

# GRANGE PARK

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RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

*Newsletter*

You are invited to attend  
**The 46<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting**  
Of the  
**Grange Park Residents Association**

**On Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2018**

At

**St Peters Church, Vera Avenue, Grange Park, N21.**

**Meeting starts at 8pm.**

Free refreshments available from 7.30pm.

## WE STILL NEED YOU!

Grange Park has in the past enjoyed a very strong local membership; a high of 350 was recorded back in 2014. Alas numbers are now down to circa 200 for 2016. Please support your local association so we can continue to provide seasonal newsletters, events and such like in the years to come.

To become a new member / renew membership, please complete the form below. Payment can be made to Jason Coles, Hon Treasurer at 17 Old Park Ridings or If it's easier, please set up an annual Standing Order to: 40-20-23 21083309 or bring along to the AGM.

GPRA Membership for 1 year is £2.00

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# Grange Park rejects Govia's proposed timetable ... Round 2!

Firstly, a big thank you to Grange Park residents for your support with the ongoing train campaign. GPRA representatives and residents have been campaigning for an improved train service for the last 18 months, in response to Govia's plans to review services over the whole network.

In phase 1 of the consultation Govia proposed to drastically reduce peak services - this was fiercely rejected by campaigners.

Grange Park's passenger journeys have increased by over 123% in the last decade - this is the largest change in the whole Enfield area.

In phase 2 of their consultation, Govia launched a revised timetable; Grange Park will now have nearly the same frequency of peak trains as the current timetable (except one less at 9am) but it still fails to reflect the evidence which demonstrates that Grange Park is a popular station with growing passenger numbers. The current timetable is very poor - we need more trains, not the same frequency!



Most important to note is that Govia has proposed to increase peak services (as well as off peak and weekend services) at Enfield Chase, Winchmore Hill and other stations along the Great Northern line. Therefore in reality, the proportion of trains stopping at Grange Park will be less with the proposed timetable than the current timetable.

Govia's current proposal will not deliver a better service for Grange Park and there is clearly a missed opportunity here. Given that Govia is increasing services across the network there needs to be a more balanced distribution between stations; some of the increases in the service should benefit Grange Park as well as other stations.

The second public meeting for Grange Park with Govia took place on Thursday 22nd February; 200 Grange Park residents and commuters came to St. Peter's Church to object to the train company's revised proposal. After strong evidence given by Grange Park residents, exposing flaws in the proposed timetable, Govia has agreed to re-look at where more trains can stop at Grange Park.

Govia accepted that they do not have accurate data regarding passenger numbers and have agreed to carry out a footfall survey over the next coming weeks. There will be another public meeting in the near future for Grange Park where we can hold them to account - the fight for a better service which fairly reflects the increase in passenger journeys continues.

Grange Park is an important station in the local area but even the current service is very poor for a station just into Zone 5.

It is the only step-free access on the line between Moorgate and Letchworth. As an organisation that provides public services, Govia is bound by the Equality Act and should be supporting existing step-free stations.

If Grange Park had a more frequent service it would have even higher passenger numbers. The current frequency of service is very poor.

The poor service at Grange Park has a wider impact on the local area and other stations. For example, it contributes to the over-crowding and over-use at Winchmore Hill because people are often forced to drive to this station, at their own inconvenience, in response to gaps in Grange Park's service. This has a knock on effect on traffic congestion and also air quality.