The Park Community Group - representing the residents of The Park, Kerrison Road, Park Place, Kerrison Place, Kerrison Villas, and Kenilworth Road

Newsletter - July 2023

Most of our occasional newsletters go out on email and this one is also going out that way. If you are not on our mailing list and would like to receive email newsletters, then please email me at richard.chilton@btinternet.com stating your name and postal address.

Local planning developments

Details of planning applications can be found at https://pam.ealing.gov.uk/online-applications/ The current outstanding ones that I am aware of are 230710 for a new small house behind 23 Kenilworth Road, 232072 for dividing 50A Kenilworth Road into 2 flats and 232775 for an extension and new vehicle entrance for 67 The Park. The biggest development taking place at the moment is for 4 houses replacing the garages in Park Place. There have been some issues with this and some problems that are not yet resolved.

Elizabeth Line

The full Elizabeth line service is now working, with through trains to Liverpool Street and beyond. It has reduced journey times and is proving very popular.

Town Centre changes

As you are likely to have heard from other sources, the plan to put a 26 storey block on the **Perceval House** site has been scrapped. Ealing Council will remain in the building and plan to let out a couple of floors that they won't be using. I have yet to hear any further details.

Work seems to be starting on the **International House** part of Ealing Broadway Centre, planning application 214524. This will increase the office space, including another floor going up into the current roof space on the High Street side of the building. On the other side of the High Street, the **Sandringham Mews** development had been approved, planning application 221687. This is expected to provide 318 co-living residential units, with shops etc. on the ground floor. Probably related to the plans to knock down the current building, Sowa patisserie and restaurant has re-located to Dickens Yard under the name Polka.

Work has re-started on fitting out the new 8 screen Picturehouse cinema, although no opening date has been announced. The 3 screen Ealing Project cinema is already open and showing current films.

The re-development of **9-42 The Broadway**, planning application 223774, was approved by Ealing Council on 26th April. This would have shops plus office blocks of 10 and 21 storeys high. Once a legal agreement for the works has been drawn up, the application will have to go to the London Mayor for approval.

Local Plan for Ealing

The Local Plan sets the planning policy in Ealing for many years ahead. There was a huge local response to the consultation on it, although there has been no breakdown between that which relates to the earlier "Shaping Ealing" exercise and that which relates to the draft Local Plan itself. The London Mayor's office was quite critical of the draft plan. There is no clear timetable for what happens next. There might be a further consultation early next year and it could go to the Planning Inspectorate for approval later in 2024.

Meal at Pillars Restaurant

The group meal we had at Pillars Restaurant in late March was a great success, both for its social aspects and for the quality and price of the food and wine. The feeling at the subsequent AGM was that we should repeat the event. We are therefore planning to arrange a new meal at the end of October. Would all who would like to partake of the new meal please register your interest with Jim McWilliams, 07716 863710, jimmcw1975@btinternet.com

Police consultation

Following various high-profile issues with the Metropolitan Police in London, they have launched a new policing plan under the title "A New Met for London". The local police have sent out the following invitation.

Ealing Police would like to invite you to join a community conversation to discuss the publication of 'A New Met for London' on the 8th August 2023.It will take place at the University of West London, entrance on The Park, W5 5RF, starting at 1800 hours for which they are asking guests to arrive at 1740 hours.

The event will include a presentation by West Area Senior Officers, showcasing 'The New Met for London' and will allow time for Q&A's. There will also be several breakout areas to discuss topical areas of Policing, giving you the opportunity to engage and speak directly with police officers from various departments. Food & drink will be available. If you would like to attend, please do so via this link. https://www.eventbrite.com/e/new-met-for-london-event-ealing-tickets-677256882567

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