

Winter 2015 Newsletter

Golf Course Development – Rowland Homes appeal:

Please note that the start date for the Public Inquiry into the proposed development by Rowland Homes has been brought forward by one day to Monday 11th January 2016.

The Public Inquiry is being held in Preston Town Hall. It will start at 10.00am with a planned finish time of 5.00pm each day and it is planned to last for 6 days.

Preston City Council has employed the services of several Expert Witnesses, including Jonathan Gaunt, a leading European golf course designer and Mark Smith who gave evidence on behalf of the City Council at the first Public Inquiry. Both Jonathan and Mark were originally sourced by IGVRA

From the experience gained by IGVRA at the last Public inquiry, your committee took the decision not to claim Rule 6 and have formal representation, but to make our objection statements from the public gallery. As we did at the Planning Application Hearing before the Planning Committee. The City Council will be represented by a barrister again.

IGVRA will not be able to put forward their own Expert Witnesses, as Preston City Planning Department have engaged the best. Your committee was determined that IGVRA would be better placed supporting the City Councils Barrister and their Expert Witnesses from our independent position.

Your committee hope you agree with our reasoning for our stance at the Public Inquiry and we hope to see as many IGVRA supporters as possible at the Public Inquiry.

If you have new neighbours, please pass on this newsletter, so that they can be kept up to date with what is happening on the golf course and can be included on the circulation list if they send me their contact details.

When we receive any further news, we will be in contact with you, and on behalf of your committee, we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and thank you for your continuing support.

Bruce Ellison (Chair IGVRA)