was asked as to why this had not been circulated before; he had only received this on Saturday. It was discussed as to who would be liable for any damages if they occurred.

Q. A resident queried as to who is to police the speed limit; Mike stated that the police would enforce the law if anyone caused an obstruction. Concerns were also raised about parking by non - locals making the problem worse.

The signage on the main road is too small; Persimmon Homes will be addressing this.

Q A resident raised a query concerning security guards on the site.

Q It was asked as to how many lorries will be used during the 10 to 3 period per hour. Concerns were also expressed about the roads and should be there parking restrictions?

Q Can traffic wardens if possible check on site violations?

Q It was suggested whether it would be better to allow more vehicles per hour and get the job finished quicker?

Q It was asked as to who would enforce item 18 on the agenda re Field Street traffic etc. Also items 13, 27 and 18 were discussed would be to cancel the license, it was suggested that the notice period be reduced to at least 7 days from four weeks.

At this point some residents left.

Mike Cookson suggested that if the following items were applied then we could agree to access.

Provision of security guards

Regular meetings with Persimmons

Temporary signage to be improved

Suitable screening to be improved, most people preferred plywood.

Mike also agreed to contact the police re surveillance. It was suggested that someone be nominated to observe that the delivery times are adhered to and that no lorries use Field Street or Bowsden Terrace.

It was assumed that work would commence on the 26th of October.

Mike is to contact the council officers to decide on the cancellation cause period (7 days) and then to contact Jerry with the result. Mike also stated that if Persimmon Homes break the conditions as laid out in the agreement then they could be sued by the council.

He also advised that they will try to notify residents of the final details of the agreement, at this point it was asked that Percy Terrace, Field Street and any one else be included in the distribution list.

Lastly Brian Moore stated that it was not for the Chairman or the SGRA committee to approve or reject the license agreement. It was for the SGRA to facilitate informed discussion between residents and the City Council. Therefore it was for the City Council to listen to the concerns of the residents and modify the license if possible. But the license is agreed between the City Council and Licencee with local Councilors having there full input.

At this point the meeting was finally brought to an end at 9.15; Jerry thanked all that came to the night.