



The Hammersmith Mall Residents' Association

Sixth AGM

Wednesday 10th February 2016



WELCOME

Please tick your name in the Attendance Record.

If you wish to pay your membership subscription please make sure you leave your name, address and email with your subscription.

Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Membership, Subscription for 2016 and Accounts
3. Election of Board of Representatives
4. Local News
5. **Panorama of the Thames Project:**
Guest speakers: John Inglis and Jill Sanders will present this exciting project to restore and recreate a visual record of the river Thames, showing the changes which have taken place along the river from Westminster to Richmond between the Georgian era and now. This includes three panoramas of the Hammersmith river frontage - 1829, 1958 and today.
6. Any other business

Membership & Subscription

Membership:

- 42 Paid up member households
- Supported by (est.) 150 Mall Conservation Area Residents

Subscription:

- Subscription unchanged at £5 per household for 2016.

HAMRA Accounts

28th February 2015 – 10th February 2016

	Income:	Expenditure:	Balance:
THE COMMUNITY ACCOUNT BALANCE AS OF 28th FEBRUARY 2015			£1,932.64
INCOME:			
42 Subscriptions @ £5 per household	£210.00		
Donations	£ 85.00		
Donations from sales of Jane Bain's book	£ 7.00		
Total Income:	£302.00		
EXPENDITURE:			
HAMRA Contribution to CHATR Fighting Fund		£250.00	
West London River Group subscription		£20.00	
Hammersmith Society subscription		£15.00	
Website		£116.09	
Total Expenditure:		£401.09	
THE COMMUNITY ACCOUNT BALANCE AS OF 10th FEBRUARY 2016			£1,833.55

Election of the Board

Standing for Election:

Jane Bain*

Ken Batty

Charles Beer

Joy Birney

John Brady

David Cater

Stephen Claypole (*Chair*)*

Nicola Douglas

Natasha Gabb

Peter Horton

Rebecca Kateley*

Briony Rudder

Jane Skinner

Victoria Timberlake *

Judith Vidal-Hall

Georgina Williams*

***Steering Group**

Local News



- Upper Mall Potholes: *Joy Birney*
- Heathrow Airport Expansion: *Victoria Timberlake*
- Hammersmith Residents Working Group: *Natasha Gabb*
- Planning News: *Jane Bain*

Upper Mall Potholes

- Local residents had had enough!

Thank you: Jock and Joy Birney, Donald and Poppy Easton, Sergio and Gwenda Favaro, John King, Una Hodgkins



- They reminded the Council:

Upper Mall **IS** a Private Road, but it is **MAINTAINED**, at Public Expense



- The Council agreed and repaired the potholes.

Thank you: Cllr Larry Culhane, Cllr Harry Phibbs, Ian Hawthorn, Head of Highway Maintenance & Projects

- Next, Upper Mall will need to be completely resurfaced in the near future.

- BUT: Upper Mall **IS** a Private Road, the Council cannot impose parking restrictions
- Everyone **MUST agree** not to use the road or park in it while repairs are carried out.



Heathrow Airport Expansion

- Davies Commission Report recommended third runway at Heathrow.
- Government decision now delayed till mid 2016.
- Serious concerns about environmental and other impacts of third runway on West London.
- Protest campaign against Heathrow expansion continues.



Credit: ITV News

Hammersmith Residents Working Party



- A 25-member, resident focused group, representing all areas of Hammersmith town centre, incl. Natasha Gabb representing Broadway Ward/HAMRA:
 - No formal decision making powers
 - Will provide comment and advise Council on specific proposals and support the delivery of 'Hammersmith Vision/SPD*' (consultation Spring 2016)

*SPD: Planning guidance within the Local Plan (new draft local plan due to be implemented in 2017)

Hammersmith Residents Working Party

- Current topics to be addressed:
 - New Draft Local Plan
 - Current issues facing Hammersmith Town Centre
 - Hammersmith gyratory system
 - Flyover/A4 replacement (Flyunder)
 - King Street/Kings Mall
- Future topics
 - Low emission zones
 - Air Quality
 - Conservation and urban design
 - Highways and connectivity
 - Land use



Planning News

- Local Plan recognises the importance of the setting and views of/from Hammersmith Bridge and the riverfront along Upper and Lower Mall.



- HAMRA continue to monitor proposed developments and other planning matters affecting the Mall Conservation Area and work with other local interest groups to try to ensure the character of the Mall is protected.
- Of particular interest in 2015/2016:
 - Town Hall Redevelopment
 - Riverside Studios/Queens Wharf Redevelopment
 - Hammersmith Bridge Repairs
 - Cycling Strategy 2015

Town Hall Redevelopment



- Mixed-use scheme approved November 2013 includes restored entrance to Town Hall from new public square with shops, restaurants, a new Curzon cinema, new Council offices and approx. 200 homes.
- Work due to start Spring 2016 with closure and demolition of cinema and construction of Council offices on old cinema site.

Riverside Studios/Queens Wharf Redevelopment



- Scheme includes new Riverside Studios arts complex, with apartments above.
- Demolition completed and construction now in progress.
- Riverside Studios still on track to complete the building with developers Mount Anvil, and open as scheduled in 2017.

Hammersmith Bridge Repairs



- Due to close for approx. 1 year mid-2016 for major repairs, strengthening, repainting and re-lighting.
- Council managing the works on behalf of TfL.
- Tenders for the contract currently being sought.
- Timing and further details will be available when contract awarded.

Cycling Strategy 2015



- Includes proposals for ensuring the safety of cyclists and pedestrians.
- Recognises that, in particular, there are potential conflicts between users of the Thames Path.
- Specifically, the Council have pledged to:
‘work proactively with HAMRA and other residents’ groups to develop better methods to make it clear that pedestrians have priority along sensitive routes such as the busy Thames Path that runs in the front of the Mall Conservation Area’.

Panorama of the Thames Project



Our thanks to special guest speakers:
John Inglis and Jill Sanders.

Any Other Business

1A Eyot Gardens, 'Mari' (formerly Lovat's) Licensing application

- Victoria Timberlake reported:
 - *Following representations from HAMRA and local residents, the application to sell alcohol on the premises, have late night opening and play live and recorded music was withdrawn. The 'deli' was granted an off- license and permission to show films. TV is also permitted (this does not require a license). The off license was granted for the standard hours, which means that the premises can remain open until 11:00pm. The 1A premises classification allows preparation of toasted and microwave food and heating of part-baked bread, but preparation of restaurant-style meals from scratch is not allowed. The Council have been made aware of local concerns including: customer parking, potential noise nuisance to neighbouring properties and tables on the forecourt. Whilst no restrictions were imposed, the Council advised the proprietor to 'work with the neighbours' – and neighbours were advised to contact the relevant department at the Town Hall, should they have any complaints.*

Any Other Business

Friends of Furnivall Gardens:

- Jane Skinner reported:
 - *We are still keen to try and install an acoustic fence along the A4. As this is expensive we are planning on fundraising for a some small part of it. This should be easier to fundraise for and we can test the effectiveness of it. The temporary fencing protecting the new planting will remain in place for another year.*
 - *There have been quite a few rough sleepers in the gardens over the last few months. They have caused damage to the plants, broken the fencing and also used the shrub areas as toilets. The Parks police have been working hard to try and find accommodation and help them to move on. If you have any concerns their telephone number is 020 8753 5999.*
 - *Lastly, Herbie, the LBHF gardener who worked on the garden for many years retired last year. It was good to have an experienced gardener working there, he knew the gardens well, helped us a lot and will be missed.*