

ESTATE MATTERS

Park Royal Hotel Hotel

Representatives of your Committee again met with Indigo Planning, agents for this redevelopment, earlier this year. The original scheme, approved in 2012, was modified to replace the original underground car parking with surface level parking which would increase the height of the development by one extra storey. We managed to persuade the architects to reduce the overall height of the development and make other small changes to minimize its impact. The revised plans have been approved.

"Gentleman's Club"

The Council received planning application for a "Gentleman's Club" on Western Avenue, opening Monday to Sunday 6pm to 6am, with sale of alcohol and pole/lap/table dancing (over 21s only). Dr Robert Gurd and Graham Fowler, resident from Corringway, attended the lengthy hearing. The big issue is that the club would be near the residential area in the vicinity of Park Royal station. An alcohol licence was granted for a shorter period but the sex licence was turned down due to the close proximity of the Park Royal Leisure Centre. The applicant has recently challenged the decision on procedural grounds and the Council, whilst denying any irregularity, has decided to hold a new hearing under a different panel.

School Parking

The Safer Neighbourhood Team ask us to inform you that parents/carers dropping off or collecting children are permitted to park on single or double yellow lines for a maximum of 5 minutes and in residential bays for 10 minutes. All vehicles need to have a School Note displayed in windscreen. Parking on a School Keep Clear will incur an instant Penalty Charge Notice with or without a School Note, and on zebra crossings and white zig zags it is an instant fine and points on individual's licence.

Empty Properties

There are 3 properties on the estate, in Corringway, Ashbourne and Chatsworth Roads, which have been empty and effectively abandoned for some time. Unfortunately, whilst the Council has recently been given powers to compulsorily purchase such properties, it is only able to act in relation to a small number of properties at a time so progress is likely to be slow.

Parking Permits

The Council proposes to produce premium parking permits at a charge of £1,500 per annum permitting parking for 3 hours in restricted areas. There is

concern that this could bring problems back onto the estate in the vicinity of stations. Your Committee has written to the Council lodging an objection.

What is Neighbourhood Watch?

The Neighbourhood Watch scheme is a partnership where people come together to make their communities safer. It involves the Police, local authority Community Safety departments, other voluntary organisations and above all, individuals and families who want to make their neighbourhoods better places to live. It aims to help people protect themselves and their properties and to reduce the fear of crime by means of improved home security, greater vigilance, accurate reporting of suspicious incidents to the police and by fostering a community spirit. We meet quarterly at the Church of the Ascension side chapel to discuss issues which have been brought to our attention by members of the community with the Police representatives who also inform us of current and proposed initiatives together with persistent criminal activity of which we should be aware. New members are always welcome - contact Sally Clarkson (details above right).

New Parent And Toddler Group

"Action Songs And Rhymes" led by Ealing 135 group is held at the Church of the Ascension, Beaufort Road on Thursday mornings 10am-11am and open to all. (Closed for holidays on April 2nd and 9th.)

Street lighting to be upgraded

Ealing Council has announced that it intends to upgrade all its street lighting in the next year to low energy LED (light emitting diode) lanterns. The Hanger Hill ward, which includes our area, will be the first part of the borough to be upgraded starting in May 2015. Following the upgrade it is expected that the energy cost of street lighting will be reduced by around 50 per cent. As far as the appearance of our streets is concerned, the columns will remain in their current positions but the lanterns will be replaced with smaller, flatter units. The colour of the light will change from the current pinkish orange to a 'warm' white which should give improved colour rendering. In addition, the light from the lantern will be more directional meaning that more will be directed on the roads and pavements and less towards nearby houses. However, if residents are troubled by scatter from the lamps it is possible to ask the Council to fit shades to prevent this. There will be no change to the 'heritage' columns or lanterns in the neighbouring Garden Estate.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Neighbourhood Watch meetings occur for half an hour every quarter in March, June, September and 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.

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Thank you for your support.



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