

ESTATE MATTERS

Refuse/Recycling

The Council appointed a new contractor earlier in the year, and they have sometimes proved to be far from satisfactory. Your Association has informed the Council of residents' dissatisfaction and a reply is awaited. A message from your streetwatchers on the estate: please do not mix food with your general refuse which goes into black plastic sacks: this can result in the sacks being broken open by birds and foxes resulting in the contents being spread all over the road. Please use the special green food caddies provided. Don't forget to recycle as much as you can using your green box and white plastic sack. Garden waste will now only be collected from households which subscribe to the garden waste scheme. More information or replacement containers may be ordered from the Council on 020 8825 6000). See www.ealing.gov.uk for further information.

Roads and Pavements

Construction work has started on Hanger Lane footpath. It should enhance the area and make better use of the woodland by opening it up to public access and in doing so provide the opportunity to improve access for maintenance and increase the wildlife value.

The new narrower entrance to Hanger Hill woods, made of natural materials, which we have advocated for some time, seems to have had an immediate effect in reducing dumping.

A surfeit of hotels?

Plans have recently been published for not one but two new hotels in the vicinity. The first is the application for redevelopment of the former Magnat pub (ex-Park Royal Hotel) into a 171 room 3/4-star hotel which would involve retention of the facade of the existing building (which is locally listed) and erection of new blocks in the car park and behind the existing building. Your Association and Conservation Panel have both expressed concerns about the extent of the development, in particular the height and bulk of the new buildings which would overlook the existing Mercury and Haymills Courts and houses at the east end of Connell Crescent. We have also expressed concerns about aspects of the design, and about the traffic associated with the hotel, in particular delivery trucks and coaches, are likely to cause major problems

at Hanger Green. Initial proposals have also been published for consultation on a new 4-star hotel opposite Park Royal station on the north side of the Central Line (on a site which is partly in Brent and partly in Ealing). This would be for 230 bedrooms and include the usual facilities such as conference rooms, gym, restaurant and bar. The building would be 11 storeys and therefore similar in height to the existing Diageo office block opposite Hanger Green. The site was granted outline planning permission for a hotel development in 1999 as part of the First Central office redevelopment but no hotel operator expressed interest. Interestingly, from a dearth of hotels in the vicinity, these new proposals would mean that there would be half a dozen hotels in the space of a few years offering over 700 rooms! If the hotel is granted approval construction would start in 2013 with completion expected in 2015.

The proposed hotel needs to be looked at in the context of the First Central redevelopment which promised new infrastructure, including a new interchange station with the Central Line, doctor's surgery, community facility and a new public park. Of these, only the community facility (the Crystals club) was ever opened (after which it struggled) and the office development failed because of the economic climate (the only office block that was built apart from Diageo's HQ remains unlet). Instead, Diageo received approval earlier this year for redevelopment of the site for mostly residential purposes. Recently, Catalyst housing group have applied for permission to construct four residential blocks up to 9 storeys in height to provide over 500 residential units and three office buildings up to 10 stories in height for office accommodation, retail, restaurant and cafe use together with play areas and a multiuse games area (MUGA) together with changes to foot paths in the West Twyford Park.

Post Boxes

Cllr Nigel Sumner draws our attention to the newly repainted pillar boxes around the Ward. Each has been stripped back to the metal and repainted in red with the addition of the royal crest picked out in gold. Enjoy their magnificence as you post your letters!



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Neighbourhood Watch meetings occur for half an hour every quarter in March, June, September, December), on the first Tuesday of the month. Contact the Hanger Hill Safer Neighbourhood Team (020 8721 2947) or me for the venue, usually the Side Chapel at the Church or 12 Ashbourne Parade. Please come and support us.

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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, 60 Beaufort Road W5 payable to Hanger Hill (East) Residents' Association.

Thank you for your support.

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**2PM SATURDAY
24TH NOVEMBER**

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Ascension
Beaufort Road W5**

Christmas gifts, cakes, plants,
Raffle, Tombola, books, CDs,
DVDs, quality bric a brac,
Christmas teas
Children's play area

Meet your neighbours and make
new friends

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