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Chairman's Letter

Dear Residents

Welcome to the autumn 2016 newsletter. I stepped down as chairman of your association at the AGM in April because I have plans to move away from the area but I subsequently agreed to continue as acting chairman for the time being. In the meantime, we are looking for new blood on the committee and in particular for those who are prepared to act as officers. We are very pleased that Sally Clarkson, our neighbourhood watch coordinator, agreed to take over as treasurer last year in succession to Moira Black who stepped into Clive Davis's shoes following his retirement. If you are interested in joining the committee please get in touch in one of the usual ways – email through our website, tweet or Facebook!

In our last newsletter I mentioned the plans to redevelop 9-42 The Broadway (opposite Ealing Broadway station) which were approved by the Council in February. The plans were subsequently called in for determination by the Secretary of State for Communities & Local Government following strong criticism of the Council's decision by Historic England (formerly English Heritage) and national and local heritage groups. A public inquiry into the scheme will be held in May 2017.

At long last, I can report that work has started at the former Park Royal Hotel site on a new hotel, the opening date of which is currently not known. The building has been semi-derelict for far too long and the car park in particular has attracted various antisocial activities including car washing and travellers so the start of the redevelopment is welcome. Under the new hotel scheme, the distinctive locally listed facade will be retained and restored and a new extension in keeping with the original will be built on the car park site. Unfortunately, the previous owners stripped out all the historic interior fittings so little of the original hotel remains. We had concerns about the impact of traffic in the neighbourhood, particularly of coaches which have been a problem with the Premier Inn hotel at Hanger Lane since it opened five years ago. We managed to avoid coach parking around Hanger Green and the consented scheme now envisages coach parking outside Boden's shop. This will enable coaches to exit and rejoin the Western Avenue without circulating around Hanger Green, which one of the earlier options had envisaged. Although most traffic to the hotel is expected to come from Western Avenue, there is still the possibility of coach and other hotel service traffic entering the area from the south using Boileau Road and along Corringway which we want to try to avoid. We are therefore considering asking the Council to install a width restriction near the junction of the two roads in order to prevent such movements. This measure would also have the advantage of preventing heavy lorries using Boileau Road which is a continuing concern with residents of the road. As ever, the issue of funding will determine whether or not the scheme could proceed. Only if it is clear the money was available would we proceed to the next step which would be an informal consultation with residents.

Gurpreet Maini – Acting Chairman, HHERA

DID YOU KNOW?

Actions Songs & Rhymes

If you have babies or toddlers and are at a loose end on a Thursday morning, Ealing 135 hosts a term-time singing class in the Church of the Ascension in Beaufort Road. The group mixes popular nursery rhymes, busy action songs, toys, musical instruments and parachute games with tea, biscuits and a warm welcome to create fun for the whole family. You can also get the lowdown on all of Ealing 135's many activities across the borough. Ealing 135 has been a local institution for more than 40 years, connecting local families, organising playgroups and generally keeping Ealing's young families occupied. Membership costs just £15 per year, which gets you reduced admission to all our activities, members only events like our upcoming Hallowe'en party, our fabulous quarterly newsletter, crammed with details of things to do locally with your little ones, and much more besides. To find out more about what Ealing 135 has to offer your family, take a look at our website – www.ealing135.org.uk.

Sessions run Thursdays, 10-11am - £3 for Ealing 135 members, £4 for non-members, £1 for siblings over six months (siblings under 6mths are free). Come along for a free trial session. Drop-ins welcome, no need to book. For more info, please contact Lyn on 07974 247341.



Estate Matters

Pavements

The majority of pavements on the estate are in an appalling condition. Earlier on this year, Ealing Council's cabinet agreed to spend £3.5 million - £2.9m renewing roads and £570,000 on footpaths. If you are concerned about a footpath, you should contact the Council, preferably accompanied by a photograph. There are various ways of doing so: by telephone on (020) 8825 6600 or through their website (www.ealing.gov.uk) using the "report a problem" on the home page. Those with smartphones or tablets may now use the Love Clean Streets app which is very simple to use after a one-off registration.

Holy Family School – pedestrian crossing

Funding has been earmarked for a crossing but unfortunately it is not yet in place. It has become increasingly more chaotic around the school in the morning rush hour in particular when inconsiderate parents park randomly including on double yellow lines and even the yellow zigzag lines outside the school where stopping is banned during school hours. The area has become very dangerous with a recent reported near miss involving a child. The Residents' Association will continue to pursue this matter.

Park Royal Hotel

Preliminary demolition work on the new 4* hotel site started in September. The expected completion date is unknown but construction is likely to take at least 12 months if not longer.

Premier Inn, Hanger Lane:

Coaches have been parking on the pavement on the corner of Connell Crescent. The Manager of the hotel has been informed of this and appreciates residents' concern. He assures us that tour groups who arrive via coach receive clear instructions regarding parking at the hotel prior to their arrival. Unfortunately coach drivers do not always adhere to the instructions. The hotel have undertaken to continue to be vigilant.

Consultation on changes to the 112 bus route

Transport for London recently issued a consultation paper on alterations to the 112 bus route which currently runs down Hanger Lane and turns into Uxbridge Road at Ealing Common. They propose that the bus should turn right into Madeley Road from Hanger Lane at the Queens Drive intersection before terminating at Ealing Broadway station as before. A new right turn lane for local buses only would be constructed. This proposal has advantages and disadvantages. It would almost certainly be quicker to get into Ealing Broadway station than the current convoluted route (the bus terminates in practice at the stop in The Mall instead of the station itself). However, a major disadvantage is likely to be the traffic congestion which re-routing would cause in Madeley Road which is already congested and narrow in several places. Your Residents' Association has yet to take a view but comments are invited from members of the public at <http://bit.ly/2dPV7H9> until 23 November 2016.

Wheellie bins

The new system of collecting refuse in wheellie bins has been in operation since June 2016. After some initial teething problems over deliveries the system has settled down but several problems remain. First, many residents, particularly of let properties, are leaving their bins out in the front garden or even in the street which can cause an obstruction. We ask residents to put them out of sight and ideally at the rear of the property where it is possible to do so. Second, our streets are dirtier than they were before and there has also been an increase in fly tipping – mainly because street cleaning has been reduced from once a week to once in every three weeks or even less often. If you see dumped rubbish please report it to the Council (see above) and don't assume that someone else will do so.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Neighbourhood Watch meetings normally occur for about an hour. However, the next meeting is scheduled for Friday 11 November at 8pm. Contact the Hanger Hill Safer Neighbourhood Team or me for the venue, usually the lobby of the Church of the Ascension, Beaufort Road. Please come and support us. Sally Clarkson
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SUBSCRIPTIONS

There is no formal subscription for membership of the Association but donations are welcome to cover expenses, such as the newsletter, hire of the hall for AGM etc. £5 per household should be sufficient for normal needs. Please send your donation to: The Treasurer, 8 Ashbourne Road, London, W5 3ED, payable to Hanger Hill (East) Residents' Association.

Thank you for your support.

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