

NARBOROUGH ROAD UPDATE

NOTES FROM MEETING 11TH JULY 2016



Join the new
Narborough Road Network
Whatsapp group!

On Monday 11th July, Social Life and LSE Cities met with traders and businesses to talk about what can be done to support the road. The meeting were held at the East West Community Centre and was attended by eight Narborough Road traders and businesses, and a representative from the council.

What we decided

Traders at the meeting decided to set up a Whatsapp group called the **Narborough Road Network**. The group will share information about what is going on and bring up issues that are affecting everyone. This new network will work alongside the existing West End Traders Association's Facebook group: www.facebook.com/WestendTradersAssociation/

Please contact Social Life on 07975738097, or Ufuk Gundogdu on 07807089233), to join the group.

We have compiled a list of useful information, including information about the West End Traders Association and upcoming meetings. *Please see the back of this leaflet.*

Issues raised by traders

Traders identified parking restrictions as a key issue, alongside crime and street cleaning.

There was an interest in finding out whether traders could have parking permits, removing parking limits on match days and extending parking hours for businesses with customers who stay for longer periods of time.

There was also a wish for better safety and a more visible police presence.

At the meeting we discussed how difficult it can be to share information between traders and how many are unaware of existing structures. We spoke about how a traders network can give traders a stronger voice in dealing with the council, applying for funding and helping with shared problems.

The council said they welcome traders associations and networks as it makes it easier for them to speak to local businesses. They talked about how they had worked with some traders to decide how to allocate money for the shopfront scheme - the council said that there may be more funding for the street later in the autumn and that it was important that traders gave them their views about how this should be spent.

USEFUL INFORMATION

The **Westend Traders Association** covers traders in the Westcotes Ward, including Narborough Road and Hinckley Road. The traders association use a facebook page to send out news from the area, including about grants, and that are meetings taking place.

Please follow the West End traders Association: <https://www.facebook.com/WestendTradersAssociation/>

The traders association is currently run by Valerie Smalley at the TinDrum Bookshop.

Contact Val at tindrumval@gmail.com

Narborough Road Network Whatsapp group this new Whatsapp group for traders on Narborough Road will be used to share information and updates. The group will be administered by Ufuk Gundogdu from Yesim Restaurant.

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Whatsapp is a smartphone application to send free text messages.

<http://www.leicesterwestend.net/> is a website sharing information, useful numbers for the council and local groups in the West End of the city

Leicester West End is also on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Leicester-West-End-1410063445956599/>

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

A meeting for traders on Narborough Road will be held by Bharat Patel from BBC.

The meeting will be filmed for a documentary about the road and is an opportunity for traders to meet and share experiences from the road.

When and where: **28th July at 6.30pm at Yesim Restaurant, 29 Narborough Road**

Westcotes Community Meeting

Westcotes Community Meeting is a meeting held every 3 months for residents and traders in the Westcotes Ward and is attended by local councillors, Councillor Andy Connelly and Councillor Sarah Russell.

The meetings covers updates from the city warden, police issues, planning and development matters, ward community budget and grant opportunities.

Next meeting: **20th September 2016 7:00pm at East West Community Centre, 10 Wilberforce Road**

Please share this with other traders and businesses in the area who would be interested.