



# OWGRA

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THIS NEWSLETTER CONTAINS IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR AREA

## OWGRA Public Meeting, Tuesday 28 February

You are invited to the OWGRA public meeting, Tuesday, 28 February, 6.45pm at Isleworth & Syon School. Come and hear what's happening in YOUR neighbourhood with issues to do with transport, traffic, parking, roads and pavements, and ask questions of the decision makers.

If you plan to attend, please RSVP by 17 February to [info@owgra.org.uk](mailto:info@owgra.org.uk).

To ensure that relevant concerns of residents are addressed at the meeting we encourage you to e-mail any questions and comments to us at [info@owgra.org.uk](mailto:info@owgra.org.uk) or use our website form by 22 February.

### TRANSPORT, TRAFFIC, PARKING, ROADS AND PAVEMENTS

Tuesday, 28 February @ 6.45 pm  
Isleworth & Syon School,  
Ridgeway Rd, Isleworth, TW7 5LJ

- 6.45 Registration
- 7.00 Presentations from LB of Hounslow Transport Department, and Hounslow Highways
- 7.45 Break for refreshments
- 8.00 Q&A session
- 8.45 Finish

## OWGRA Public Meeting, 6 December 2016



This very successful event was attended by 130 residents at the Isleworth & Syon School on 6 Dec. Presentations were made on the proposed Bolder Academy and on Hounslow Council planning procedures and relevant applications in our area (by the Council Leader and two of his Planning

Officers). This was followed by a Q&A session. Our Ward Councillors, Sheila O'Reilly and Tony Louki were present and we are indebted to Euan Ferguson, Head Teacher of the school, for the use of the school hall. Full details and a recording of the meeting are on the OWGRA website [www.owgra.org.uk](http://www.owgra.org.uk).

### Other news and notes

**OWGRA Committee Meetings:** The OWGRA Committee meets monthly. If you have any particular items or concerns you wish to raise, please contact us by email or telephone and we will endeavour to address them. Minutes are available on the website.

**OWGRA Membership:** A Membership Form is being delivered with this Newsletter. **We urge all residents to join so that we can present a strong and united front in respect of developments and events affecting our local area.** Printing newsletters and hiring venues for public meetings costs money so we rely on income from membership fees to do this. Member-

ship costs £5 per person per annum and current membership will run to the end of March 2018.

**OWGRA Street Representatives:** We are still looking to recruit residents as Street Representatives (we need about 60 in total and have about 30 so far). This mainly involves the delivery of newsletters, membership cards and gathering information on issues and problems in your particular area.

**OWGRA Contact:** E-mail is our preferred means of communication in terms of both cost and efficiency, so **please give us your email address.** Our website contains a considerable amount of information, including min-

utes of all meetings, current planning issues, our constitution, committee officers, information on local issues and so on.

**OWGRA Newsletter:** tell us what you think of our Newsletters. If you want to contribute an article or an image for publication, please let us have the material you would like us to consider. Any articles should be relevant to issues of interest or concern to the local community. Send proposals to [info@owgra.org.uk](mailto:info@owgra.org.uk). We always need help with copy writing, graphic design, proof reading, analysis of planning applications, help at public meetings. Please contact us if you are interested.

## Local news, Winter 2017

### Revenue & Benefits Office

**Closures:** Hounslow Council announced the closure of its Revenue & Benefits offices in Feltham, Brentford and Isleworth in December. They have been replaced by an online service although face-to-face consultations can still be arranged at the Civic Centre in respect of all council tax and benefits issues. The Isleworth office will close on 10 February. For more information contact: [council.tax@hounslow.gov.uk](mailto:council.tax@hounslow.gov.uk).

**Travellers' Incursion:** In November 2016, a group of travellers occupied the SKY car park in Syon Lane. They deposited a huge amount of rubbish in the car park and also lit fires in the evening burning tyres, mattresses and the like. The police and

local authorities were unable to evict them and before SKY could serve a court order, they vacated the site leaving a vast amount of piled rubbish, which SKY had to have removed. Our local MP has been asked to raise the matter in order to address any future occurrences.

**G15+:** The G15+ is a group of all local residents' associations in Hounslow. It now comprises more than 15 member associations. The purpose is to present to Hounslow Council a united front in respect of all issues arising with regard to all issues affecting the borough. Regular meetings are held with the council in order to put forward collective views and concerns.

## FOR YOUR DIARY

### OWGRA AGM & Public Meeting on Crime & Anti-Social behaviour Tuesday 23 May

Put the date in your diary for the Annual General Meeting on 23 May at which an account will be given of the preceding year's activities and Committee Members elected.

Nomination forms for committee positions will be distributed to OWGRA members beforehand. The AGM will be preceded by a session on Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour.

**Future OWGRA meetings:** Later in 2017 we plan meetings on Heathrow Expansion and Waste Management/Littering/Fly-tipping

## Updates on local developments

<b>Nishkam School</b>	Work on the school continues and OWGRA is in constant contact with the construction company BAM to ensure that disruption to the local community is minimised. The new school entrance has been established and over the next two months the road itself will be widened to facilitate entry to the school. Any particular issues or queries should be posed to BAM Construction on <b>07973 141653</b> or <b>07541 338770</b> or to <a href="mailto:bomeara@bam.co.uk">bomeara@bam.co.uk</a> ; please keep us informed.
<b>Grasshoppers Rugby Club</b>	There have been no further developments since the approval of the planning application by Hounslow Council in November. There is no indication of when work will start, neither has the contractor as yet been identified. Check the Council Planning website for further details.
<b>Bolder Academy</b>	Planning application awaited. Following the presentation made at the OWGRA public meeting on 6 December, there have been no further updates. It is thought that the school will not open until Sep 2019.
<b>Gillette Corner South</b>	The application has been submitted. The documents are available for viewing on the Hounslow Council website (planning application P/2017/0053) and in Osterley Library. Forward any comments asap to LB Hounslow's Planning Officers and to Ward Members so that residents' views are taken into account.
<b>Osterley Library &amp; Bowls Club</b>	At our public meeting on 6 December Cllr Curran did not rule out a transformation of Osterley Library and the Bowls Club. It will depend on circumstances and whether both institutions have enough local support.
<b>Jersey Gardens</b>	Issues have been raised about the pruning of shrubs within and on the borders of the gardens as well as continuing anti-social behaviour within. These issues have been raised with Hounslow Council and their contractors, as well as the police.
<b>Quakers Lane &amp; Braybourne Dr</b>	Anti-social behaviour and drug dealing have been reported in Quakers' Lane and Braybourne Drive. This has been reported to our local councillors and the police.
<b>Thornbury Road</b>	A 'No Left Turn' has been proposed in respect of road traffic proceeding westwards along the A4 and wanting to turn left into Thornbury Road, to protect pedestrian traffic wanting to cross Thornbury Road at that junction and expedite westward travel in the evening rush hour. There are contrasting views on this.
<b>Dudley House, The Grove</b>	The application to convert this former residential care home into residential flats was rejected at the Planning Committee of 12 Jan. Details are available on the Council's planning website.
<b>Osterley Park</b>	New cycle routes and a cycle training area were approved at the 12 Jan Planning Committee meeting.
<b>Chiswick Curve</b>	The application for a 32-storey tower at Chiswick roundabout was rejected at the 12 Jan Planning meeting.

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