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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE HANGER HILL EAST RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION - ADDRESSING RESIDENTS' NEEDS AND VIEWS
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Chairman's Welcome

I wrote in the autumn about a meeting with Ealing Planners regarding the Park Royal Hotel plans, at which they agreed with us that the scale and density of the proposed development was disproportionate to the size of the site, potentially detrimental to the other residential properties immediately adjacent, and that they also saw major problems over coaches and utility vehicles gaining access to the site. I expressed the hope that future consultations would lead to a compromise acceptable on all sides.

That's not how it turned out. New plans appeared at short notice at the end of the year showing the removal of one storey and some other small alterations, and a variety of solutions to the traffic problem. Indigo Planning met with members of your committee to give us a first view of the plans, but we learned at the same time that there was to be no wider local consultation and that the scheme was to go to the Council Planning Committee a few days before Christmas. Well briefed by a former member of your Committee, I spoke at the meeting expressing the opposition of local residents affected by the development. The Councillors then voted unanimously in favour of accepting the plans. One of them even expressed the opinion that this would provide an improved view for residents of Haymills Court and Mercury House!

We tried our best. The only positives are that in a fog of confusion about the precise form of the access

arrangements there are strong conditions attached to the plans aimed at preventing further heavy traffic in Connell Crescent, and keeping coaches off Hanger Green itself. The agents for the development, Indigo Planning, are also keeping in close touch with your Committee so we should be able at least to bring to bear local opinion on how the development pans out. What effect that will have remains to be seen but we will do our best to express your views to those who need to hear them.

All is not doom and gloom, however. At the last Hanger Hill Ward Forum, Cllr Sumner informed us that there is money in the budget for traffic investigations in Connell Crescent and Boileau Road if we want to proceed with these. As local residents will testify, both roads are particularly affected by speeding and rat running. Over the last couple of years we have had discussions with Boileau Road residents but any kind of solution still seems a long way off. It might be possible to introduce further traffic calming (though not more humps!) but this would almost certainly be at the cost of some roadside parking. Connell Crescent has a pressing problem with large vehicles and damage to kerbs and the traffic island, and with the new hotel looming, this road is probably the priority. Your Committee would welcome suggestions from those who live there about what might be done.

Please do bring any other concerns to our AGM on April 25th, and as ever, we would be delighted to have new members on your Committee.

- Simon Reed



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If you are interested in joining, irrespective of experience, please contact our Secretary on 01895 639863, or better still, pay us a visit one Wednesday evening from 8.00pm onwards.

Our next production is *'The Memory of Water'* by Shelagh Stephenson, an adult black comedy on 18th, 19th & 20th April. Tickets available from 020 8567 0275 / 07957 180288, or via our website address above.