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CHAIRMAN'S LETTER

I bring you the tale of two consultations. The first is good news for the residents of Connell Crescent. For years they have had to put up with their road being jammed with traffic using it as rat-run to avoid the Hanger Lane Gyratory system. Early in 2014, your Association, in close liaison with Councillor Nigel Sumner, consulted with residents regarding a proposed closure of entry to the road at the Park Royal end between 3pm & 8pm. There was a high level of response, unanimously in favour. This gave the Council clear guidance that if they consulted formally, there would be widespread acceptance of this proposal. I am pleased to announce that this consultation has now taken place. The result again was overwhelmingly in favour of the temporary traffic restriction, and we now look forward to the scheme being implemented later this year. Having been involved some years ago in improvements to the difficult junction at the bottom of Boileau Road, it is good to see how your Association has been able to help to make a difference to local traffic problems.

Our consultation regarding crime and security produced a strikingly different result. For several years some residents have suggested that we look into employing private security patrols to reinforce the work of our Police Safer Neighbourhoods

Team. Your Committee investigated this and in your last newsletter we presented some costed options on how such a security patrol might work. To be viable it required several hundred households to buy in. In the event we received barely thirty replies from people willing to subscribe.

The message is loud and clear. Whilst many of us are concerned about our domestic security, there is barely any serious interest in putting private security patrols onto the estate. Instead your Association will publish some up to date home security information showing how involvement with our Police Team and our local Neighbourhood Watch can make us all safer in our homes. We do live in a low crime area and whilst we cannot ever totally stop break-ins, we can make it even harder for the criminals.

As we approach our AGM, I would like to thank my fellow Committee members for their commitment and hard work in the past year. Local community is all about local people taking responsibility for the local area. There is always room for new committee members so do join us on 29th April to hear what is going on.

- Simon Reed, Chairman, HHERA

Did you know?

North Ealing is a Gem of an Edwardian station, it has served Ealing residents since it was opened on 23rd June 1903 by the District Railway (DR, now the District Line) on its new extension from north of Ealing Common to Park Royal & Twyford Abbey (closed and replaced by Park Royal in 1931) where the Royal Agricultural Society's Park Royal show grounds had been recently



opened. The Line was opened fully to South Harrow on 28th June 1903. The new extension was, together with the existing tracks between Ealing Common and Acton Town the first section of the Underground's surface lines to be electrified and operate electric rather than steam trains. Local residents are indeed lucky to still enjoy the charm of this station as it's the only station on the South Harrow branch not to be rebuilt in the 1930's to the "Holden" style for the start of the Piccadilly Line service. It retains its much loved rural air as a result. On 4 July 1932 the Piccadilly line was extended to run west of its original terminus at Hammersmith sharing the route with the District Line to Ealing Common. From Ealing Common to South Harrow the District Line was replaced by the Piccadilly Line and from then on, District Line trains west from Ealing Common run to Ealing Broadway only. The station including the footbridge was given Grade II listing by English Heritage in 2003 to preserve it for future generations.

- Anthony Lewis