

# THE WEST CHISWICK & GUNNERSBURY SOCIETY

# Residents Meeting - 4th July, 2016

# Held at Age UK Hall, Oxford Road North at 7.30pm

## **MINUTES**

**In Attendance:** Marie Rabouhans (Chairman)

Adam O'Neill (Vice Chairman)

Charlotte Aldridge (Treasurer)
Don Osborne (Secretary)

Nic Atkinson(Management Committee)Robert Hare(Management Committee)Anna Rumian(Management Committee)Terry Thorn(Management Committee)Sarah Thorn(Management Committee)

Together with 29 other Members and residents.

## 1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chairman welcomed the Members and other residents to this public meeting. No Apologies had been received.

### 2. Minutes

The Minutes of the AGM on 8<sup>th</sup> February, 2016 were accepted as a true record and will be put before the next AGM for approval.

#### 3. Matters Arising

• Age Concern Hall: After discussion with the hall management, the Society has decided not to proceed with our application to have the hall declared an Asset of Community Value.

# 4. Update and Discussion on Current Planning, Development and Infrastructure Issues

- **Brentford Football Stadium:** The CPO was granted in April. Work is expected to begin in 2017 and the stadium to be open for the 2019-2020 season.
- **Chiswick Roundabout:** The "Curve" tower project is on hold, but we expect that there is a lot of discussion and negotiation going on behind the scenes.
- Capital Interchange Way: Adam O'Neill attended a presentation on this project, which is associated with the Great West Corridor plan. An exhibition will be held on 5<sup>th</sup> July and an application for development on this site is expected in August.
- Gunnersbury Station: There was a meeting of the Action Group in June, the first for six months. Occupation of Building 7 has commenced but the footbridge link to Chiswick Park Station is now not expected to be operational until summer/autumn 2017. TfL will need extra resources to manage additional overcrowding at the station. Meanwhile, we have requested the

business park to encourage workers to use Chiswick Park Station to take some of the pressure off Gunnersbury Station and to make use of the eastern pedestrian crossing on the high road.

TfL have agreed to install a countdown indicator at the main pedestrian crossing to improve control of the crowds crossing to and from the business park. This is being held up, however, due to lack of agreement between TfL and the business park with respect to the additional bus stops needed for the 27 route.

The closure of the ticket office will be delayed until the end of the year.

The through route to Wellesley Road is now closed when trains are not running, i.e. overnight. We need to guard against any further restrictions to the use of this important pedestrian route as its loss would cause considerable community severance.

# 5. Transport Issues

- **20 mph Speed Limits:** The new speed limits on residential roads and parts of Chiswick High Road will go ahead. The Society generally welcomes this, but wants the proposed lamp post banners installed only where the speed limit changes and as a temporary measure.
- Wellesley Road Transport Survey: Some of our Members had responded to the Council's consultation via a questionnaire on the Council website. The Chairman would be submitting a Society response. We await the findings. After discussion, it was agreed that Wellesley Road is not suitable for the Cycle Super Highway.
- Crossover Policy: The Society believes there should be no new crossovers in Controlled Parking Zones. New crossovers in Conservation Areas should have planning permission and not simply be at the discretion of Hounslow Highways.
- **Society Website:** Robert Hare said the Society's new website is nearing readiness to go operational. Rob described what it will be like, which met with general approval.

## 7. Any Other Business:

**Air Pollution;** It was agreed that the Society should press LBH to take the question of air pollution very seriously. We believe it presents a real threat to health in the borough.

## 8. Next Meetings

Management Committee, 5th September, 2016

Residents' Meeting 21st November, 2016