

Spring 2001 Newsletter EXTRA

Message from the Chairman

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Chairman's Introduction

Welcome to this special newsletter of 2001, announcing a special meeting for Ealing Civic Society members, hosted by the Ealing Centre Forum, to discuss the consultation document recently issued by the Forum on the redevelopment of Ealing and West Ealing (see panel for details).

The Consultative Document includes proposals which appear to take into account the key features sought by the Society. These include giving high priority to the quality of the pedestrian environment, the safeguarding of the buildings and green spaces that give Ealing its special character, improvement of public transport and sustaining the role of West Ealing. That this has happened is in no small measure due, in my view, to the presence on the forum Board of Brian Harris and Corinne Templer, who have both ensured that the views of local residents and amenity groups have been strongly represented in the consideration of proposals.

No doubt that we will have our own ideas and we won't all agree with every aspect but the evolutionary rather than revolutionary approach seems to be the right starting point. Some action has already been initiated, including the remodelling of Ealing Broadway Station forecourt, the upgrading of street lighting and streetscape improvements in West Ealing Broadway and creating a more attractive setting for St. John's School.

We expect full consultation with our members and we are pleased that the Forum has arranged a meeting with us, to explain the proposals and to hear our views first-hand.

Please come along to the meeting to ensure your views are heard.

Robert Gurd, Chairman May 2001

EALING TOWN CENTRE DEVELOPMENT

The proposals for Ealing Broadway and West Ealing which have been prepared by Ealing Town centre Forum have been approved by L.B. Ealing's Cabinet for public consultation.

Residents' and business organisations are being consulted during May and June and general public consultation will take place during July- September. A summary document and questionnaire will be circulated to Ealing households in July and full documentation may be consulted at the Central and West Ealing libraries and at Planning Reception at Perceval House. Meanwhile, Transport for London is about to begin consultations on the proposed tramway along Uxbridge Road.

Detailed proposals for the future of Central Ealing will be produced after the consultation responses have been considered in October. The document envisages step-by-step change rather than a 'big bang' approach and strongly emphasises the upgrading of the quality of the environment for pedestrians, the retention of the buildings and green spaces that give Ealing its special character and improving public transport, whilst sustaining the economic role and diversity of the centre. Special attention has been given to West Ealing for which some immediate improvements to lighting and the street scene are starting now.

The rationale behind the proposals for development is to:

- meet national sustainability objectives;
- promote the improvement and use of public transport;
- respond to the pressures of persistent growth of personal spending power in West London;
- accept that life style changes accompany that growth;
- prioritise environmental objectives, such as safeguarding of quality buildings and green spaces, the major upgrading of pedestrian facilities and the general quality of the streetscape.

Dates for your diary

Summer visit to Chichester, Sunday 17 June

London open house weekend, 22 and 23 September

Ealing Civic Society awards 2001, Thursday 11 October at 8pm at Ealing Town Hall, W5

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