



## THE WEST CHISWICK & GUNNERSBURY SOCIETY

Residents Meeting -- 9<sup>th</sup> November, 2015

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

### MINUTES

<b>In Attendance:</b>	Marie Rabouhans	(Chairman)
	Adam O'Neill	(Vice Chairman)
	Gerald Smith	(Treasurer)
	Don Osborne	(Secretary)
	Rob Hare	(Management Committee)
	Richard Hoskyns	(Management Committee)
	Anna Rumian	(Management Committee)
	Terry Thorn	(Management Committee)
	Sarah Thorn	(Management Committee)

Together with 25 other Members and residents.

#### 1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chairman welcomed the Members and other residents to this public meeting. Apologies were received from Nic Atkinson, John Aldridge and Jane Beeston.

#### 2. Minutes

The Minutes of the previous public meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> June, 2015 were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

#### 3. Matters Arising

- **Hounslow Highways:** A record of the Question & Answer session with Rob Gillespie of HH is annexed to the minutes of the meeting.
- **Empire House:** The application for a Judicial Review (JR) challenging the approval of this development has failed in the court. Those seeking JR are considering the next move.
- **Local Plan:** The Local Plan was adopted in September. We have not yet heard when consultation on the Partial Review of the Local Plan that is needed to set the policy for the Great West Corridor will begin. Meanwhile, massive developments are coming forward for this area, in the absence of policy.

#### 4. Presentation by Ruth Cadbury MP

Our new MP was unable to attend the meeting owing to her parliamentary duties running late. We shall try to fix another date which she will find easier to meet, perhaps on a Friday.

#### 5. Update and Discussion of Current Planning Issues

- **409 Chiswick High Road:** The application to put another storey on this typical Victorian villa was recommended for refusal by the planning officers, but was called in by a Councillor. It will now go to the Planning Committee. Ironically, the Society

was instrumental in saving this house from demolition in the Chiswick West scheme to build a skyscraper on the site. Our objections to the current application are that the alterations will not be in keeping with the Conservation Area.

- **Wickes Building in Chiswick High Road:** The developers have put in a modified proposal for an additional storey.
- **Brentford Community Stadium:** An application for part of the residential enabling development has been made and is expected to be presented shortly to the Planning Committee. The Society has submitted comments objecting strongly to the design of the buildings and requesting that the application be rejected and that the applicant be advised to submit alternative/fresh proposals that are in keeping with the adopted Design Code.  
The Public Inquiry into the disputed Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) for part of the land required for residential development has been held and a report is expected early in 2016.
- **Chiswick Roundabout Site:** This is within the so-called “Kew Gate” and “Great West Corridor” development area. We fear that the living conditions for the future residents at Chiswick Roundabout will be very poor. Air pollution is a well-documented hazard in the area.
- **Capital Interchange Way:** Consultation has begun about proposals for a group of tall futuristic buildings on this site next to the football stadium. This will include a bus garage, a car showroom and 370 flats.
- **Gunnery Station:** The Action Team will meet later this month. Safety at the station is considered a major issue, which is going to get worse without major redesign of the station.

#### 6. **Refuse and Recycling**

There will be a further roll-out of wheeled bins in the Borough. The plan is to give householders large 240 litre bins to take all recycling materials in an unsorted state. There was much discussion of this. It was thought that a “one-size-fits-all” approach is impractical and that criteria ought to be established for when wheeled bins are or are not suitable.

#### 7. **Hounslow Leisure & Culture Strategy: Consultations**

Members are urged to respond to the consultation on the Council’s website, especially the questionnaire about parks and open spaces. Don will send them an email about this.

#### 8. **Our Street**

Don Osborne gave an illustrated talk on the history and architecture of Arlington Gardens. It is hoped that this will provide a template for talks on other streets in our area. The Chairman thanked Don and the Members applauded.

#### 9. **Next Meetings**

**Management Committee, 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2015**

**Annual General Meeting: 8<sup>th</sup> February, 2016**