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CUT THE RAT-RUNNING

Do you seriously want to reduce the through traffic?

By now you should have received a consultation document from the Council inviting your comments on a proposed trial closure of the West end of Hastings Road

Ealing Council Cabinet has approved the idea of blocking the road outside the most westerly house (No. 40) in Hastings Rd. The Five Roads Forum committee strongly support this trial closure.

1. Currently over 2500 cars a day rat run through our streets. Government research suggests that car usage will increase

2. Building developments such as

the new Waitrose plans (see over) and possible developments such as a hotel on the Majestic Wines site are expected to increase the traffic in the area.

This could be the most significant opportunity to reduce through traffic in the five roads. We are unlikely to be given such an opportunity again.

If you want to reduce through traffic in the five roads complete the consultation form now and return by November 15.

All households in the five roads *and the surrounding streets* have been asked their views.

Only if the response to the consultation supports a temporary closure will it go ahead. It is estimated that any such closure would be implemented in spring next year.

Planters

As you may have noticed, work on the planting boxes (the holes at the entrances to the roads) has started. Delays in the selection and sourcing of bricks, and pinning down the contractors, have made this smallish item take far longer than intended. Each of the brick box arrangements will contain plants and mount the mosaics made by five roads residents a while back.

Waitrose

Our local supermarket has announced plans to redevelop and build a new store with nearly double the sales floor, next to the existing one. The existing building will be knocked down and a 6 storey block of apartments built.

Waitrose has a number of proposals including increased parking and a bus stop. Your FRF committee is preparing a response to these plans, including the possible effects of traffic congestion. If you would like to know more or have any views contact Kim on 8579 1279.

Playground

The children's playground in Arden Road is the subject of some careful thought at present. What should it contain, where will the money come from? If you've any ideas and would like to help contact James on 07949 108570. He's also interested in hearing from any individuals who would like to help raise funds or contribute.

Shared surface

The five roads has been allocated £300k by a fund under the discretion of the London Mayor (thanks Ken!)

with which to improve the road scape. Designers are working with members of the five roads committee to come up with proposals for improving the appearance of our roads.

- Should we have a square at each junction?
- What about a tree feature as a roundabout?
- What else can we do to slow the traffic?
- Can we pedestrianise areas?
- How can we improve the look and get more parking spaces?

Before long, proposals will have been drawn up and there will be a public meeting for everyone to see them and have their say. No decisions will be taken until then. Watch this space.

New face

Evan Bates is our new co-ordinator at Ealing Council Transport Planning Department. He replaces Rachel Felton who has returned to New Zealand. We wish her well and welcome Evan in his new, busy, role.

Mobile phone mast near Daniels

Shirley Scott in Denmark Road has been campaigning to have

this proposal stopped. It's already accepted practice in Ealing that these masts are not sited near to schools but the phone company seems to have overlooked two nursery schools in the area who were not consulted. If you want to know more talk to the planning officer Neil Button on 020 88259223

Save our Streets

A group of residents in Gordon Road, fearful that proposals for the tram will see Uxbridge Road traffic diverted onto side streets has gathered 10,000 signatures from local residents groups that are determined that the tram should not have too many damaging side effects. Five Roads Forum support this initiative.

Please make a note in your diaries to come along and have a coffee at the AGM:

AGM
Conservative offices
39 Broughton Road on
Jan 11th 2003 10am
Agenda:
Reports from
Treasurer,
Chair
Secretary
Street reps
Open discussion &
suggestions for future
activities