



EALING CIVIC SOCIETY

Hello

Annual General Meeting 2022

The 2022 AGM will be held on **Wednesday 27th April 2022 at 7.00 pm at Pitzhanger Manor (please note start time)**

Agenda

1. Apologies for absence
2. Executive Committee's Report for 2021
3. Adoption of the Executive Committee's Report
4. Treasurer's Report for 2021
5. Adoption of the Treasurer's Report
6. Election of Officers
7. Election of other committee members
8. Motions and any other business submitted to the Chairman in writing prior to the meeting
9. Talk by Clare Gough, Director, Pitzhanger Manor & Gallery

The meeting will be followed by a drinks reception.

Committee

The following current committee members have indicated their willingness to stand for a further year:

- Ann Chapman (Chairman),
- Josette Bishop (Treasurer),
- Jenny Gadsby (Membership),
- Philippa Dolphin (Web Manager),
- Robert Gurd,
- Tony Miller,
- Maggie Gold,
- William Hardman

Steve Bower was co-opted to the committee during the year and has expressed his willingness to join the committee.

Jo Winters will be standing down from the committee at the AGM.

In accordance with the constitution, nominations for election to the committee may be made by members of the Society. Jo Winters' resignation creates a vacancy for Secretary, for which nominations are also requested. All nominations should be submitted by email to the Secretary (Jo Winters, jow.mail@virgin.net) at least 14 days before the Annual General Meeting, supported by a seconder who is also a member of the Society. The consent of the nominee must first have been obtained. If the nominations exceed the number of vacancies, a ballot shall take place.

Licensing update

We have been reviewing and responding to several licensing applications recently, with many coming from prospective tenants for the Filmworks site – including Picturehouse. As Filmworks is a residential-led development with a number of proposed restaurant, café and bar premises, there is potential for nuisance and disturbance to the residents if premises are not managed responsibly.

We have tried to encourage applicants to respect and comply with the core hours of operation acceptable for the Town Centre, as set out in the Council's licensing policy. Applicants have generally been willing to revise their applications in line with our suggestions, and we are pleased that the leases of the premises only permit the use of outside areas up until 10 pm, something we also ask to be a condition on any licences.

The planning permission for the cinema complex does allow extended opening hours so we have, reluctantly, accepted that the licence for entertainment activities and the sale of alcohol may match those hours, as we felt that any licensing panel would be influenced by the allowed operational hours rather than the licensing core hours.

We have also recently been in discussion with The Really Local Group who plan a cinema and music venue in the old 'Karma' nightclub location in the Ealing Broadway Centre, who have also requested extended hours of operation.



Image: Really Useful Group

We are resisting these as allowing a music venue with alcohol sales into the early hours would set a precedent and has the potential for problems. This application will be decided by a licensing panel next month.

Conservation Area review update

The Council's review of Ealing's 29 conservation areas (CAs) ended on 18th March but there is still time for you to submit late comments to planpolicy@ealing.gov.uk. More information about the review was in our last newsletter and is on our [website](#).



Photos: Ealing Council

It has turned out that the most controversial proposals are in Hanwell. These include the proposed de-designation of much of the Canalside CA which currently extends for much of the length of the Grand Union Canal through the Borough. The main reason for this recommendation has been the gradual degradation over the years of the area not helped by unsympathetic developments – sometimes, but not always, approved by the Council.

Also controversial has been the proposed reduction in size of the Cuckoo Estate CA which is most well-known for including the Hanwell Community Centre (formerly the Poor Law School where Charlie Chaplin was educated as a boy). Again, the recommendation has been made because of the gradual deterioration of the character of the area which was originally a model LCC Council Estate but once the houses were sold off under the “right to buy” scheme of the 1980s “improvements” by householders led to many unsympathetic additions.

More positively, a proposal to include an area in the vicinity of Northfield Avenue W13 has been more warmly received but the challenge for officers will be determining the extent of the east/west boundaries of the area.

The timescale for consideration of the recommendations, in particular those for introducing new planning controls (so-called article 4 directions) remains unclear but in practice it is likely that the process will get caught up with the general Local Plan preparation which is moving to a slow timetable.

The Council is currently looking for new members to sit on conservation area advisory panels which give advice to the Council on planning applications in their areas. You don’t need to be an ‘expert’ to be involved, but an interest in heritage

matters will be important. For further details and to register your interest, please contact localplan@ealing.gov.uk.

An update on Crossrail



Photo: Ann Chapman

Users of Ealing Broadway will know that work continues on the new Crossrail station. This includes replacing the temporary toilets with the new ones and completing work on the canopies on the station platforms.

Although the new forecourt is now largely complete, some issues remain, including finishing the steps that have appeared between the road and the new forecourt (which were not in the originally approved design) and a wall and railings at the south end of the forecourt which create a pedestrian pinch point and were again not in the approved design.

Public realm work outside the station, the responsibility of Ealing Council, remains temporary and we understand that some further consultation on the detailed design may be carried out later this year. Work on the other Crossrail stations in the Borough is now complete, apart from minor snagging.

As for the Elizabeth Line itself, TfL Rail has been operating services between Reading and Paddington (Mainline station) for some time and these are likely to continue in this form until later this year. In the meantime, the central London part of the line should be open by the end of June but a through service from Ealing Broadway to central London (via Paddington low-level station) and out to Abbey Wood is not expected before the end of the year. More information on the development of the Elizabeth Line may be found in a [booklet](#) available on the Crossrail web site (but note that the download file is about 40MB)

There was consternation at West Ealing station recently, when safety concerns were raised that demolition work at the 'Manor Road' site next to the station had caused a retaining wall to crack. You may recall that this is the site of a controversial development involving demolition of the existing (admittedly scruffy) single-storey buildings adjacent to the former West Ealing station and their replacement with a 20/14-storey tower.



Image: Southern Grove

Eastbound trains were not stopping at the station for several days. It turns out that this particular wall, the responsibility of Network Rail, has been monitored for cracks for some time, but its condition may have been worsened by the demolition activity. Works have now taken place to remove part of the wall and stopping services have resumed.

Meanwhile, demolition work on the site has been halted by the Council as the developers have not produced a construction management plan. It is a condition of the planning permission that this must be submitted and approved before any work commences. This lax attitude does not fill us with confidence for the ongoing activities of this controversial development.

Listed lighting column in Aston Road damaged

The Grade II listed heritage lighting column at the junction of Aston and Woodville Roads dating from 1896 was sadly damaged by an unidentified vehicle earlier this month. This is particularly annoying since it had withstood the challenges of the weather and two World Wars relatively unscathed until it was fully restored in the 1990s with the aid of funding from the Heritage of London Trust (encouraged by the Society).



Photo: Anthony Lewis

The Council's lighting engineer is hopeful that the damage will be repairable but it will be some time before the work can be completed because new castings will need to be made of damaged cast-iron sections.

North Acton Public Realm Prospectus consultation

Ealing Council and the Old Oak and Park Royal Development Corporation (OPDC) have secured funding from local developers to improve the streets and spaces in and around North Acton and are seeking input on what should be included.

The Society will not be responding formally to this consultation, but there is a little time left for members to contribute individually if you wish. The consultation ends on Sunday 27th March.

You can have your say using the bespoke [online consultation platform](#), accessible at any time, where you can view plans and visuals, watch videos and leave feedback. There is also a drop-in consultation event where you can view the plans, ask questions and leave feedback. This is taking place on Saturday 26th March between 10am and 1pm at the Holiday Inn Express Park Royal, 152 Victoria Rd, North Acton, W3 6UP, just two minutes from North Acton tube station.



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