EASTCOTE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION
Minutes of Meeting held on
Wednesday 8th July 2026 at 7.30pm
St Thomas More Hall, 32 Field End Road, Eastcote HA5 2QT

1	**WELCOME TO THE MEETING** The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. Cllr. Daniel Singham was welcomed to his first meeting as one of our Ward Councillors and those present introduced themselves and gave a brief explanation of their role.
2	**PRESENT** 8 Committee Members 2 residents Cllr. Daniel Singham
3	**Apologies for Absence** – 4 Committee Members 2 Councillors
4	**RESIDENT'S ISSUES** **Brown Badge Spaces at Eastcote Station Car Park** Two committee members have noticed that the designated brown badge spaces in the car park now also have blue lines around them with the word 'electric' to the front, which seems to indicate they are being prepared as spaces for electric vehicles. Does this mean that brown badge holders can no longer use them or are they intended to be dual purpose. **Clarification is needed and Cllr. Singham will follow this up.**
5	**COMMITTEE REPORTS FOR APPROVAL/OPEN DISCUSSION** **Finance** The Treasurer was not present, and there was not a report for discussion. **Green Belt /FOMLUC**– IM had no further information to add to the reports that had been circulated prior to the meeting. There were no questions. **HARA** – **Proposed Changes to Hillingdon's Petitions Scheme** A Petition against Council's proposed changes to numbers required for petitions to the Council to be considered HARA has put a petition online against the Council's proposed changes re:- • Planning Applications, from 20 to 50 people • Council wide from 100 to 500 • Automatic petition hearings would also be removed and replaced with either a written response or a site visit. This is to be voted on at the full Council meeting on Thursday, 9th July. The details were in the ERA 3rd July weekly newsletter. **ERA Magazine** A timetable for the Autumn issue had been circulated. JW explained that she intends to keep the essence of the magazine although the format might be slightly different as she will be using a desk top publishing program rather than Word. It was agreed that cover photographs should reflect all areas of Eastcote rather than concentrating on Eastcote House Gardens. JW already has some copy for the Autumn issue and Cllr. Singham intends to provide a piece on what it is like to be a new councillor. JL also offered a piece regarding locations where people like to walk in the area – see also Walking, Wheeling and Cycling.

JW intends to update the map published in the magazine as parts of it are out of date – names of schools for instance.

Open Spaces
MP had nothing further to add to the report which had been circulated.

Planning
Further information on applications/issues mentioned in the last report:-

163 Field End Road
The applications for signage and an extraction system have been approved. The good news is that the request to curtail opening hours, from those that had applied, has been agreed: -

'A condition is to be imposed which would restrict opening hours to not operate beyond 11:00pm in the evening Mondays to Saturday with 10pm on Sundays and BHs. This would be consistent with hours normally allowed within a High Street setting. Servicing hours of the use have also been restricted to ensure that it would not cause harm to the neighbours.'

55 Deane Croft
Was finally approved on 27th April 2026

Pavilion Way
On 27th April 2026, Councillor Denys received the following from a Council Officer: -

'An inspection was carried out this morning, and a works order raised to topsoil and re-seed the damaged verges. (LA 83923)

The works are scheduled to be completed by 27th May. Although a 28 day works order has been raised, we anticipate the works to be completed sooner, depending on the current programme of works.

This will now be reported to our Enforcement team with a view to recovering the costs to the adopted verges.'

Haydon House
Since the previous approved application there has been another one to increase flat 5 in the loft space to make it a 3-bedroom flat. This has been very contentious, and the decision is actually still awaited despite the fact it was due on 5th May 2026.

Rushmoor Close
This is still not determined despite the application having been validated over a year ago and the current decision date being shown as 12.06.26.

New issues:-

Tudor Lodge Hotel
We have asked Cllr Denys to look into the Glass Pods that appeared a short while ago outside the hotel. There does not appear to be any planning application relating to them on the Hillingdon website, so no apparent approval, and the previous application for installations for outdoor dining in this area were refused. Photos of the site were emailed with this request.

Old telecoms mast on Forge Green
New mast has been installed but old mast installation at the roundabout end with Field End Road has not been removed. JR will investigate this.

181 Field End Road, Subway new Licence
New licence asking for an extension of hours to midnight on weekdays and 1pm on Saturdays & Sundays. There are only 4 reasons for which a licence can be refused so it is difficult to make a case, but JR will see what can be done as extended hours beyond 11pm in restaurants and takeaways in the town centre have been refused in the past.

2 Field End Road
Concerns have been raised about the current use of this site – as detailed currently these are not planning issues and without any specific evidence of the use there is nothing we can pursue. However, it is understood that Enforcement did visit the site due to complaints – JR will ask if they have any information to share with us.

RUISLIP RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION APPLICATIONS OF WIDER INTEREST

St Martins Approach/Old CAB site – decision date now 21.07.26.

2 Arlington Drive – single storey, 2 bed property in the grounds of the Little Manor House, a listed building – decision date shown is overdue, but the press notice consultation does not expire until 4th August 2026.

The Barn Hotel Site – numerous amended drawings were submitted in April this year and the new decision date is shown as being 19.09.26. The RRA have obtained copies of both the Historic England and GLASS comments submitted to Hillingdon for the current version of the Barn Hotel application (see below re statutory consultee responses). On the RRA website there is also other information in relation to this application: -

https://www.ruislipresidents.org.uk/barn-heritage-consultees/
https://www.ruislipresidents.org.uk/no-affordable-homes-at-barn-hotel/

The Orchard Site – Lidl – are asking for residents' views on an amended layout for the site which they say address the 7 reasons for which their previous application was refused. Details of this are on the ERA website and the weekly newsletter for 3rd July. More information is also available on the RRA Website. There is NO formal Planning Application as yet. **The RRA have requested the Historic England and GLASS documents for the Lidl application last year that was refused.**

73 High Street, 14252/APP/2025/2753, this is a change of use of the ground floor Class E (bank) to Sui Generis (bingo hall), following amendments to fenestrations. The bingo application was refused but has now gone to appeal. The set up is not for people to attend bingo sessions but rather to play machines and is asking for 24hour opening.

The Planning Consultation Process
Planning do not currently publish statutory consultee responses on their website for planning applications where such advice has been provided.

The RRA has spearheaded a campaign to rectify this and have tabled a question at the next Council Cabinet meeting on 9th July – this uses the example of the St Martin's Approach Application where the provision of such information was applicable: -

It is concerning that statutory consultee responses, which the Council has confirmed form part of the public planning file, are not routinely published and have not been provided for the St Martins Approach application despite repeated requests. Can the Cabinet member confirm whether the new planning portal will ensure routine publication of statutory consultee responses and officer reports, and that the advice already issued by Historic England and GLAAS - including GLAAS's recommendation for pre-determination archaeological evaluation - will be fully taken into account when determining the St Martins Approach application?

	Policing Nothing to add to the report circulated prior to the meeting. No questions. **Road Stewarding & Membership** The Stables at EHG have been booked for an afternoon tea on 10th September with 54 invitations issued. It is hoped that as many committee members as possible will attend. MP will set up the tables and any help in other areas of the setting up will be welcome **Walking, Wheeling & Cycling** JL explained more about the mapping exercise referred to above – this a possible project to be carried out with help from the traffic engineer. The objective is to map locations where people like to walk in the area with an emphasis on walking and wheeling taking into account difficulties with crossing roads/access etc. JL offered to write a piece for the magazine explaining more fully. It is hoped the project will end with the production of a walking map.
6	**COUNCILLORS** A resident raised the subject of street parking charges for consideration. There is no standard correlation between the fee paid and timing across the borough and even within Eastcote the amount of time you get for the fee you pay can vary. Other committee members supported this view. You can only have the first hour free once a day, the resident provided comparisons with other boroughs where this is not the case.
7	**ITEMS FOR COMMITTEE DISCUSSION** **June Minutes Approval** After adding KS to the apologies these were approved as a true record. **Matters Arising and Actions** Discussed during the course of the meeting **Resilience** DC has done a lot of work on this and whilst she has the support of the Committee in progressing her plan, she has not been able to attend meetings to discuss the matter further and there has been no progress. The Borough recently held a well-attended Resilience Day at Hillingdon Fire Station where they had several stalls and shared a lot of information. In view of this the Committee feel that it would be best to delay our date until next year. We need to fix a date and decide how we find the people to attend. We will start by asking Road Stewards to assess knowledge and interest in the subject. **Advertising** ERA is a non-religious, non-political organisation. We have not been in the habit of advertising commercial profit-making organisations although when looking in depth at some organisations there is a very fine line between what is a commercial enterprise and what is not. **In order to clarify the matter JW will prepare a draft advertising policy and circulate it for discussion/amendment/approval at the next meeting.** **Open Forum – 14th October** Our three Ward Councillors have been invited and have indicated they intend to be present. We also intend to invite the Leader of the Council, but it was not quite clear if he has actually been sent an invitation yet so this needs to be followed up. We were not intending to have an August meeting but as our September meeting seemed rather close to the Forum date **it was agreed to have a Zoom meeting on 12th August with planning the Open Forum the only item on the agenda.**

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8	**ANY OTHER BUSINESS** **Treasurer** The need to recruit a new Treasurer is becoming more pressing as SG will be moving out the area soon. We will publicise the vacancy through road stewards. **NHS local health and care changes** There has been a message from the Integrated Care Board (ICB) seeking local participation and input This highlights two important dates - • An online Residents' Forum on 9th July • 26th July deadline for submitting responses to the ICB survey The background is that earlier this year, North West London and North Central London ICBs merged to become NHS West and North London – serving a population of 4.5m residents across 13 boroughs. Their role is to plan health services and make sure the NHS is working well for local people.
9	**Date of Next Meeting** 12th August – Committee only via Zoom to discuss arrangements for the Open Forum only.

Next meetings

9th September
14th October - Open Forum
25th November (Zoom)