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**Broughton, Hastings, Arden,  
Denmark & Hartington Roads**

# Newsletter

## RESIDENTS GIVE THUMBS UP TO NEW SCHEME

**A PHENOMENAL 60 HOUSEHOLDS WERE REPRESENTED AT THE FIRST OPEN MEETING OF THE NEWLY NAMED Five Roads Forum.** People from all of the roads came to express their anger at bad parking and high speed through traffic, and their determination to do something about it.

Two representatives from Ealing council heard how parking is a nightmare and parents fear for the safety of their children with lorries and cars using the roads as a cut through.

However, the residents from the five streets showed that they truly plan to do something about it - and not just control the parking. "CPZs (Controlled Parking Zones) are fine as far as they go" says Kim Tompsett from Broughton Rd, " but often they tidy up the parking and leave the roads clearer for even more traffic. What is needed is something more that gives us control of our streets"

The meeting heard about a new concept that improves parking, can eliminate through traffic and generally make the roads more attractive and safer.

"The Home Zone concept is very successful in Germany and Holland and now the British Government wants to see them here" said meeting co-chair Charmian Boyd from Denmark Rd who helped found the Five Roads Forum.

A Home zone is a group of streets where pedestrians have priority and cars are forced to cut their speed. The streets have a variety of features.

The meeting heard how many changes such as closed off streets, areas of grass, diagonal parking and benches could all be used to improve the streets and make them a safer place to live.

While not every one wanted to see every feature, there was universal agreement that improving residents parking and cutting down through traffic is a good thing. So when Daniel Metzger from Ealing's transport planning department stood up people asked "Can the council help and when?" Daniel assured everyone that the council

is keen to have one of the 8 pilot Home zones announced by the government here in Ealing. However, he made it clear that that **residents will be the driving force behind everything that happens.** " The council wants to give the streets back to the people, and the streets that get organised will get the most from the council"

**We plan to send a petition to the council to ask them to support the idea: we will ask you if you would like to sign it( if you have not already done so).**

If you want to know more, can help, want to sign the petition, see the plans or have an opinion please contact us.

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