

EASTCOTE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Notes on Meeting held

Thursday 1st July 2021, at 7.30 p.m. by Zoom

		Present: ERA committee members (11), Residents (2). Cavendish Cllr Eddie Lavery (left 20.03). Eastcote & East Ruislip Cllrs Becky Haggar, Ian Edwards (apologies), Nick Denys.
1.		Welcome
	1.	Residents' issues. 1. Resident reported that ERA website 'contact us' not working. 2. Wildflowers causing visibility problems due to height reported to council and were promptly cut back as this was a safety issue. Chair thanked council. 3. Speeding in Cheney Street to be mentioned at next SNT meeting. 4. Issue raised regarding difficulty signing in, to access council services, which appears to require multiple passwords. Cllr EL to investigate.
2.		Notes for 90 th AGM held 1st June 2021- Approved Notes for meeting held 29th April 2021- Approved
3.		Committee Reports
	1.	1. Flooding – Eflag meetings held 25 th May (notes circulated to committee) and 21 st June (notes still to be circulated) when discussed the Hillingdon Flood Action Plan: https://modgov.hillingdon.gov.uk/documents/s51721/Flood%20Action%20Plan.pdf Related point: access to roads/gullies being cleaned impeded by parked traffic. Would informing residents when work due help.
		2. HARA – Hillingdon Hospital Redevelopment link: https://thh.nhs.uk/redevelopment/plans/
		3. HS2 – Cllr Lavery held meeting with the local representatives who meet with the HS2 Community Engagement Team to discuss any issues of concern. It was a very useful and hopefully it will become a regular event. 1. Community Engagement <ul style="list-style-type: none">Information currently on Commonplace is being migrated to HS2 own site. If you currently receive notifications you will still need to sign up. engagement.hs2.org.uk/join-mailing-listWater Quality Webinar – unfortunately no sound! 2. HS2/LBH Traffic <ul style="list-style-type: none">Movement of heavy Vehicles - HS2 Vehicles refuel on site. Residents requested better signage to keep HS2 vehicles on route – no control over this if moving on to another job. Some contractors fitting tracking devices (repeat offenders will be suspended) and LBH have asked for access to this data. Lorry holding area created on site for vehicles arriving ahead of schedule so no need for them to park up on local roads.Series of trial holes being dug along Ickenham Road so there will be narrow lanes and delays.Also utility works along West End Lane
		4. H4All – ERA only recently invited to attend. Set up to maintain communication, share key information, build trust and wellbeing. Still mainly Covid related but those attending felt it was a useful forum and that there was a future for such a meeting as missed Community Voice. <ul style="list-style-type: none">LBH no longer has highest rate in London as the rest have caught up!! Surge testing finished. Local organisations asked to promote vaccination by displaying posters which I am waiting to receive.Also raised – when would GPs be seeing patients face to face and long wait for phlebotomy appointments.
	2.	Environment
		1. ERA has sent an email response to the Council's consultation on their draft Climate Change Action Plan. It has since been discovered that the Council conducted webinars with Residents' Associations during the consultation period, but that ERA was unfortunately not invited owing to a technical issue with the Council's list of Residents' Associations. This was a significant missed opportunity for ERA, but we are assured that the list has now been updated, so that nothing similar should happen in future.

		Cllr EL apologised for this administrative error and was asked to check if there was anything else that ERA had not been informed about.
		2. Article about fatbergs and dry mixed recycling being drafted. There is progress on both, but advice from West London Waste - about the "wipe the pan with kitchen roll and recycle it in food waste" issue appears to conflict with what L.B.Hillingdon is saying.
		1. Eastcote Conservation Panel – Chair has accepted invitation to speak to judges re. London in Bloom which is taking place on Thursday 15 th June 2021.
		2. London Green Belt Council – Full LGBC zoom meeting is planned for 7 July. In the meantime, a situation has arisen whereby the Planning Inspector has allowed an appeal for a housing development on Green Belt designated land straddling the boundaries of Colney Heath and St. Albans LAs despite opposition from both those Councils on the basis that whilst harm to the Green Belt is recognised the housing need is the "greater good". The Chairman of LGBC has now written in some detail to The Prime Minister requesting this decision be overturned.
	3.	<p>1. Planning Report discussed at meeting. Help or further information on specific cases can be requested by emailing planning@eastcotera.co.uk.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LBH Consultation on Statement of Community Involvement on planning issues is taking place – JR and LC will go through the document and send in a response. JR is attending a Teams Forum with other Residents' Associations on 20th July • The previous North Planning, South & Central and Major Applications Committees have now been amalgamated into one Minor Applications Committee and the Major Applications Committee • We are awaiting a list of the personnel and their job titles in the new in-house LBH planning structure now that the externally sourced Terraquest contract has ended
		2. Town Centre
		1. Licensing – Three wishes – it was questioned whether there is an approved licence in place - post this meeting it was proved that this was granted in September 2020
	4.	Policing – OWL app – android or apple phone. Launched 1 st July 2021.
	5.	Travel
		<p>1. FOMLUC – Zoom meeting Tuesday 15 June was poorly attended by Members.</p> <p>1. The Circle and Hammersmith and City line will have no service for about a week in August due to planned engineering works and confirmation is awaited that the Metropolitan Line will run through to Aldgate.</p> <p>2. The prospect of the Mount Vernon Cancer Unit moving to Watford was discussed and therefore strengthening the case for resurrecting the Met. Line extension (Croxley Link) project</p> <p>3. Two coach Chiltern Line services between Marylebone and Aylesbury are becoming busy again and overcrowded relative to social distancing rules particularly to and from Rickmansworth. Either frequency needs to be increased (difficult as track shared with all but one Met. Line services) or longer trains are needed for some journeys.</p> <p>4. Harrow on the Hill Step Free Access project - the lifts should be operational by August.</p> <p>5. Met. Line management are to be asked to agree to a full FOMLUC meeting either via Zoom or "in person" in about six weeks.</p>
		<p>2. Northolt – sent following request: "Please can you forward via social media that 32 (TR) Sqn will be conducting routine night currency training using BAe 146 aircraft up to 2300L on the evening of 24 June 2021. This will involve a number of approaches to the runway, outside of the station's usual/published operating hours." Unfortunately, this arrived too late for ERA to action.</p>
	4.	<p>AOB</p> <p>1. Litter pick on Saturday was well attended. 26 people collected 20+ bags of litter. Several passers-by thanked them for their efforts and some asked if regular event.</p> <p>2. Should ERA set up dedicated page on local flooding issues.</p> <p>3. Access to Cash consultation running until 3rd September 2021 https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/access-to-cash-consultation</p>
	5.	<p>1. Councillors 'Council Update'</p> <p>1. Carers services are open including carers cafes. Cllr BH.</p> <p>2. Cllr BH - has received lots of issues regarding lush growth of trees. If people are experiencing problems, especially where safety is an issue then please contact her directly.</p> <p>3. Hillingdon hospital redevelopment plans released. Cllr ND.</p>
		Meeting closed 20: 42p.m. - Next meeting Tuesday 3rd August (July meeting), at 7.30 p.m.

		Future Meetings –NO AUGUST MEETING, Thursday 30th September OPEN FORUM, Tuesday 2nd November (October meeting), Thursday 2nd December (November Meeting), NO DECEMBER MEETING.
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