



Cleaner & Greener Royal Tunbridge Wells

(Environment & Streetscene)

Royal Tunbridge Wells Town Centre Walk – Thursday 4 March 2010

Cllr Ronen Basu – RTW Town Forum, TWBC Culverden Ward

Daniel Bech – RTW Town Forum Community Champion

Cllr David Elliott – TWBC, Environment & Safer and Stronger Communities Select Committee

Christopher Thomas – RTW Town Forum Chairman

Pointing out various issues in connection to “Cleaner & Greener Royal Tunbridge Wells”

start – Town Hall, Civic Way

York Road – Natwest parking area, often over spilling bins and area used as toilet (day and night!)

York Road – Ismail Cafe / Cotswold Outdoors – staff parking problems, only for 2 cars outside

York Road basement flats – cellars are closed or communal, no bins possible

York Road No. 6 Basement – former tenant issue (prostitution), problems transferred to next tenant

York Road opposite No. 8 – in residential zone a commercial car park planning consent, completely inappropriate and unsuitable for multiple car parking, car protruding onto pavement and obstructing the pedestrian flow – worst scenario on rainy days as the water stands up to the middle of the pavement

York Road No. 16 – noise issues & anti-social behaviour

York Road -- > meeting with Priscilla Rawlins: document to ward councillor

York Road public footpath to Trinity – neglected cast iron entrance gates

Trinity House / Gleeds offices – bin area next to footpath; non-enforcement of planning conditions

Trinity Gardens – rundown lawn during wet season; abuse by car owners to park on lawn

Trinity Gardens – landscape to become more inviting e.g. benches

Trinity – bin area most prominently visible, noisy collections in early morning hours affect neighbourhood

York Road – listed buildings / conservation area: pvc windows, satellite dishes
(examples for implementation of Article 4 Directions)

York Road – front patios full with bins & boxes instead of pots & troughs of plants [“RTW in Bloom”]

York Road – No. 32 (-- > talk with Katherine Quinnell)

York Road Alexander Court – Town & Country Housing issues

York Road -- > meeting with Jean Antonucci: document to ward councillor

York Road houses upper end – with partly housing and buy to let; 9 satellites on 1 house

York Road No. 27/29 – front patios changed to car parking with removal of walls, no kerb dropping

York Road No. 33 – even the Best front garden of the last ‘in Bloom’ changed to car parking
removal of fence, no kerb-dropping in 2009

(example for implementation of Article 4 Directions)

York Road – all lampposts need painting or better more adequate replacements as this area has the biggest concentration of Listed

Inner London Road No. 73, Summerhill House – grot spot, listed and empty house

towards Dudley Road

Dudley Road Housing Block – noise issues; solutions with the anti-social behavior officer/police

Dudley Road – multiple estate agent signs / clutter of wheelie bins & recycling boxes

Dudley Road – front patios full with bins & boxes instead of pots & troughs of plants blocking entrances to the multi-occupancy houses

Dudley Road – alley towards Russell Hotel, blocked with overgrowth and debris
Dudley Road – alley to Dudley Road / York Road (rear); condition of rear patios, windows of terraces of both roads

crossing Mount Pleasant to
Opera House – pigeon pest in town centre on various spots (main location: Cinema)
Opera House – boarded windows for years

Newton Road – messy commercial bins (rear of Calverley Road/precinct shops)
Newton Road – 'arch'/alley to Monson Road full of overflowing bins, cars, motorbikes, surrounded by flats

crossing Mount Pleasant / Five ways to
Lime Hill Road – front patios full with bins & boxes instead of pots & troughs of plants blocking entrances to the multi-occupancy houses

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