

NOTES FROM THE CHAIR - OCTOBER 2017

By now you will know that the owners of the Montague Quarter have signed a contract with Patisserie Valerie whose restaurant will be situated in a large Glass Kiosk. This will require the removal of the three historic and much-loved Sycamore trees to accommodate the building of the kiosk.

Although keen to see regeneration and new business arrive in Worthing we sincerely feel the loss of these important urban trees to be a step too far in terms of both the environmental damage and the effect on the character of the area. New River do I understand propose to include new trees in the development but these will take time to mature and will lack the presence of the exiting trees.

Before taking this irrevocable step we urge both New River Retail and Patisserie Valerie to consider alternative options whereby the trees can be saved. Although we are not surveyors or architects the Committee suggests that one option may be a Tree Café whereby the trees can be incorporated into the Patisserie Valerie outlet. To highlight this suggestion, the Society has commissioned local Artist, Claire Perry to create an image of a large Tree Café.(see www.worthingsociety.org.uk/WS_Save_Our_Trees.pdf) .

I think you will agree, the idea is both unusual and imaginative. We hope the images will stimulate debate and encourage the developer to look at other options and incorporate the trees into the overall layout of the area. Further restaurant space could be available in the empty shop units.

If you want to SAVE THE TREES, ACT NOW to have your say and send your views via email to:

New River Retail: info@nrr.o.uk and for Patisserie Valerie: headoffice@patisserievalerie.co.uk

and contact your Local Councillor and MP. Let's hope our combined efforts will have a positive outcome!

Have you heard about Station Square - the exciting vision for the site currently known as Teville Gate?

Next week, Worthing residents will get their first opportunity to see the proposals.

Public consultation information:

- Thursday 9 November, 6-9pm, [The Denham Room, Sanditon Conference Centre, Worthing College.](#)
- Friday 10 November, 4-8pm, [The Gordon Room, Worthing Town Hall.](#)

For people who cannot attend either event, an online survey will be available from Thursday 9 - Sunday 12 November. This will be available through the dedicated website - www.OurStationSquare.com.

Background information

Station Square will be a vibrant place for people to live their lives and where the best of city living will come to the heart of Worthing. Beautiful apartments designed for modern living, a state of the art supermarket, fabulous restaurants and a spacious gym for a healthier lifestyle, all wrapped in welcoming architecture, will make Station Square the most desirable place to live on the South Coast.

The development will create jobs for the community as soon as the construction starts. It will also contribute to the town's economy and reputation as a place to live, work and relax.

Development information

- Station Square will create up to **374** apartments. **Around 40%** will be available through the Private Rental Sector and **around 60%** will be available for private sale
- There will be studio, 1-bed and 2-bed apartments, ideal to meet the needs of young or growing families
- A number of well known brands are already committed to opening in Station Square as soon as possible.

More detailed information about the development - including the latest images - will be available at the public consultations. You may be interested in following the progress through the dedicated website - www.OurStationSquare.com.

We are very grateful to Neil Hopkins (Communications Consultant for Station Square) for this information on the proposals for the development of the Teville Gate Site.

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