

HRA WhatsApp Group Message January 2026

Two recent postings from HRA Crime Information Sharing Group members had requested a reconsideration of the HRA decision not to allow discussion of the Highfield House Hotel protests. HRA Officers have reviewed this and decided that the current policy should remain and that discussion of the protests would not be allowed.

However, it was appreciated that there is no official verified method of communicating in advance, information about planned protests / counter protests. HRA therefore made a request that Community Safety could look into this. Francesca Prior passed this on to Yozanne Richards, (A/Inspector 21260, Southampton North Neighbourhood Policing Team).

A/Inspector Richards very quickly sent a positive reply stating,

“I completely understand why residents, particularly families with children living nearby would want as much notice as possible in order to plan and feel reassured.

In terms of advance information, the Police are not always notified of protest or counter protest activity sufficiently far ahead of time to enable pre-event public communications. Often, the first indication we receive is when activity is shared via open source channels such as social media.

Where time and information allow, I am happy for advance communication to be shared via the existing KINS and Councillor process to support local awareness and reassurance.”

HRA has accepted this offer, given that it came with the caveat,

“[the] only hesitation is around consistency — I would not want residents to believe that no demonstration is taking place simply because an update has not been circulated when information may not have been received in advance or circumstances may have changed at short notice.”

With this new communication method in place, HRA will continue to post protest/counter protest information, received through the trusted Key Individual Networks (KINS) channel, regarding both pre and post demonstration events at the Highfield House Hotel only on the HRA Website.

This is the link: <https://www.highfieldresidents.org.uk/news/>

If an individual HRA member has any individual concerns about an upcoming protest they should contact the Police or Community Safety direct:

email: community.safety@southampton.gov.uk or <https://www.hampshire.police.uk/>

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