



## **Local Residents & South Norfolk District Council Meeting**

**Thursday 26th February 2014**

### Attendees

#### *Local Residents*

Adrian Nichols (SNC)  
Anne Wilbourn  
Colin Rudd  
Jonathan Stocken  
Michael Hill  
Anne Howlett

Peter Nicholls  
Cathy Nicholls

#### *Lotus Personnel*

Danny Hartgrove – Lotus Motorsport  
Ken Ferguson – Safety Health & Environment

### **Meeting outcome and Lotus actions**

#### **1. Classic Lotus Tour @ 5:30 pm**

Visit to the Classic Team Lotus (CTL) facility and a very interesting and informative tour from Chris Dinnage. We were lucky to see some landmark vehicles representing Lotus' motor racing history. Chris explained of the need to prepare cars before events by using the Lotus Test Track. Noise guidelines specify that CTL are restricted to a maximum of 2 hours of engine running time per day. Where possible this would be a number of laps followed by any fettling required before a few more laps.

#### **2. Lotus Clubhouse Meeting opened @ 7pm**

Danny Hartgrove introduced himself as the new Test Track co-ordinator, having taken over from Lisa Dann. Danny is responsible for all the track bookings of both internal and external test track events. Danny is also one of the senior Instructors with the Lotus Driving Academy (LDA).

Danny then distributed the 2015 Test Track booking calendar and will make it available on the External Lotus Website.

#### **3. Residents – Questions & Concerns**

Collectively the residents are pleased with the level of communication to date. They feel that Lotus is making an effort to manage the noise on the test track. There was however, concern that increased activity, more cars and more people would cause the test track usage to increase.

As published in recent press articles, Lotus confirmed increased sales plans of standard road cars and an increase staff numbers by an additional 150 by November 2015.

Road cars being tested and the LDA activities on track do not cause a particular noise issue. All LDA instructors have been informed that squealing tyres will not be tolerated as it causes premature tyre wear and unacceptable noise levels.



Lotus-on- Track events are planned throughout the year – a maximum of one a month; and these cars will be subject to noise testing prior to track entry.

There may be additional testing days on track. Where possible these will be communicated as updates to residents via e-mail.

#### 4. AOB

Noise complaint received by Lotus on 25th February from local resident. On investigation this appeared to be some farm building renovation and not connected to the Lotus site.

Since the meeting a noise complaint was received on 9th March. On investigation this was due to some last minute development work on the newly unveiled Evora 400.

#### 5. Lotus' actions

Danny - write an article for inclusion in Parish Magazine. This was done but not agreed in time for publishing.

Danny - publish Events calendar on Lotus external website.

Ken - add the e-mail addresses of the various local parish councils to the distribution list.

Another meeting to be scheduled at the end of the 2015 calendar.

Meeting closed @ 8.15pm