



Osterley and Wyke Green Residents' Association

OWGRA Public Meeting, Tues 6 Dec

You are invited to the OWGRA public meeting, Tuesday, 6 Dec, 6.30pm at Isleworth & Syon School. Come and hear what's happening in YOUR neighbourhood!

Council Officers will talk about current developments and future plans in Osterley, the Golden Mile and the Great West Corridor. Plus, the plans for the Bolder Academy, a mixed comprehensive school to go on the current Grasshoppers site in Macfarlane Lane.

Places are limited, on a first come first served basis. If you plan to attend, please RSVP by 28 Nov to info@owgra.org.uk. If you have a question to ask at the meeting, please e-mail it to us by 30 Nov at info@owgra.org.uk.

OWGRA UPDATE

Future meetings - We will be holding public meetings every quarter on topics of great interest to the community e.g. traffic/speeding/parking, waste management/litter/fly tipping, Heathrow expansion, ASB/crime, and we will be inviting speakers on those topics throughout 2017.

Keep checking our website www.owgra.org.uk for details.

OWGRA membership - We will be having a membership drive in Spring 2017. In the meantime, if you would like to be included in the OWGRA e-mail list please e-mail us your details to info@owgra.org.uk.

OWGRA committee meetings - We currently hold committee meetings every month, the minutes can be found on the website. If you have any comments or would like anything raised at these meetings, then please contact us.

OWGRA area - OWGRA encompasses the area shown in the map on the next page and that is where we are delivering this newsletter. If you live in the OWGRA area, we will be very happy to see you at the public meeting on 6 Dec, don't forget to RSVP.

See the map of the OWGRA area on the next page.

OWGRA PUBLIC MEETING

Tuesday, 6 Dec, 6.30 pm,
Isleworth & Syon School
Ridgeway Road, Isleworth

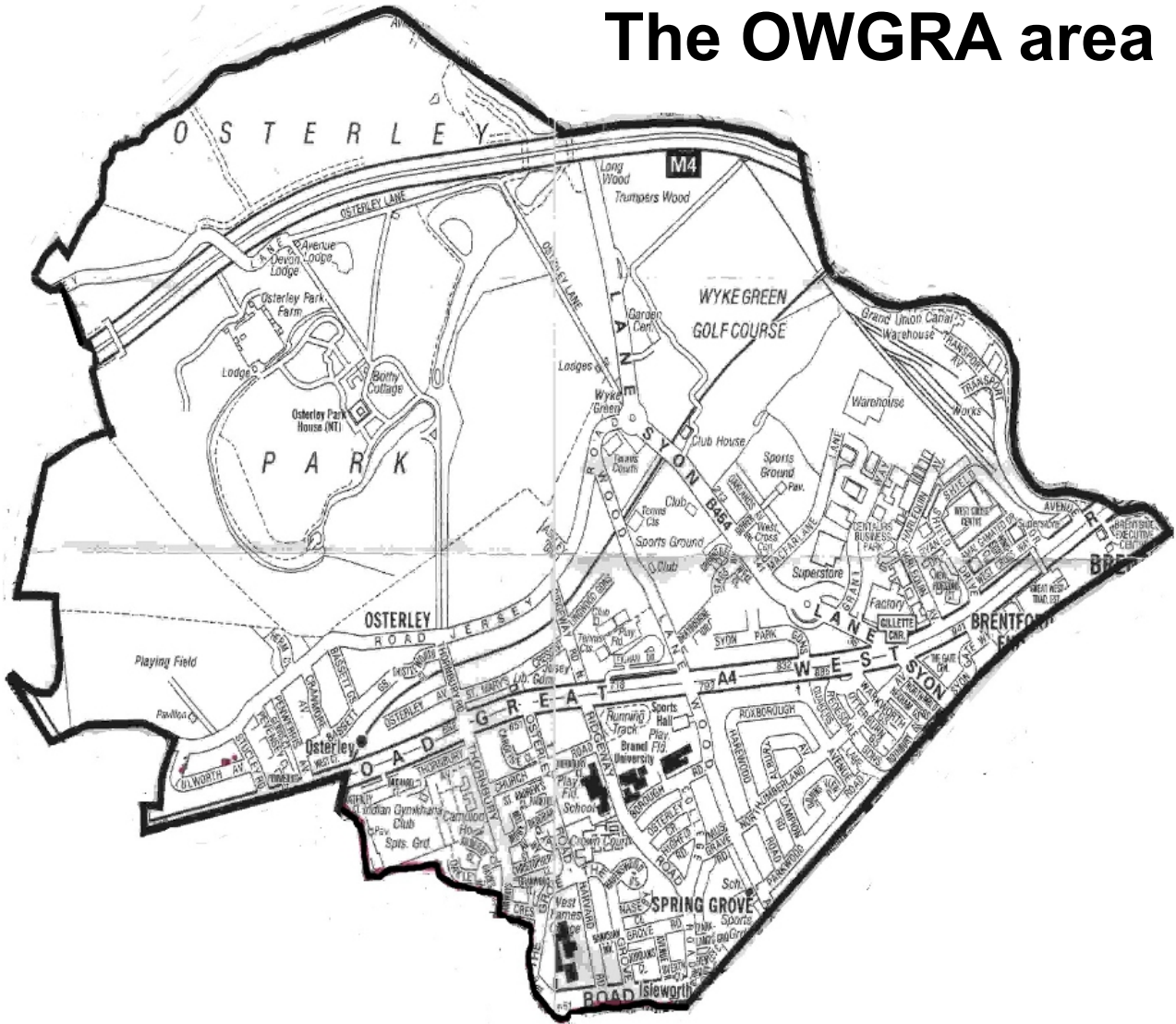
- 6.15** Registration
- 6.30 BOLDER ACADEMY**
Plans and vision (Mr E Ferguson)
- 7.00** Q&A session
- 7.10 OWGRA update**
- 7.15** Break for refreshments
- 7.30 Main session:**
**CURRENT PROGRESS ON
LOCAL PLANNING ISSUES
(INCLUDING THE GREAT WEST
CORRIDOR)**
- Speakers (London Borough of Hounslow):
 - **Councillor Steve Curran**, Council Leader
 - **Alan Hesketh**, Interim Head of Regeneration, Spatial Planning, Economic Development and Environmental Strategy
 - **Marilyn Smith**, Head of Development Management
- 8.15** Q&A session
- 9.00** Finish

Thank you

We are very grateful to Wycombe House for giving us access to the clubhouse for our committee meetings in 2016.

We are exceptionally lucky to have Ward Councillors who have been invaluable in their advice and support as we learn the ropes of the workings of a residents' association and the council. Councillor Sheila O'Reilly, Councillor Tony Louki and Councillor Peter Carey never fail to help and guide us even during evenings and weekends. They are true friends of OWGRA, and are always welcome at all our events.

The OWGRA area



OWGRA Questionnaire, Autumn 2016

Thank you to everyone who completed the questionnaire. If you want a questionnaire to complete, then e-mail us on info@owgra.org.uk or phone us on 07562 385269. The questionnaire is also available on the web site www.owgra.org.uk.

Here is a summary of the results so far.

You think we live in a nice area, but are concerned that the area is deteriorating.

The most important issues affecting where you live in Osterley are:

1. Traffic
2. Loss of open space/green belt
3. Litter/rubbish/beer cans/ cleanliness
4. Over development
5. Parking issues
6. Air & noise pollution
7. Roads and pavements (poor state)

8. Fly tipping
9. Anti-social behaviour
10. Crime

On the returns so far this is what you would mainly like to read about in newsletters:

1. Updates on local plans/developments
2. Local events

These are the main subjects you would like hear about at public meetings

1. Crime, policing
2. Council plans for developments

NEWSLETTER CONTENT

Let us know what you think of this newsletter and if you would like to submit an article for the next newsletter (to be published in early 2017) then send your ideas/contributions to info@owgra.org.uk.

Local News, Autumn 2016

PICCADILLY LINE 24 hour weekend service on the Piccadilly line starts on Friday 16 Dec. Trains will run every 10 mins throughout Friday and Saturday nights between Cockfosters and Heathrow Terminal 5 at standard off-peak fares; day travelcards will be valid to 4.29 am.

H28 BUS We are pleased that the H28 continues to provide us with a way of getting to Hounslow and the West Middlesex Hospital (now part of the Chelsea and Westminster NHS Foundation Trust). Another consultation on the H28 service is due in late 2016/early 2017, so a leaflet should be dropping through your door from TfL about that in the next few months.

ROAD CLOSURES

Various sections of the A4 Great West Road will be closed between Boston Manor Road and Chiswick roundabout between 19 Nov and 10 Dec Mon-Fri 22.00-05.00 for resurfacing. So, if using the A4 during those times be prepared for diversions.

Hounslow High St is closed to traffic from 7 to 25 Nov, so buses using that route will be affected.

HEATHROW EXPANSION OWGRA is aware that the Government has given the green light for public consultation with a view to supporting the building of a third runway at Heathrow Airport. OWGRA will be addressing this topic in greater depth in the new year.

Updates on local developments

NISHKAM SCHOOL Work on the Nishkam School started on 28 October with clearance of some trees and bushes from the boundary of the site. Residents had not been informed of this, and it was only after a local resident spotted diggers on the site and made enquiries, that we got a short e-mail from the Education Funding Agency (EFA) to say work had commenced and that Construction would start on 14th November.

As this newsletter was going to press the Nishkam contractor, after some pressure from OWGRA, agreed to a meeting on 9 Nov to discuss issues of concern to residents such as start/finish times, dust, dirt, mud reduction, lorry routes, noise, lighting levels.

As soon as we have more details we will post them on the OWGRA website, including contact details with the builders in case of breaches of procedures agreed with the Council (details are on our website).

GRASSHOPPERS RUGBY CLUB The Grasshoppers planning application was approved by the Planning Committee of Hounslow Council on Thursday 3 November. Grasshoppers will move from its current site on Macfarlane Lane to the northern part of the former Conquest Club/White Lodge Club site between Syon Lane and Wood Lane, just north of the Nishkam School. Further information on some of the many aspects of the developments (e.g. fencing, Grasshoppers entrance, parking, tree removals and planting, traffic management, arrangements for Baby Swim customers) can be found on our website.

We don't know when building work will start but hope that the contractors and Council officers will be proactive in keeping us informed more than they

have done so far with the Nishkam School. We will put any information we receive on our website.

GILLETTE SOUTH An exhibition was held on 17 & 18 October at St Francis Church Hall for the development planned for the former Shell garage site on the south western side of Gillette Corner, next to the Adini building. The event was not very well publicised. There was then a presentation of the plans to Councillors at a pre-application forum on 20 Oct.

The proposal is for an 11-storey block of mixed use: storage and 102 flats for rent plus 40 underground parking spaces. A year ago the proposal was for a 14-storey block and 90 flats.

The developers have already been told that the Golden Mile ends on the eastern side of Gillette Corner and that an 11-storey block would be totally out of keeping with the residential properties to the west of Gillette Corner.

We don't know when the planning application will be submitted, but in the meantime SKY have applied to have a temporary car park on that site for 130 cars with entrance from Northumberland Ave and exit from the Great West Road (and Northumberland Ave only in the afternoon).

OSTERLEY LIBRARY AND BOWLS CLUB OWGRA recently held a meeting at the Thistleworth Sports Club on the future of these neighbouring sites. The general view appeared to be that OWGRA and the local residents should be supporting the continued existence of the Bowls Club for as long as it can survive, and press the council for continued sporting use of the site thereafter. Phil from the Bowls Club encouraged locals to join the club in order to provide it

with additional revenue to keep going - £100 a year might be worth paying partly in order to save the club from extinction and stave off a threat to the site. If the Bowls club eventually fails, there could be the prospect of encouraging the council to convert the site to another sporting use using a grant from an organisation like Sport England or the Lottery Fund – possibilities suggested were a putting green or adventure playground.

The library may have to move from the current building. There was support either for a two-storey building with public use on the ground floor, or low-rise development of the whole site, such as town houses. Cllr Tony Louki assured the meeting that the prospect of the councillors or officers supporting a large tower block was remote. Opinion was a bit divided over whether it was a good idea to roll back the CPZ hours in St Mary's Crescent to 10-12 to assist the two sites in accommodating afternoon visitors. There was more support for having 10-12 outside Jersey Gardens only rather than the whole of St Mary's Crescent. This is now out to consultation.

If you don't already use the library, then please do so. Apart from books to read, some people like to borrow travel guides. The library is also a useful reference source and has back copies of *Which?* magazine. It also subscribes to various newspapers and offers free use of its computers (including free access to www.ancestry.co.uk). And last and probably most important it has a great selection of books and activities for children.

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR Anti-social behaviour (ASB) is a growing phenomenon in our area. Drug-trafficking, fly-tipping, prostitution, litter and so on have been observed in several parts of our ward over recent months, especially in Braybourne Drive, Jersey Gardens, Isleworth Station Car Park and Wyke Green. Local residents noting such incidents should in the first instance contact the police on 101 or even 999 if deemed to be an emergency. The recording of vehicle registration numbers and photographing of incidents would be desirable but should on no account expose any resident to personal risk or danger. Incidents in respect of our local parks should be reported to Carillion (Hounslow Council's contractors) on

hounslow.info@carillionservices.co.uk

or Parkguard on 0845-456-2796.

Report fly-tipping/excessive littering (other than in public parks) online at www.hounslowhighways.org using the 'Report it' link at the top of the webpage.

SECURITY TIPS FOR THE WINTER The local police say that the following areas should receive residents' attention during the dark winter

months:

1. Install lighting time switches in the house including a radio or a false television (TV simulator kits are available at c £10-15 from websites like Amazon).
2. Lock all doors and windows, hide valuables and shut the curtains at night. Do not leave house keys outside the house under a flower pot or a stone or anywhere else.
3. Do not leave house or car keys where someone can hook them with a stick through the letter box (a car was recently stolen in Osterley in this way).
4. Make sure that wheelie bins are secure – they can be used to climb over sideways or back fences.
5. Lock all garages and sheds – thieves can use your garden tools to gain entry to your house.
6. Do not answer your front door unless you can see who is there.
7. Do not assume that burglars cannot gain access to your house even though you are at home.

A website that is worth reading is www.thecrimepreventionwebsite.com. Written by a retired Met. Police Crime Prevention Officer, not only does this website give you a wealth of useful information to protect your home and property, but you can also enter details of your home to assess how secure it is. This is a confidential service and no personal details or addresses are involved.

RECYCLING UPDATE From 31 Oct recycling and waste management has moved back in-house from the external contractor Suez/Sita to R360 (Recycle 360), a trading arm of the wholly council-owned Lampton 360. We are promised a better service e.g. improved crew behaviour and customer information. Let us know your experiences and we will forward them on to the relevant authorities in the Council.

In the meantime, if you do have problems then e-mail recycling@hounslow.gov.uk or phone 020 8583 5555 from Mon-Fri 9-5.

It's gone all quiet on the new recycling containers so we'll wait and see what happens with that.

PARKING IN HOUNSLOW For those trying to find where you can and can't park in our borough, there is a very useful website that gives you the information you need on a very clear map

www.hounslowtraffweb.co.uk/main.html

CUSTOMER SERVICE AT HOUNSLOW COUNCIL We would like to monitor the service that Hounslow Council offers its residents.

Let us know if you get good or bad service. We are particularly interested in keeping a log of correspondence that doesn't get a reply, so e-mail us if that happens.