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**Ealing Fields
Residents' Association**

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Little Ealing News

*The Newsletter of
Ealing Fields Residents' Association*



Welcome to the EFRA newsletter. This issue is being delivered to the 2,000 households in our membership area, which consists of thirty-five roads surrounding Northfields tube station.

In this newsletter we summarise what EFRA has been doing over the last twelve months and our concerns and aspirations for the future.

THE BIN MAN COMETH

**It's all change in the land
of rubbish and recycling**

**DON'T MISS THE EFRA
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Wednesday 25th May at 7.30pm at the LOG CABIN

The AGM is your opportunity to find out what's happening locally and air your views and concerns about the issues that affect you.

Refreshments will be available, so please join us at this annual event which enables residents to meet and discuss local matters with their neighbours.

Please arrive by 7.15 if you would like to join or renew your membership.

WHEELIE BINS & ASSISTED COLLECTIONS

Love them or loathe them, wheelie bins will soon be arriving on our doorsteps, ready for the new collection system to start on 6 June. EFRA did its best to liaise between the Council and residents to alleviate the impact but there will undoubtedly be teething problems and we will be keeping a close eye on how this major change works.

You can still go online to request a smaller-size bin (black general waste bin only), to request a re-assessment of your outdoor space, to tell the Council that you don't want a bin because you will be sharing with a neighbour or to request an assisted collection (www.ealing.gov.uk/bins). However, the advertised deadline for this has passed and requests received now will not be processed until after 6 June. Those not online can use the Council's Customer Service number: 020 8825 6000.

The free assisted collection service is for those who would have difficulty moving their wheelie bins on collection day. The contractors will collect the wheelie bins from where you normally keep them and return them to the same location. If you already receive an assisted collection, this will automatically continue with the new service. We would urge you to request the assisted collection if you feel you need it. **If you have a very elderly or frail neighbour, please let them know about this.**

Come to the AGM where you can discuss the new waste collection service with your local councillors and other EFRA members.

PLANNING & LICENCING

See our website <http://www.efra.org.uk/> for more planning and licencing stories

It has been another busy year for planning and licencing matters. Our work has included opposing developers' appeals to the Government's planning service, where the proposed development would be unacceptable for neighbouring residents.

IMPROVEMENTS ALONG LITTLE EALING LANE

For the last year or so EFRA has been working with local Councillors and Council officers on proposals for the area around the Plough and outside Mount Carmel and Little Ealing schools. The works are designed to improve road safety and enhance the streetscape in the area. They are planned to be carried out this spring/summer.

The key proposals will see an additional zebra crossing outside Mount Carmel school and a west bound cycle lane for some of Little Ealing Lane adjacent to the two schools.

Other features of the improvements are the construction of a raised flower bed on the corner of Little Ealing Lane and Windmill Road and the provision of level access (where possible) to the shops in the shopping parade in this part of Northfield Avenue. Some of our focus has been on maintaining the number of parking places in the vicinity of the planned improvements. The funding for these so-called 'Corridor 4 proposals' is coming from Transport for London (TfL).

SUPPORTING YOUR RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Please think about becoming a Committee member of EFRA. We meet every six weeks or so to discuss local issues including planning applications and the delivery of local services. Local Councillors attend our meetings which gives us direct access to the Council's decision makers.

NIGHT TIME TUBE SERVICE

The 24 hour Tube service on Fridays and Saturdays was due to be introduced in September last year but those plans were abandoned because of staff resistance. Now TfL have resolved their outstanding issues with relevant trade unions and the service will be introduced 'later this year.' Trains will run on the Piccadilly line to and from Heathrow every 10 minutes but it is not clear if this would be in both directions. If so this could mean as many as 12 Tube movements an hour.

EFRA has concerns about the potential effect of the 24 hour service on areas in the vicinity of Northfields station. Anti-social behaviour might increase for instance. We are also pressing for measures to alleviate noise nuisance for households affected by Tube trains running at the back of their properties all night.

We are working with our local Councillors and TfL to mitigate this noise nuisance.

Please contact us if you have concerns about the all night Tube service.

Contacting EFRA
If you have any local concerns, please email us
at:
contact@efra.org.uk

CPZ PARKING PERMITS: DON'T GET CAUGHT OUT

The Council has been running the new computer-based CPZ permit and voucher system for about a year. For many residents their CPZ permits will need to be renewed in June/July (because the original CPZ was introduced in those summer months). If you are one of those affected, please make sure you contact the Council (preferably through its website) in good time and find out how your permit can be renewed.

HEATHROW – GOVERNMENT POSTPONES DECISION ON RUNWAY 3

In December 2015 the Government announced that it is delaying any final decision on new runways for London and the South East until at least the middle of 2016. It wants to do further work in assessing particularly the environmental impacts of a 3rd runway at Heathrow as well as the Heathrow Hub proposal for an extended runway and a 2nd runway at Gatwick.

In our view the threat of Runway 3 remains as great as ever. The decision has been delayed – that's all. Although the aircraft noise would be horrendous, the factor most likely to win the day, and at least as important, is the air quality problem and it is this that has been the major factor in causing the latest delay. Although it has all gone quiet on the news front we remain ready to react to any threat emerging from the government or Heathrow itself.

We will continue to report on this and other Heathrow issues in our E-Newsletters posted at www.efra.org.uk and displayed on our community notice board outside Northfields Library.

Ealing Fields Residents' Association (EFRA) subscribes to both the Heathrow Association for the Control of Aircraft Noise (HACAN) and Ealing Aircraft Noise Action Group (EANAG). We therefore appreciate your subscriptions and donations which enable us to continue to support, and affiliate to, these vital voluntary groups.

YES, IT'S RUBBISH AND IT'S TRAVELLING THE WRONG WAY

Chandos Avenue one-way problems continue.

EFRA has been pressing the Council for some time to make improvements to the junction of Chandos Avenue and South Ealing Road to prevent motorists entering this one-way street the wrong way.

This occurs quite frequently, and has caused many “near misses” in the past.

Matters came to a head at the end of last year when a car travelling the wrong way crashed into parked vehicles on the bend at the Little Ealing Lane end of the road.

Negotiations with Councillors and Council officers continue about how this issue can be addressed.

We are confident though that some changes will be made to the junction which will help prevent vehicles of all kinds going the wrong way down Chandos Avenue. We will keep you informed of developments as they occur.



Council refuse truck travelling the wrong way down this one-way street

Police updates

Residents are invited to register with the Northfield Ward Police Team to receive the team's **monthly email** and **quarterly residents' survey**.

Register by emailing: Northfield.snt@met.police.uk

Brentford Festival at Blondin

Sunday 4th September

We are pleased to announce that due to popular demand the 'Brentford Festival' will be returning to Blondin Park for another year.

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