

EFRA E Newsletter September 2019

Heathrow Airport Expansion consultation

EFRA has long opposed the further development of Heathrow Airport. In line with our policy we have composed a statement setting out our opposition to the latest proposals from the Airport to develop the site for yet more aircraft movements (see attachment). The consultation exercise concludes on **13th September** and local residents are urged to object to Heathrow's proposals. Details of the consultation proposals can be found at www.heathrowconsultation.com.

Please use the text in the attachment to register your objections. Or else use the text below drafted by Wake Up Ealing (wakeup-ealing.org.uk), a local group opposed to the further development of Heathrow airport. Consultation responses should be sent to **feedback@heathrowconsultation.com**.

'Heathrow's plans for new flight paths and additional flights from 2022 would bring unacceptable noise to Ealing and elsewhere. Any increase in flight numbers also means more carbon emissions and lower air quality. It would reduce the quality of life in my community and it goes against the UK's commitment to cut carbon emissions and improve air quality in London I strongly object to ANY change in flight paths; to ANY loss of respite; to ANY increase in numbers of flights and to ALL plans for expansion – and I make this objection as a formal contribution to the consultation process'

Northfields Library

Following the recent consultation exercise, Ealing Council has now confirmed that it will be either closing Northfields Library or making it a Community Managed Library from early 2020. The Council has invited bids for voluntary groups to take over the running of the library from that point.

There is now a bid being put together by a team of Northfields' residents to keep the library open by creating Northfields Community Library (NCL). The plan is to carry on offering books, computers, printers etc, but also to be much more of a community hub, reflecting a passion for community life in our area.

More details can be found online at www.northfieldscommunitylibrary.org.uk. The website also lets you share your views by taking a short survey about what you would like from the library. All your views are really valuable in helping the team shape the offer, and demonstrating that Northfields residents support the group's efforts.

The bid will be put to the Council in mid November, and any help to raise awareness or help set up or run the library is really appreciated. If you are interested in helping in the library or have organisational, financial, communication, maintenance or other

skills they would love to hear from you. You can contact the team by emailing: getintouch@northfieldscommunitylibrary.org.uk.

By way of information there is another bid to run the library (from Ealing CVS). This is a voluntary organisation based in West Ealing. There is little or no apparent local Northfields community involvement associated with this bid. EFRA and local residents are already providing volunteers for the Community Library scheme and we would encourage EFRA members to support the NCL bid.

Ealing Fields High School

Demolition Problems

Many residents have experienced problems while the former buildings were being demolished on the School Site. The site clearance and demolitions lasted seven months and resulted in:

- Vibration Damage,
- Vibration Disruption,
- Noise Pollution, and
- Dust Pollution.

Following representations, the Contractor now accepts that there were problems during the demolition process.

The Contractor has consequently appointed a senior manager who is keen to hear from residents who have concerns and, in particular, may have experienced any of the problems listed above.

EFRA strongly recommends that any resident who has experienced problems emails Perry Goodhew at the Contractor at: p.goodhew@bandk.co.uk

Please copy your email to EFRA at: contact@efra.org.uk so that we can monitor the resolution of these problems.

Planning Conditions

It is a Council requirement that the residents are consulted on the following issues:

- Installation and specification of **Green/Living Walls** to screen the windowless facades of the new buildings which will be facing the homes of the residents in Ealing Park Gardens, Convent Gardens and Birkbeck Road. Virtually all these new buildings will be constructed on previously open ground and be extremely close to the site boundary, where they will dominate the neighbouring homes. Nearly all the new buildings will be three storeys high, with roof plant above that. They will also be constructed on rising ground. The following photo, taken at first floor level, of the partially constructed steel skeleton gives an indication of the scale and impact of the new buildings.



- **Planting and Maintenance** specification of the trees and vegetation on the School Site.
- **Delivery and Servicing Arrangements**, especially via Convent Gardens. This entrance has not been used for deliveries in the past.
- **School Travel Plan** which will set out the arrangements for the arrival and departure of the School's 840 pupils and 80 staff. This is important as the pavements and pedestrian crossings at The Plough Junction are already intensively used by pupils at local primary and secondary schools.

We are keen to hear from everyone who wishes to contribute to this engagement. Please email us at: contact@efra.org.uk so that we can include your observations in the EFRA response to each issue.

Demolition of Overdale Road Garages

We are concerned that the demolition of the garages between Overdale Road and the Tube lines could result in similar problems to those experienced by the residents who live around the School Site.

We strongly recommend that residents respond to the Council's consultation and insist that the Council imposes conditions which will restrict vibration levels, noise levels and dust pollution to the low levels set out in Ealing and London-wide guidance. Unfortunately, this requirement, which is a key safeguard for neighbouring residents, was omitted when the Council gave permission for demolishing the School buildings which may have contributed to the problems experienced by the residents who live around the School site.

Responses should be emailed to planning@ealing.gov.uk and quote reference: 193622PND - Demolition of Garages to Rear of 50 - 64 Overdale Road.

Responses can also be submitted online via the Council's comment form at: <https://pam.ealing.gov.uk/online->

[applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=makeComment&keyVal=PWHDCZJMG CJ00](https://pam.ealing.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=makeComment&keyVal=PWHDCZJMG CJ00)

A J Spares Site, Derwent Yard

EFRA has worked with over one hundred residents to oppose the application to massively overdevelop the narrow A J Spares site, which is located immediately behind Sainsbury's on Northfield Avenue.

The proposed development would have resulted in unacceptable overshadowing of rear gardens and homes in Derwent Road. It also raised a number of other planning concerns, including the quality of the accommodation in the proposed new flats.

We are waiting for the Council to decide on the application.

The application reference is 193159FUL and the documents and comments are at: <https://pam.ealing.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=PUQPUEJMM7Q00>

Orion Park

There is no new information about the prospective mixed used development at Orion Park off Northfield Avenue. However the site suffered another Traveller incursion on 18th July. Swift action by the Police, Council and other parties ensured that the Travellers were removed from the site within 24 hours. This was in part thanks to the use of so called Section 61 powers which we have encouraged the Police to use in such cases.

Renewing CPZ permits

Local residents are getting caught out by the Council's system which no longer sends reminders to residents with CPZ permits that are about to expire. The Council's website states:

'It is the permit holder's responsibility to renew their parking permit before their current permit is due to expire. You may be liable to receive a Penalty Charge Notice (PCN) if you park in a permit holders' space and your permit has been expired for more than seven days.

Please make a note of the expiry date of your permit to ensure you renew on time. Please allow yourself plenty of time to renew your permit. If your permit has expired, our online system will no longer display the option to renew and you will have to apply for a new permit.'

(https://www.ealing.gov.uk/info/201198/residents_permits/2028/renew_your_residents_parking_permit)

One tip: you can renew your permit at any time even if your current permit might have some time to run.

Allotment show at Ealing Christian Centre, Saturday 14th September

The Annual Show of the Ealing and Hanwell Allotment Association takes place this year at the Ealing Christian Centre, Northfield Avenue on Saturday 14th September from 4pm. There are refreshments, a raffle and a chance to learn flower arranging and other skills. You will also be able to see the wonderful array of fruit, vegetable and other produce grown by local allotment holders.