

Neighbourhood Governance

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

Held on Tuesday 9 February 2016

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

Attendees: 31 residents attended the meeting

Officers present: Tan Afzal (TA) - Neighbourhood Governance Coordinator (LBE), David Goodship – Waste minimisation and recycling Officer (LBE)

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1.	Chair's Welcome and Introductions	
	<p>Cllr Young welcomed all attendees and introduced his fellow councillors. He mentioned apologies from Earl Mckenzie (Assistant Director of Waste and Recycling), who could not attend due to a family emergency.</p>	
2	Changes to refuse Collection & Update on Ealing Broadway Town Centre	
	<p>David Goodship provided information on the changes to the refuse collection:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Ealing uses a refuse collection system which is at the optimum level for recycling, with a target of 50% recycling by 2018, this needs to be addressed. ➤ Recycling was introduced to Ealing over some time, some years back every home was issued black bags and all rubbish was incinerated, there were some bottle banks available at which people had to travel to. ➤ Ealing was one of the first boroughs at which kerbside and food waste recycling was introduced. Unfortunately there are some disadvantages to kerbside recycling, it takes a lot of manpower and time, the bags are often split open by foxes as people still insist on placing food waste in them and some of the empty plastic bottles get blown away. ➤ The council is currently charged £122 per tonne for residual waste, which amounts to £8m per year. This sum will go up as the landfill charges go up every year. 	<p>Res: What about multi occupancy properties such as flats, how can we accommodate all these bins? Pathway will be covered in bins. I will liaise with the neighbours above me but the ones I cannot communicate with?</p> <p>DG: The bin sharing option may suit you best. Response from focus groups indicate that residents who don't recycle have stated they will recycle with the bin. If waste is left at the side of bins we will not clear it.</p> <p>Res: What will happen to the green bins left behind?</p> <p>DG: You can take them back to Greenford. A lot of people started to reuse them for alternate reasons e.g. for holding shoes or planting. Schools have shown an interest, some schools would like to have them for storage.</p> <p>Cllr Stafford: You won't be recycling the green box, reuse is higher in the waste hierarchy, is it not better to reuse.</p> <p>Res: If I was tempted to place shards of glass – is that a problem? Will you be able to weigh what's being recycled?</p> <p>DG: No, the container is not carried by the operative. The waste will be weighed before to ensure we are compensated accordingly.</p> <p>Res: We will have to continue to pay for green sacks for our garden waste?</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The new system will allow both bins to be tipped into their respective truck, the recyclables will be taken to a recycling factory where advanced sophisticated methods using magnets and laser optical sorting will separate the materials. This will mean a higher number of materials will be recycled. ➤ The new method will result in higher levels of recycling, as all recyclables can be placed in one bin which is far easier to do. Fewer vehicles will be required, the bins will be emptied faster, bags will not split and the streets will remain clean. There will also be a £2m saving. ➤ The bins will be of the same colour as what is being used by our neighbouring boroughs, this will make it easier for those people who rent properties and move from one borough to another. Blue for recycling and black for residual. The two types of waste will be collected on alternate weeks. ➤ Food waste will be collected on a weekly basis. ➤ All residents will receive a letter by the start of March. ➤ Property surveys have been carried out, we can repeat the survey where required, you have plenty of opportunity to give us feedback. Elderly people and those with low mobility can request for assistance with their wheelie bin, you can share a bin and if you think you don't need a bin that can also be arranged. ➤ The containers will go out in May, with an information pack attached to them ➤ Ealing council has carried out a long lead time before implementation, with the intention of providing as much information as possible to residents before the change takes place. 	<p>DG: Yes Cllr Young: Charge going up to £70 Res: Waste and recycling has a higher value from segregated waste. Broken glass would effectively be devalued. The wards that have the bins have terrible recycling rates yet wards like Ealing Broadway have higher levels of recycling. Education is essential. Bin sharing should be encouraged. Delay the introduction of bins until residents have been educated properly. Last week recycling truck broke down, a vehicle was sent with food waste on one side and recycling residual waste on the other side. DG: To accommodate high recycling levels you would need 6-7 boxes, which is why the bins are suitable. Bin sharing will be positively promoted as well as sharing bins. We are writing to each resident. Res: You need to send a form which can be completed with signatures. Cllr Young: Everyone will receive an individual letter. Res: Dimension of new bins.? What happens to brick built enclosures? DG: 1m in height, 70cm wide and 50cm in depth. Res: For the transient population, what happens if the new tenants want new bins, would there be a cost? DG: No charging for replacement bins. Cllr Young: Management have reserve the right to charge. Res: If 2 flats are too small for the bins? DG: Won't get them. Cllr Young: White ledges – what will they receive? DG: Strict covenant regarding that area, we are heavily promoting recycling and the use of the food waste bin and residents have been happy to participate. Res: Can we choose the size of the bin? DG: Yes, you can choose with no charge.</p>
3	Update on Haven Green	Question / Action Point
	<p>Greg Phelan, chair of Friends of Haven Green provide an update on matters relating to this green space:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The Council has a duty of care to respect common land, the government 	<p>Cllr Young: The removal of the footway from the north south to the south side of the diagonal will take place. The ward forum is paying for ornate heritage railing. The grass behind the bus stands will be re-seeded too.</p>

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	<p>guidance under the 2006 Act stated that breaches of common law can be prevented by citizenry enforce of legislation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Extra footfall for Crossrail has led to change on the Haven Green which could be addressed if the BBC carpark was used for matters such as cycle parking. The temporary cycle racks could be placed at the car park. The planning inspectorate has instructed the council to remove the substation and we have been advised Crossrail will pay for the removal in 2018. ➤ The court case is in abeyance as the extent of the common land has not been agreed to. 	<p>Res: Why are they not going behind the bus stop? The queue takes up the whole of the bus stop. If they were moved forward closer to the carriage way you called walk past behind them.</p> <p>Res: CERA'S point view is that the full cost of cast iron railing should not be born by the ward. Maximise the use of these railings, by creating an inverted L to form an enclosure.</p> <p>Res: Welcome the way pedestrian crossing has been created to deter the school busses from parking in a hazardous manner.</p> <p>Res: Why is the evening standard paper allowed to create a man outside the station yet people are getting fined for littering.</p> <p>Cllr Kumar: Vey unfortunate would like to see people take greater consideration.</p> <p>Res: There is a bench on haven Green which is not for public use.</p> <p>SK: The family has refused to take away the items. I feel it would be too insensitive to ask them to remove the items as they did lose a child. Family might be somewhat traumatised. Senior officers have been liaising with the family.</p>
4.	Longfield Avenue	
	<p>Cllr Young updated residents that he had invited senior managers to meet with residents to discuss the no right turn into Longfield Avenue and the planned no left turn out of Longfield Avenue on to Uxbridge Road</p>	<p>Res: Was the resting of the pedestrian crossing also part of this project?</p> <p>Cllr Young: No, that was separate.</p> <p>Res: There was some comment about residents of Dicken's Yard having lobbied for this change, which is simply not true.</p>

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		<p>Res: A speed table for the junction of Craven Road, which isn't a high speed road. This is part of a west to east mini Holland bid, which has not been properly consulted.</p> <p>Res: How long will the temporary traffic order be for?</p> <p>Cllr Young: Six months, after which it should be reviewed. It is likely to remain in place for a year.</p> <p>Res: What evaluation will take place. Is that going to happen after the commercial units at Dicken's yard are opened?</p> <p>AY: Likely to happen before that</p> <p>Res: Have we received details of the eight accidents at the junction of Longfield road and Uxbridge road.</p> <p>AY: We receive data from TfL twice a year, there were a number of near misses. .</p>
4.	Mountfield Road	
	<p>TA updated residents about Mountfield Road:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ A traffic management study will take place at Mountfield Road and the neighbouring roads with respect to pedestrian safety. ➤ There are a number of elements to the study which will include a Topographical study, collision data analysis, traffic surveys and analysis, speed surveys, leading to the identification of options, an option assessment, design development and a road safety audit. ➤ We hope that by the time you have your next meeting a full report of results including a list of recommendations will be available 	<p>Res: Can everyone be involved in the consultation?</p> <p>AY: Yes, this is the first phase to establish what resolutions are available.</p>
5.	Neighbourhood Forums	
	<p>Tony Miller of the Central Ealing Neighbourhood Forum provided information on the developments with the forum and the pending referendum.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The 2011 Localisation Act gave communities the opportunity to engage people to help shape the community in which they live at. We have a joint forum between residents and local businesses. ➤ The forum will allow us to influence the boroughs implementation of their strategic plan, the appearance of development and where it goes. ➤ We have a draft plan which is going to consultation and we are inviting 	<p>AY: Please hand your leaflets out.</p> <p>Res: Your timetable</p> <p>TM: Accession – using them to help design and print. Last Friday they closed the 6 week consultation period. Extended by one week as it will run over Easter 7 weeks. Will require input from council's planning department. They have 6 weeks and they must carry out a consultation. It gets examined and a public referendum 4 months.</p> <p>Res: Pay tribute to Tony. The amount of work he has committed to this.</p>

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	<p>residents to take part.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Validity of our plan will be judged by how we have engaged with local people. Neighbourhood plan will then become part of the borough plan. ➤ The current S106 fund will change to the Community Infrastructure Levy, of which 25% will be available for local activities with local consultation. ➤ Our plan will go out to an official examiner, which will hopefully lead to a referendum. If it is favoured by residents this will be adopted by the council. <p>Involve local communities; engage people to shape the community they live in.</p> <p>Joint forum?</p> <p>Residents and businesses. Implementation of strategic plan (influence) appearance when development takes place.</p> <p>Draft plan ready to go to consultation. Invite residents to take part.</p> <p>Validity of our plan will be judged by how we have engaged with people. Neighbourhood plan will be part of the borough plan. Infrastructure levy (S106) 25% of money will be available for local activities with local consultation plan will go out to an official examiner. Referendum to all residents. If in favour will be adopted by the council.</p>	
6	<p>Borough of Ealing Art Trail</p>	
	<p>Naomie Healy informed residents about new initiative to promote artists. Open studios event in September over two weekends from 9-11 September and 16-18 September. The artists that do not have a studio will club together to find a space.</p> <p>We aim to print 10,000-15,000 booklets informing people about the artists.</p> <p>There are 23 artists in Ealing Broadway ward that will take part, local businesses will stand to benefit from the art trail. It is an inclusive project with artists from all backgrounds groups, ethnicities, which we hope will help to put Ealing on the map. Free to attend.</p> <p>Non-profit marketing venture and we think it will cost close to £18,000 to set up. We would value a contribution from this ward forum.</p>	<p>Viv Phelan : How can we work with the ward forums?</p> <p>TA: I am meeting with Janice Andrews to help on this matter.</p>

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7	<p>Ward Budget 2015/16</p> <p>As an update on ward forum projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Work on Oxford Road should begin soon after April, depending on how much rainfall we have. ➤ Carlton Road has been supported by residents, a raised crossing will be installed by April. 	<p>Res: Where there are white lines across drive ways they should be replaced with single yellow lines</p> <p>Gillian: Magna Carta celebrations. Money has come through for some additional activities, to be named as 'A walk through the end of time'. Messiah – Saturday 5th March 7pm, Christ The Saviour Church. Opening of exhibition at Central Ealing Library.</p> <p>"Truth and Reconciliation" will be the name of the event to celebrate the anniversary of Shakespeare</p> <p>Res: Street name plates restored they look very beautiful. Would like to continue with original.</p> <p>AY: Can they be placed on private property?</p> <p>TA: Yes with the owner's permission.</p> <p>Cllr Kumar: District by district, if you volunteer to fund the road names suitable for this project.</p> <p>Res: Replacement hornbeams at the north end of Haven Green needs to be addressed. All of the chestnut trees have been felled, the net result is the northern expanse is a piece of waste land. Wildflower meadow area should be created. Can we please have a drawing with councillors and Friends of Haven Green & CERA taking part in that conversation?</p> <p>AY: Meeting with parks and residents.</p> <p>Res: Southside of Castelbar Road parking.</p> <p>AY: Very expensive looked at it in previous years.</p> <p>Res: Can you add Saturday to the parking restriction at The Avenue so they are the same as Monday to Friday.</p> <p>AY: It's free for 30 minutes. Look at the cost of making the change. Opposite side has different location number.</p>
8.	<p>Have Your Say</p>	<p>Res: Nitrogen oxide creates a great deal of pollution in the area. Can it be properly monitored.</p> <p>AY: Practicality? We know the levels of pollution are significant. The buses are the cause. I would prefer to pay for a solution. Change from diesel to electric. Will ask officers to renew where the monitoring is.</p>

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		<p>Res: South side of Montpellier Rd, east of St Helier Rd to warn people of a school crossing that doesn't flash during school hours but does during the evening. Flashing lights outside St Stephens School flash all the time.</p> <p>Res: Jazz festival, 2 out of 5 days will be cut out the event.</p> <p>Umbrella will be running the event meeting tomorrow at central Ealing library at 1pm, there is a petition. .</p>
9.	Date of Next Meeting	
		To be confirmed