

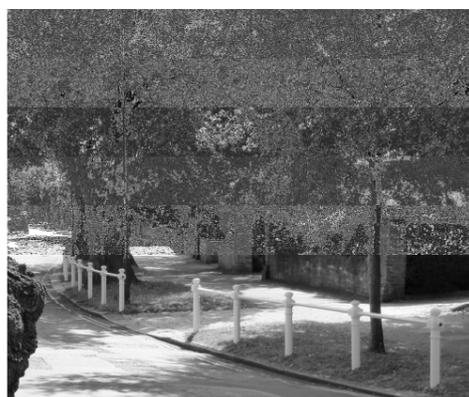
Historic street name plates

We've had a good response from members to our request for information regarding original cast iron street signs.

We now have a list of 17 and will be working with the Council, through the Ealing Broadway Ward Forum, to get them reconditioned to their former glory.

If you are aware of any additional signs that should be added to the list for refurbishment, please send them in as soon as possible, by phone on 0208 997 7131, or email: john@talbot68.plus.com

Road	Junction with
The Avenue	- Argyle Road
Gordon Road	- The Avenue
Mortimer Road	- corner of road
Amherst Avenue (x2)	- Amherst Road
Montague Road	- St Stephen's Road
Charlbury Grove	- Blakesley Avenue
Marchwood Crescent	- Blakesley Avenue
Blakesley Avenue	- Castlebar Road
Eaton Rise	- Montpelier Avenue
Montpelier Avenue	- Eaton Rise
Mount Park Crescent (N)	- Mount Park Road
Aston Road	- Mount Park Road
Aston Road	- Woodville Road
Woodville Road	- Hillcroft Crescent
Hillcroft Crescent	- Woodville Road
Woodville Gardens	- Hanger Lane



BITES

- Cast iron railings have replaced miscellaneous bollards alongside Tortoise Green. CERA lobbied for these to be modelled on the 1897 railings which still survive at the northwest corner of Haven Green. Success !
- McDonalds new store in the Arcadia building has applied to be open 24/7. Opposed by CERA and others, the scheduled licensing hearing was postponed at short notice and is now likely to be in the first half of September.
- The majority of trees newly planted on Haven Green seem to be surviving a neglectful maintenance regime, although some are dying or seem dead. We have now got the Council's contractors to water and mulch the trees and any deemed dead by Autumn will be replaced.

CERA NEWS

News from Central Ealing Residents' Association

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Empire Strikes Back...

The good news is that Picturehouse has signed up to operate an 8-screen cinema in the centre of the Land Securities/LB Ealing plans for the cinema site. This £100m scheme would also contain shops, restaurants, bars, cafes and 160 new flats. The bad news is that it would't be finished until 2018, is fraught with problems, more delays are likely, and it may never actually be built.

The first stage is for the Council to acquire all parts of the site which is in several different ownerships. Some won't want to sell, particularly owners of the Broadway site of the former Empire cinema. This will require a Public Inquiry next year, assuming the Secretary of State approves the Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) made by the Council on 22 July.

A Planning Inspector will hear the evidence and make recommendations to the Secretary of State, who will then make a decision. Meanwhile, Empire Cinemas, who have planning consent to redevelop the existing cinema behind its old listed façade but who have never started development, suddenly seem to have sprung into action in recent weeks, supposedly with new finance. This will complicate the Public Inquiry hugely and may scupper the Council's comprehensive plan for a much larger

scheme.

If Empire Cinemas convince the Inspector that they are seriously going to build a cinema, the CPO might not be confirmed and the rest of the site won't be developed. Can we trust Empire to actually build a new cinema or will we be back to square one with a derelict site and no cinema for many more years?

Participate in "The Plan"

Over the last couple of years the Central Ealing Neighbourhood Forum (CENF) has been working to develop ideas for the elements to create a Local Plan for our town centre as a by-product of the Localism Act. This behind the scenes activity has now produced a consultation in the form of an 'Issues and Options' questionnaire which can be accessed on the CENF website at www.centralealingforum.com

CERA has concerns that the CENF area boundaries are drawn so tightly that virtually none of our members are actually included within it...This makes it especially important that as many residents as possible respond to the questionnaire to ensure that our opinions are not overwhelmed by the preferences of town centre businesses and commercial interests. So please respond to the survey before 12th September.

Invitation to CERA's Annual General Meeting

7.15 for 7.30 p.m., 9th September 2014

Church Hall, Christ The Saviour Church, New Broadway, Ealing, W52XA

AGENDA

The formal business will be followed by a presentation from **Nick O'Donnell, Ealing's Assistant Director of Transport Strategy**, on 'Ealing Broadway Station Integration Plans' including the station forecourt, drop-off points, bus stops...and a preview of the town centre "mini Holland" plans...

There will be time for your questions, followed by drinks & canapes

Broadway Shopping Centre and the Arcadia development

In CERA News a year ago we mentioned what might be planned for the Broadway Shopping Centre and phase 2 of the Arcadia site. Since then everything has gone very quiet and the promised Arcadia plans keep getting delayed. Plans for the Broadway Shopping Centre are, apparently, likely in a month or two's time and we believe would involve large-scale changes to the Centre.



This would dramatically alter the appearance and scale of the Broadway Centre. It's also possible that Crystal House (the empty offices above the shops on The Broadway) could be increased in height and also redeveloped as flats, to echo what Benson Elliot is likely to be proposing for the majority of the Arcadia site.

Arcadia unwrapped

The tarpaulins and scaffolding have come down around much of the remodelled Arcadia Centre. Sad to say, what is being revealed is even more depressingly utilitarian in appearance than we and others, such as Ealing Civic Society, had feared (and criticised at the planning stage).

CERA suspects that both these – ostensibly retail - developments, which are directly opposite each other, are likely to incorporate Dickens Yard-type tall blocks of flats above the shops. On the Arcadia site, there are likely to be additional shops along a route behind The Broadway, leading up to the station, and redevelopment of most of The Broadway frontages.

The Broadway Shopping Centre development will probably involve some internal changes to the number and size of shops and alterations to the central square (there is a planning application to remove the canopies above the shops, which provide much needed weather protection – CERA has objected to this).

But we expect the main proposals will be at the rear where the access road to the car park, occupies a lot of ground and so must be tempting for the development of high-rise flats.



Support CERA on 25th September

We know that Haven Green is dear to the hearts of CERA members. As a result of our sequence of presentations, together with Friends of Haven Green and the Open Spaces Society, a Planning Inspector will be conducting a Public Hearing into the Council's application to take yet more of the Common Land of the Green – this time to roughly double the width of the footway along the south side of the diagonal road. By way of exchange, some strips of replacement land are proposed.

CERA sees this as adding insult to injury since, in recent times, Common Land has been taken for the electricity substation, one of the cycle hub buildings, and the 'temporary' cycle racks alongside. Your support on the day of the Hearing will be invaluable in showing the Inspector that there are many who care enough to turn out for the day (or at least, part of it). The venue is the Queens Hall (downstairs at the Town Hall) with the Hearing starting at 10 a.m. – please lend your moral support to CERA's representatives.

Substation saga

Just over five years ago, a Planning Inspector overruled the Council granting a 25-year permission for the electricity substation on the east side of Haven Green. Originally installed to power ice rinks (it was only in use for one year), this structure and its clumsy planting screen is an eyesore on the Green and is largely used as a urinal. The Inspector ruled that the installation could be removed after five years unless the case was made for its value for public recreation. The Council has now applied for a renewal of permission for a further 25 years, opposed by CERA and Friends of Haven Green and

a petition from some 15 nearby businesses also. Again, the Planning Inspectorate is dealing with this.



1 and 1a Haven Green/ Springbridge Mews

There is great opposition to proposals to demolish 1a Haven Green (recently 'The Haven' pub which is 140 years old and locally listed) facing the south west corner of Haven Green, next to the multi-storey car park in Springbridge Road.

This fine old building and the land to the west would be replaced with a four-storey block of 27 flats and, next door, an extra floor added on to the attractive 1 Haven Green.

The flats behind 1 and 1a Haven Green would overlook the rear gardens of 2-5 Haven Green and the rear rooms and gardens of a number of houses on the south side of Gordon Road, which already suffer from being overlooked by the tower blocks advancing across Dickens Yard as well as the existing hideous car park.



A similar squeezing of lots of new flats on to a very small site is proposed along Springbridge Mews. This plan involves demolishing the existing small, attractive, two-storey buildings and replacing them with a five-storey block of flats and commercial units (some of which would be built under the southern elevation of the multi storey car park!)

This development is in a Conservation Area but doesn't reflect this. It is too large for the size of site, isn't inherently attractive and would result in a serious loss of privacy.

CERA has written to the Council, strongly objecting to the proposals, both to the north and south of the car park. A petition has also been arranged to strengthen the many objections the Council has received.

