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HHERA NEWS

The Newsletter Of The Hanger Hill East Residents'
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LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

In the last newsletter, I touched upon the outbreak of Coronavirus that was beginning to impact countries around the world. Several months on, we continue to feel the effect of this pandemic. It has had a profound impact on every aspect of our lives – social behaviour, mental well-being, job security, local businesses and the broader economy. As we continue to navigate these unprecedented times, please follow guidance issued by the authorities regularly updated on www.gov.uk. Where possible, do offer help and support to the elderly and most vulnerable members in our community.

I want to touch upon a few items of practical relevance which are subject of much recent debate -

Use of Fireworks

With various festivals coming up please remember that by law you must not set off fireworks between 11pm and 7am, except for Bonfire Night (Nov 5th) when the cut off is midnight, and Diwali (Nov 14th), New Year's Eve (Dec 31st), and the Chinese New Year (12th Feb) when the cut off for each is 1am. Please avoid later hours if possible

and be aware that some of your neighbours will be asleep. Loud bangs are very distressing to young children and pets.

Security Gates to Front Driveways

Many residents are concerned about car theft. A simple way to protect against this is to install front gates on your property. The Conservation Area rules allow for installation of gates up to 1m in height without the need for planning permission. These are more than adequate for car safety. Larger gates however do require planning permission, so please check with planning if in doubt.

Security

The security situation on the estate has remained stable over the summer. A private patrol operates on a few streets on the estate during the hours of darkness, which has contributed to acting as a deterrent. As we enter the winter months may I urge you to stay vigilant, keep homes and cars secure and provision sufficient lighting outside your houses to deter burglars.

Traffic

There continues to be rat-running traffic with navigation apps guiding

motorists through our estate. Your committee continues to lobby with the local authorities to introduce traffic calming measures, without putting the residents to inconvenience.

On this topic, it is worth highlighting that under the council's school street scheme, traffic restrictions are being introduced from Nov 9th in the vicinity of **Holy Family School, Vale Lane W3**, which could affect your car journeys.

The temporary closure will consist of barriers placed across Vale Lane (to the east) and Hanger Vale Lane (to the west). This closure will inevitably have a knock-on effect upon local residents who intend to travel past the school during term-time, which in practice will be between 8:15 and 9:15am and 3:00 and 4:00pm (only Blue Badge holders and immediately local residents will be given permits to pass the barriers). The obvious alternative route for other residents is via Boileau Road or Hanger Lane.

Fly tipping

We continue to actively raise this with our Councillors to bring this to the attention of Ealing Council in order to introduce some enforcement

measures. May I encourage you to report all incidents that you see via the Love Clean Streets app.

HHERA AGM

As reported in the last newsletter, following government notification on avoiding large gatherings, your committee was not able to hold the AGM. We were hopeful the situation would change but it appears unlikely that we can hold a large gathering in person for some time to come. We continue to explore options for when/how the AGM can be held and will notify residents in due course.

Lastly, you may have noticed the recent opening of Hampton by Hilton Hotel on Connell Crescent. The site of the old Magnat Pub has been significantly redeveloped to create a property with 162 modern guest rooms, fitness suite, spacious restaurant and lounge for relaxing.

We would welcome views and suggestions from fellow residents – feel free to email mail@hhera.com or post on the HHERA Facebook page or via Twitter. You can also contact me directly on tarun.wasan@hhera.com or by phone on 078 8789 2896.

Stay safe and all the best for the upcoming festive season!

Tarun Wasan - Chairman

CONSERVATION AREA REVIEW 2020

The Council has been undertaking a review of all conservation areas in Ealing. The proposals were published in July and a formal public consultation is expected later this autumn. The review for the Haymills Estate Conservation Area proposes that the existing requirement that most alterations to the front elevations of houses (including doors and windows) be subject to planning consent should be extended. This extension would require planning permission to be sought for **all** changes to front boundary treatments, including walls and railings, and not be limited to those over 1m in height (the current requirement). The proposed change would mean that **all** front walls and railings would need to be designed to be in keeping with the character of the conservation area. The review also considered extending the existing conservation area to include Boileau Road but concluded that since the house designs in the road were similar to many others in Ealing it did not warrant conservation status. More details about the effect of the review may be found at the link on our website HHERA.com

ROTHERWICK HILL ROAD SIGN

You may have noticed that the new "traditional" cast-iron road sign on the Rotherwick Hill signpost near the junction with Ashbourne Road has been stolen. The signs were installed with funding from the Ward Forum before its abolition at the end of the last financial year. Unfortunately, no Forum funds are available for a replacement and your Committee has been considering options. One was to ask local residents to crowd-fund a replacement sign which would cost around £500. Contributions can be submitted to HHERA – please mail mail@hhera.com or drop a cheque drawn in favour of "Hanger Hill East Residents Association to Raj Thukral, Treasurer, HHERA at 47 Corringway, W5 3AB if you would like to contribute.

PRIVATE SECURITY PATROL SCHEME

The security patrol scheme, introduced on the Haymills Estate in February 2020 for a trial period of 4 months, proved to be a great success! Subscribing residents welcomed the safety and security offered by the presence of a security guard, and the scheme has since

been extended for a further 6 months to December 2020.

We are fortunate to have had the same security guard for the majority of this period, thus he has become more familiar with members and their properties and vehicles. This has made him more effective in identifying unfamiliar and suspicious people/vehicles, and averting any serious incidents. We are pleased to report that no significant incidents have occurred on the patrol route during this time.

Since lockdown restrictions were eased we have also made efforts to promote the scheme to the remainder of the Haymills Estate, which is currently not being patrolled. Over the past 3 months volunteers keen to expand the scheme have delivered information leaflets and attempted to speak to residents on Ashbourne Road (un-patrolled part), Chatsworth Road, Dallas Road, Hanger Lane, Heath Close, Heathcroft and The Ridings. Unfortunately, we still do not have sufficient interest on that part of the Estate to fund a second car. We will, however, continue to keep the situation under review.

Haymills Security Management Group

HANGER HILL EAST RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

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 the AGM etc. A suggested donation of £5-£10 per household should be sufficient for normal needs. Please send donation to: The Secretary 8 Ashbourne Road, London, W5 3ED, payable to Hanger Hill (East) Residents' Association.

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