

## Neighbourhood Governance

### Note of Ealing Broadway Ward Forum, Council Chamber, Ealing Town Hall, New Broadway, Ealing W5 2BY

Held on Monday 1 June 2015

**Present:** Councillor Seema Kumar, Councillor Alex Stafford and Councillor Anthony Young (Chair)

**Attendees:** 33 residents attended the meeting

**Officers present:** Tan Afzal (TA) - Neighbourhood Governance Coordinator (LBE), Sgt Robin Dodd (Ealing Broadway Safer Neighbourhood Team) and Tom Harris, Head of operations for Ealing Broadway BID

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1.	<b>Chair's Welcome and Introductions</b>	
	<b>Cllr Young</b> welcomed all attendees and introduced fellow councillors and officers present.	
2	<b>Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour – Sgt Robin Dodd</b>	
		<p><b>Res:</b> Bicycle theft is becoming common, how can you help <b>Sgt Dodd:</b> Resources are few and sometimes CCTV can help. <b>Res:</b> I would suggest everyone uses a D-lock its far harder to get through <b>Res:</b> My car was stolen, how difficult is it to get CCTV? <b>Sgt Dodd:</b> I would like to CCTV on every street, but on the other hand going through CCTV is very time consuming. We have mobile CCTV units in problematic areas but they are very expensive.</p> <p><b>Cllr Stafford:</b> Begging and cannabis crime has always been prolific in this ward. Last year there seemed to be more begging than usual, what is being done about persistent beggars? What are the laws on busking? <b>Sgt Dodd:</b> We work with St Mungo's to address beggars. There is one outside the Metro bank who spends a great deal of time in that area, he</p>

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		<p>doesn't commit any offences, we could arrest him for obstructing the highway, but we have many other priorities. One of the more persistent beggars passed away recently.</p> <p>Busking is an issue that has to be handled by the council, the street trading team have powers to address this.</p> <p><b>Res:</b> There is a hairdresser based at The Avenue which regularly remains open past midnight where I believe unlawful activity is taking place. My daughter is regularly subjected to harassment from the people who hang out in this area.</p> <p><b>Sgt Dodd:</b> We have received very limited information from local people. A raid took place at the hairdressers, and no drugs were found. Further up the road a crack house closure was carried out at residential premises. The local newsagent has been charged for breaking customs and excise laws.</p> <p>Significant arrests have been made where there are gangs with knives.</p> <p><b>Res:</b> Do PCSO's have the powers to enforce against buses parking on double yellow lines and cyclist who use footpaths not meant for bicycles.</p> <p><b>Sgt Dodd:</b> I have one PCSO she knows it is unlawful for cyclists to cycle on pedestrian only footpaths and she acts accordingly. The police cannot issue fixed penalty notices for parking concerns, that is for the council to administer. If you see the PCSO's in pairs they are not from my team.</p> <p><b>Res:</b> Thank you for being so supportive during the Ealing Passion.</p>
3	<b>Dr Jonathan Oates – New Publication on the History of Ealing</b>	Question / Action Point
	<p><b>Dr Jonathan Oates</b>, archivist at Central Ealing Library spoke about his new book, relaying some of the content:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Ealing dates back to the eighth century when it was first</li> </ul>	

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	<p>recognised as an entity with a small Saxon community. By 1529 it has 428 people.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Ealing and Brentford were under one parish. The Ealing area known today as W5 was called the upper part. The lower part made up of Brentford, was more populated.</li> <li>➤ As of 1840 onwards new train stations opened which brought more people to the area. By 1887 the centre of the parish was no longer the area around St Marys Church (Hanwell), instead it was Uxbridge Road. The introduction of railway stations led to more homes being built, in 1861 there were 3000 by 1901 this had increased to 33,000. Invariably this also led to growth in the number of local shops.</li> <li>➤ In 1856 Charles Jones became one of the two permanent council employees. He carried out a survey which led to many new developments for Ealing between 1863 and 1913. It changed from a village to a town, had roads, sewers, schools, churches and a town hall built.</li> <li>➤ The Natwest bank was the original council building. The town hall was built in 1888 to accommodate the growing number of council officers, it has gothic architecture which was common at that time.</li> <li>➤ In 1901 Ealing had its first Mayo. Ealing Studio was opened by Will Barker in 1904 and The Importance of Being Ernest was the first movie shown in Ealing.</li> <li>➤ By 1911 there were 63,000 homes built, predominantly in the area of Pitzhanger, Brentham and Northfields. The tramline made the area popular as it transported people from Shepherds Bush to Southall and had a very low fare.</li> <li>➤ Ealing suffered during World War 2, 170 people were killed and St Benedicts abbey was destroyed.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Res:</b> When will you be hosting a talk at Central Ealing library?  <b>JO:</b> As part of the Magna Carta set of exhibitions, I will be launching an event at the library on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June at 11am, at which a presentation on the Magna Carta will be given.</p> <p><b>Res:</b> Are the Soames' houses covered in your book?  <b>JO:</b> He is mentioned in my book, although he was responsible for redesigning Pitzhanger Manor, he used it as a country retreat and was not a permanent resident of Ealing.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ In 1926 Ealing incorporated surrounding areas including Perivale and Northolt. By 1965 it had become the London Borough of Ealing, soon afterwards it was known as part of the greater London Council, which included Acton and Southall.</li> <li>➤ There have been significant changes and developments in Ealing including the opening of Ealing broadways shopping centre in 1985.</li> </ul>	
4.	<b>Oxford Road</b>	
	<p><b>Cllr Young</b> provided some information on the issues highlighted by residents of Oxford Road to the council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Oxford Road is a street which has a carriageway and footpath that sits at the same level.</li> <li>➤ When there is rainfall, puddles are created making it difficult for the elderly to get around the street.</li> <li>➤ A highways officer met with residents on the street at which time several concerns were noted, however, the footpath cannot be repaved as it doesn't flag as a priority in the annual street survey. Paving work is very expensive and could not be afforded through the ward forum budget.</li> <li>➤ The council officer suggested black tar to replace the current surface and the installation of a gulley. Further investigations are required to determine whether the gully would be a workable solution.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Res:</b> The highways engineer suggested black tar to replace the current footpath, which we don't favour as it is unsightly and would not alleviate the flooding.</p> <p><b>Res:</b> Black tar is impervious and would channel the water, it probably needs more hard core to help absorb the water.</p> <p><b>Cllr Young:</b> The road would have been built when the town centre was built. I would like to find a workable solution. Highways have been asked to carry out further investigations and feasibility work to identify solutions that could be funded within the ward forums budget limitations.</p>
5	<b>Pedestrian Crossing at Argyle Road</b>	
	<p><b>Cllr Young</b> provided an update on the crossing at Argyle Road:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ A zebra crossing will be added to Argyle Road along with a wider pedestrian refuge island between Rosemount Road and St Stephens Avenue.</li> <li>➤ The kerb will be adjusted at Courtfield Gardens which is currently</li> </ul>	<p><b>Res:</b> Courtfield Gardens has a very wide turning, I would ask the engineers to consider a smaller radius than 7.0.</p>

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	<p>a very wide junction that often encourages motorists to take a left turn out off without considering the traffic on Argyle Road.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Funding will be principally from Transport for London corridors and neighbourhoods budgets with a further contribution from the Cleveland ward forum.</li> <li>➤ Residents of properties directly affected by the schemes will be consulted and any reasonable objections will be taken into account before the scheme is taken to final design stage.</li> </ul>	
6.	<b>Update on Haven Green</b>	
	<p><b>Greg Phelan (Friends of Haven Green)</b> provided an update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ As a member of the Friends of Haven Green I represent local residents who share my view that any developments on the Haven Green is at the detriment of this open space.</li> <li>➤ Recent developments or intent to develop has included a substation, cycle hub, cycle racks, CCTV masts and the 65 bus lay-by. The council has refused to acknowledge this is common land on which they cannot build on.</li> <li>➤ With regards to some of the developments the FoHG forced a public enquiry at which the planning inspectorate found in our favour, this included the removal of the substation.</li> <li>➤ The council chose to ignore the findings which meant we had to go to county court to have a summons issued asking them to carry out the relevant work.</li> <li>➤ The council has agreed to remove the substation, but they have chosen to defend all the remaining developments by asking for planning consent retrospectively.</li> <li>➤ If the cycle hub has to remain we may ask them to exchange the land for more green space.</li> <li>➤ We are pleased to note that Transport Planning officers have agreed to meet with us to discuss this further.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Cllr Kumar:</b> The pavement works on the east side of haven Green will be complete by 8<sup>th</sup> June, at which time we hope the depot at Mount Park Road will be removed.</p>

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7.	<b>Update on Waste Removal at Ealing Broadway and Surrounding Areas</b>	
	<p><b>Cllr Kumar</b> provided some background to issues relating to waste collection and flytipping along Ealing Broadway:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Due to the unsightly waste and refuse on Ealing Broadway I took a walk with Earl Mckenzie, the Assistant Director of the waste and recycling service.</li> <li>➤ During this walk we noted that seven businesses had left their waste outside their premises, with advice from Earl Mckenzie it only took 40 minutes for a large patch of rubbish to be cleared.</li> <li>➤ There are several contractors on The Broadway all with different time bands. In some cases there are large BIFFA bins with are over used and placed in view of the passing public.</li> <li>➤ On-the-spot fines will be issued as an external enforcement team will be recruited shortly.</li> <li>➤ Some of the litter bins are half empty yet they are surrounded by black bin bags.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Res:</b> I very much appreciate your quasi-rangering. This will only work if we persist once a week. Far too much waste is being placed outside beyond the time bands. Premises closing after collections exacerbate this issue.</p> <p>The removal of publication bins has been good, but the Evening Standard vendors leave bundles chained to the railings which increase by number each day. What recycling facility is in place for these papers?</p> <p><b>Cllr Kumar:</b> I saw the Evening Standard distributor, the stands are not meant ot be out of place, we raised health and safety concerns with him.</p> <p><b>Res:</b> The flank wall of the Metro Bank use to host a recycling facility, this was removed ad items were being contaminated as people were dropping general litter into this bin.</p> <p><b>Res:</b> The ES are supposed to collect them the following morning , some of these bundles are kept for days.</p> <p><b>Res:</b> Between Ealing Green and The grove there is an empty piece of land by the new student block. Vans have been dumping rubbish there for years. There are bins in the area. Can the ward consider enclosing the bins in a shed, locked to prevent others from dumping in the area.</p> <p><b>TH:</b> I wasn't aware of this problem, I will need to investigate further. If it fits within the council plans we will fund the bins.</p> <p><b>Cllr Kumar:</b> Earl Mckenzie has been alerted to this issue before, action has been taken, in the past a temporary CCTV camera was installed and penalties were issued.</p> <p><b>TH:</b> In terms of dealing with business waste some of them will not learn until they are fined. We advocate financial penalties.</p> <p><b>Res:</b> You cannot always blame businesses sometimes people residing in</p>

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		the flats above are throwing out their rubbish.
<b>8</b>	<b>Mountfield Road</b>	
	<p><b>Tan Afzal</b> updated residents on the recommendations Transport Policy had made regarding the traffic movement at Mountfield Road:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ To commission a survey which includes topo and traffic surveys, collision data analysis and traffic survey data analysis. This would lead to designing a number of options, which would require some consultation with stakeholders, leading to preferred design development.</li> <li>➤ This comprehensive survey would provide a clear way forward as it would be supported by evidence led data.</li> <li>➤ It is not the only way but if the approach was to descope the work the more open it would be to challenges and subjective opinions.</li> <li>➤ Funding would have to be sourced as there are no transport budgets available at this time, it could be possible to look at LIP from April 2017. At this time the transport policy team could only afford to provide £3k financial support.</li> <li>➤ The cost for the total project is £11,595</li> </ul>	<p><b>Res:</b> The on road cannot be treated in isolation.  <b>TA:</b> it is not to be investigated in isolation of the other streets, it would extend to Woodville Road and Haven Lane.  <b>Res:</b> This has been advocated by my neighbour Peter Myers. I walk up and down this street every day, the number of people using this street is huge.  <b>Cllr Young:</b> it is perceived as dangerous but the accident ratings are very low.  <b>Res:</b> Safety of pedestrians is important, the uneven footway makes it difficult for people to walk on what is already a very narrow footpath. A British Telecom cabinet narrows the road to less than one metre. Refuse collections with large overhanging mirrors often hang into the footpath.  <b>Res:</b> it should be a 20mph zone with cameras.  <b>Res:</b> Why are we considering to pay for this survey out of ward forum funds, the St George's' development should be able to foot this small bill from their very large S106 payment.</p>
<b>9.</b>	<b>Ward Budget Summary</b>	
	<p>All attendees received a copy of the ward forum budget summary sheet.  <b>Tan Afzal</b> reported on current projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Seven street signs will be removed by the contractor, this will include the following:  Eaton Rise junction with Montpelier Avenue  Montpelier Avenue – Junction with Eaton Rise  Mount Park Crescent – junction with Mount Park Road  Aston Road – junction with Woodville Road  Woodville Road – junction with Hillcroft Crescent  Montague Road – Junction to Bradley Gardens</li> </ul>	<p><b>Res:</b> You can leave the one on Aston Road, as the brick wall is falling part.  <b>Res:</b> Can daffodils be added to Longfield Walk?</p>

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	<p>New Broadway Building – adjacent to the Town Hall</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ A further seven locations have been sited for restoration, for which an additional £5,000 is required.</li> <li>➤ A Traffic Management Order was in December for the installation of parking restrictions at Tortoise Green, they should be in place by the end of July.</li> <li>➤ Works to add a raised crossing at Carlton Road will be completed in September,</li> <li>➤ The minor parking scheme at St Leonards Road was installed in March.</li> </ul>	
<b>10</b>	<b>Have Your Say</b>	
		<p><b>Res:</b> Can we have an update on the market at The Avenue?</p> <p><b>Res:</b> It is a nightmare,</p> <p><b>Cllr Young:</b> I am surprised by the lack of response to the petition and I am surprised the councillors were not consulted.</p> <p><b>Res:</b> It is not a suitable place for a market, with no parking and it is having a bad impact on local businesses.</p> <p><b>Cllr Young:</b> In some cases it would be shared bins, possibly clear sacks, 1.5% of homes are considered unsuitable.</p> <p><b>Res:</b> A petition has been organised by one of your colleagues with regards to the introduction of wheelie bins. There are some good arguments for a fortnightly collection but there are areas which are not suited for the wheelie bins.</p> <p><b>Cllr Young:</b> A new system will be introduced, where there will be one bin for general waste and another for recyclables, anything extra will not be collected. The petition has been signed by 3,000 residents.</p> <p><b>Res:</b> What would happen with split level homes, I would have nine bins.</p>



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		<p><b>Cllr Young:</b> The flowerbeds at Haven Lane will now be planted with shrubs.</p> <p><b>Res:</b> There is a licensing hearing on Wednesday at 10.30am regarding the plans to hold an Octoberfest at Haven Green. The intention is to have a huge tent at the west side of Haven Green with an umpah band from 4-11pm. There have been a number of objections including the police. They have cut it down from an eight day event to two weekends.</p> <p><b>Cllr Young:</b> The Octoberfest is not new; objections have been base on public order offences which took place at the last event, when people were using the green as a public toilet.</p> <p><b>Res:</b> There is a planning application to add a screen at Ealing Broadway shopping centre, it would go above the two towers. 525 temporary seats have also been suggested. We were told the screen would only be used during the day.</p> <p><b>TH:</b> My understanding is that it will only be showing tournaments during the summer and during the daytime.</p> <p><b>Gillian Spragg:</b> An exhibition on the Magna Carta will be showcasing at many of the councils libraries. It is to celebrate 800 years of the Magna Carta. It will commence as of 13 June at Central Ealing library. Local schools have been involved, with young people acting as ambassadors and creating art to commemorate the anniversary. We would like to add to this be inviting a Russian chamber choir to work with schools and a number of musicians. The project is seeking a contribution of £500 from the ward forum.</p> <p><b>Cllr Kumar:</b> An open art studio lounge will be appearing at the old fire</p>

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		station at Longfield Road, hosting craftwork, sculptures and paintings. Please have a look.
11.	<b>Date of Next Meeting</b>	
	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> October 2015 – Council Chambers, Ealing Town Hall.	