

## Parking Permit plunder

From this year, the Council has discontinued the CPZ Parking Permit displayed on car windscreens. Checking is now done electronically by parking wardens. At the same time, and without explicit warning, the renewal letters received every year by permit holders were not sent. An undisclosed number have therefore received £60 penalty tickets (£30 if paid within 14 days), which arrived promptly, just after the seventh day of tolerance.

To add insult to injury, and only under pressure from residents and Opposition Councillors, the Council wrote weeks later to permit holders informing them of the new procedure. Obviously

## Neighbourhood Plan

Work on a Neighbourhood Plan for Central Ealing continues. The first draft has been presented to the Council and discussions are taking place on new planning policies that would encourage developers and landowners to consider the incorporation of 'community uses' in their schemes.

More stringent design and height criteria for new buildings are proposed so that greater care has to be taken to preserve or enhance Ealing's Conservation Areas and heritage assets. A public forum to discuss the emerging draft plan will take place before the end of 2015 at a date yet to be notified. You can be kept informed by signing up for the Neighbourhood Forum e-newsletter at [www.eepurl.com/p8405](http://www.eepurl.com/p8405)

## Then...



CERA's project to get original cast iron street name plates restored is underway and you can see the first ones completed on Mount Park Crescent, Aston Road, Eaton Rise and Woodville Road, with more to follow.

## ... and now



too late, since people had already been fined, without any chance of successful appeal.

Many are wondering how much all this was deliberately intended to provide an easy flow of money for Parking Services, perhaps to fund development of the new electronic system? It would show some accountability if Parking Services disclose the number of such penalties issued and the money earned as a result, and, refund, with an apology, those unreasonably fined.

You now have to renew your permit online via the Council's website, and for that, you need a PIN number. Where do you get your PIN? - It is in the renewal letter that they may not have sent you!

According to the Parking Services website, you can sign up for an e-mail reminder by e-mailing your details to [parkingservices@ealing.gov.uk](mailto:parkingservices@ealing.gov.uk). However, the PIN still has to be sent out by post. Good luck...



The committee is looking for help from our members and / or family, friends, young people to support us in the extensive range of work we undertake. Right now we urgently need Desktop Publishing skills for CERA News. We would also like help in designing and running a CERA website.

If you are able to help, please contact us on 020 8997 7131 or email [info@cera.org.uk](mailto:info@cera.org.uk)

# CERA NEWS

## News from Central Ealing Residents' Association

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## Arcadia again...

Slightly revised plans for the majority of the old Arcadia site (9-42 the Broadway) along The Broadway up to the station and the railway line have now been lodged as a planning application. Sadly, they are little different to the ones published at the start of the year and criticised by CERA and others at the time.

20 new shops are proposed along The Broadway frontage and a pedestrian shopping mall behind, leading towards the station. Above the shops would be 191 high-rise flats and one very tall tower block of 18 storeys, noticeably higher than even the tallest Dickens Yard building (14 storeys) or Villiers House over the station. This is totally inappropriate for a prominent site in a Conservation Area, overlooking Haven Green.

CERA's main concerns remain the narrow canyon-like shopping mall, the alien Broadway frontage, with the loss of all the existing buildings, the height and design of the nine storeys where Station Broadway meets The Broadway and the 18 storey tower block dominating Haven Green.

Residents have until 11 September to send comments to the Council - please make every effort to review the plans and make your views known!

The plans for the application (P/2015/3479) are available in Perceval House or at <http://www.pam.ealing.gov.uk/portal/servlets/ApplicationSearchServlet?PKID=180967> The best summary of what's planned is in the Design-Access Statement. Alternatively, you may find it easier to go to [www.9-42thebroadway.com](http://www.9-42thebroadway.com) and click on the link to the full application on the Council's website.



## Invitation to CERA Annual General Meeting

**7.00 for 7.15 p.m., Tuesday 22 September 2015**

**Nelson Room, Ealing Town Hall**

**Chairman's report \* Treasurer's report \* Election of Committee \* A.O.B.**

**GUEST SPEAKER**

**Dr Rupa Huq, MP**

**We have asked the newly elected member for Ealing Central & Acton to speak about tall buildings, 'buy to let' and 'buy to leave'**

*Drinks & Canapes will be served*

## Another huge development

### Castle House & Rome House, 119-127 Gordon Road

The plan is to redevelop the old BT telephone exchange for housing. The development is in two phases. Phase 1 will provide 142 flats in 3 blocks rising to 13 storeys along the railway, during which time Castle House on Gordon Road will remain in use. Phase 2 will replace Castle House with 18 houses fronting Gordon Road and 134 further flats in 3 linked 6 storey blocks of flats behind. There will be two new roads opening onto Gordon Road giving access to the new homes, plus a pedestrian link to West Ealing Station past the Drayton Court pub.



Officially, comments are due by 11 September, so we have just a few days to respond. Please do have a look at the plans on the Council's planning application website (Application P/2015/4089 - see the file labelled D-A Final HR).

## Court ? & Crossrail

Friends of Haven Green has had to apply to the County Court for an order requiring the removal of unlawful encroachments on the Green. Its Common Land designation means no buildings or other structures may be put on the Green without Ministerial approval and no land may be hard surfaced. There have been many unauthorised encroachments since the Green's designation, and their rate has increased in recent years with the impending arrival of Crossrail.

Supported by founder member CERA, FoHG says it is time to stop the serial erosion of this important area of public space and to correct the harm already caused - not least by implementing the decisions of two independent Planning Inspectors. At the time of writing, it is unclear whether the Council wants to resolve FoHG's application through the Court or by discussion.

Meanwhile, Crossrail has started to take over a large part of the Green for several years as a construction site. Crossrail's latest plans were explained at FoHG's recent AGM and they can be found on FoHG's website. Site huts, materials and heavy equipment will be placed on the south eastern part of the Green with much having to cross the busy road to the station. Crossrail claims they have to

remove a mature tree to create vehicle access and CERA has raised a number of other concerns about their operations. We have asked Crossrail and the Council to liaise with us to minimise the disruption over many months to come.

## Madeley Road, Hanger Lane

After years of delay and uncertainty, development is now well underway by Genesis Housing Association at the prominent site of this eastern end of Madeley Road, at its junction with Hanger Lane.

The three late Victorian houses on Madeley Road (nos 81-85) are to be restored whilst the three on Hanger Lane (nos 58-62) will be replaced with four new buildings, broadly matching the height and style of the retained buildings. Completion is expected in a year's time.

The scheme comprises 50 one, two and three bed flats. 25 of these will be market rented, 15 will be social rented (below market rents) and 10 will be shared ownership (occupiers owning part and paying rent on part).



## Green people power

CERA News has previously reported on proposed developments at 1 and 1a Haven Green and Springbridge Mews. Thankfully, these two overpowering proposals, either side of the multi-storey car park and railway, were turned down by the Planning Committee on 5 August, but only by the narrowest of margins (7 votes to 6). An appeal might occur.

CERA strongly opposed the latest applications, which would have meant the demolition of the 137 year old (and locally listed) former stables building on the south west corner of the Haven Green Conservation Area, replacing it and the building behind, with a four storey block of flats. This would have overlooked adjoining homes and gardens on Haven Green and also Gordon Road. A proposed hostel south of the railway was

strongly objected to by both the Governors and parents of the Christ Church Primary School as it would have overlooked the school.

A huge amount of effort was put in by many individual residents in defeating these developments and a massive petition, signed by over 2,000 people, no doubt influenced the Council's decision. This shows the potential power of the local community to continue the fight for Ealing's heritage.



## TesK.O.'d

Three hearings were scheduled for consideration by two different Licensing sub-Committees on 5<sup>th</sup> August. Each session involved an application for a 'Tesco Express' outlet to extend its hours for off-sales of alcohol to run from 6.00 am to midnight, seven days a week. CERA was the only residents' group to object to all three applications.

The subject of the morning hearing was the Northfield Avenue branch. Although extra hours here would largely affect people outside CERA's membership area, we felt that it was important to resist applications in the vicinity which, if granted, would be likely to set a precedent for the other two - West Ealing and Haven Green.

And so it proved, as the sub-Committee returned after 40 minutes to announce its decision. Whilst they were deliberating, CERA's chairman suggested to the solicitor representing Tesco that, should the decision go against the company, it might consider withdrawing the two applications due to be heard in the afternoon. The sub-Committee refused extra hours at the Northfield Avenue branch and, shortly afterwards, Tesco withdrew the other two applications - knocked out cold in Round 1!

## New schools

Population growth has inevitably created demand for supporting facilities in Ealing, notably primary and secondary schools. A study just completed by Ealing Council (The Planning for Schools Development Planning Document (DPD)-July 2015) has concluded that within the CERA area one location is suitable for a new secondary school: the 8.8 hectare site of the former Barclays Bank sports ground in Park View Rd.

Only 12,000 sq. m. is however needed for the school buildings and associated facilities, including pitches. This would be on and around the vacant former clubhouse with the remainder of the site presumably to stay as at present. However the sports ground is designated Metropolitan Open Land so a school building could be built only if the land were to be 'de-designated'.

The suitability of this site, and others in Ealing, is to be considered at an 'examination in public' prior to adoption of the DPD in Autumn 2015. The site is close to residential properties and planning permission (as well as an archaeological appraisal) would be necessary before building work could start. The DPD and the arrangements for representations to be made at the public examination can be viewed on Ealing Council's website - deadline 21 September.