

GREENFORD GREEN

Neighbourhood NEWS

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The new academy school progress

Residents at the ward forum meeting in February heard more about the new academy school being built on the old Glaxo sports and social club site in Oldfield Lane North.



Alice Hudson Executive Headteacher



Due to open in September 2013 for 180 year seven students, it will eventually grow to 1,450 children and 120 staff. The school will

be based on Christian values and specialise in science and modern languages. It will be open to children of all faiths or none. The partners developing the school are Twyford Church of England High School and the London Diocesan Board for Schools (LDBS)

Of particular interest for local residents:

1. An extended school day (8.30am to 5pm) will help to regulate the number of children going in or coming out at any one time
2. The school's facilities will be available for community use in the evenings, weekends and holiday periods
3. A traffic impact study, looking at the construction phase and safe routes to school, is required as part of the planning process

4. The main entrance will be in Oldfield Lane North, with improved pedestrian access via the A40 underpass

The partners have advised that they will use modern construction techniques. These involve part finished sections of the building being delivered to site which will reduce the number of deliveries and the construction time from 21 to 15 months. During the development of the project the partners are actively addressing local concerns about parking in the local streets, potential traffic congestion, the behaviour of the children and the plans for the building such as its height and 'footprint'. Although their consultation ended in February, your comments and suggestions are welcome. For more information or to register your views go to www.necce.org.uk or email firstcontact@necce.org.uk.

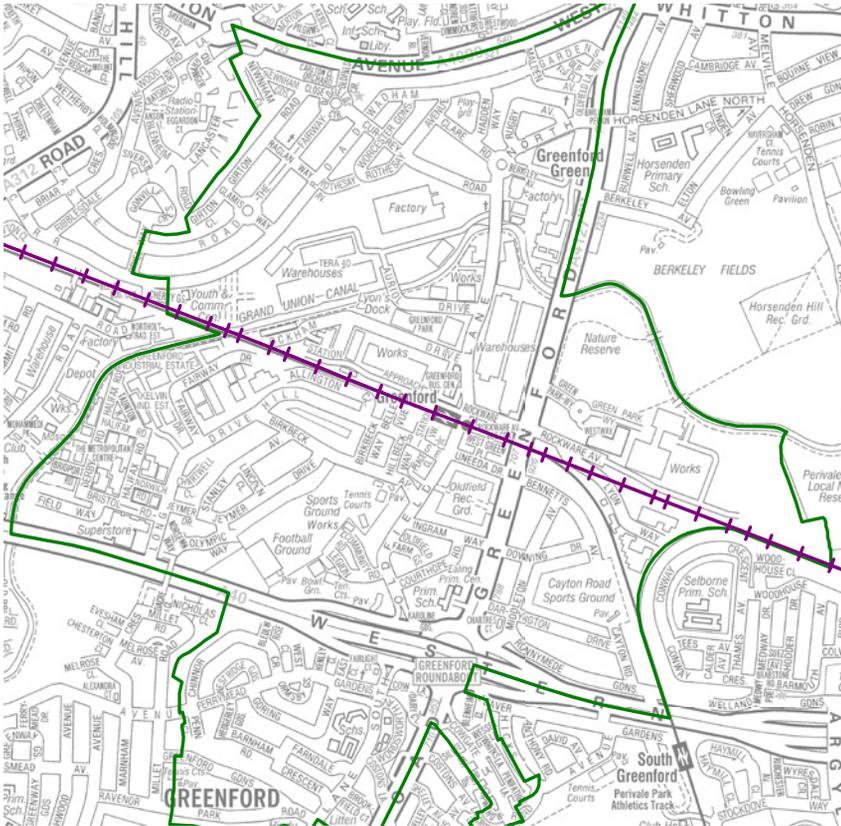
Detailed plans for the school will come later.

Future Ward Forum Meeting

Items for the next meeting can be sent to mywardmatters@ealing.gov.uk or tel 020 8825 8021.

For information on dates and venues go to www.ealing.gov.uk/wardforums

High Speed 2



High Speed 2 (HS2) is a proposed high-speed railway between London and the Midlands, with possible future extensions to the north of England. High Speed Two Limited (HS2 Ltd) is the company carrying out the work on behalf of the Government. In January the Government announced that it would continue with designs for this scheme.

Despite the council lodging an objection about the proposal, the route in Ealing remains unchanged, except for a very short section of tunnel to the far west of the borough. The council shares the frustration and disappointment of local residents over this announcement.

Although the scheme may create job opportunities for local people, it is expected that especially during the construction phase Greenford Green residents will be adversely affected by the work. There are plans for new bridges over the Grand Union Canal, Oldfield Lane North, Greenford Road, Lyon Way and retaining structures along the stretches along Station Approach and Rockware Avenue. Disruption is likely to be particularly acute for those who back onto

the existing Central line rail track.

Over the next 18 months HS2 Ltd will produce more detailed designs on the route. They will also hold consultation events to collect information necessary for a statutory assessment about impacts on the environment, the construction work, and the rail route's levels and alignment.

The council will work tirelessly to seek further changes and improvements to the route and to mitigate any impacts of the scheme on local residents; we need you to come to consultation events to make your voices heard. To keep you updated watch the council's website or email mywardmatters@ealing.gov.uk with the subject "HS2 and Greenford Green ward forum", to be added to an email distribution list about HS2.

HS2 Ltd will be setting up

- community forums to have effective dialogue with local communities
- planning forums
- an environment forum

Adorning Oldfield Circus

The council has spent £290,000 on improvements to Oldfields Circus. The work included redesigning the access ramp to the local pharmacy, putting in new bins and benches and taking away street clutter such as old posts and signs, putting a resin-bound material at the base of the trees and inseting the parking bays, widening and resurfacing the road. New loading bays and one-hour stop and shop parking bays have been put in to help local traders with their businesses. The kerb line has been altered and the bus stop has now been marked out.

Safety elements included raised tables to make drivers slow down, and replacement of worn paving.

The ward forum added a little festive spirit by putting up twinkling lights in time for Christmas.



Tackling traffic problems in the ward

This year there will be a range of highway improvements around the Greenford industrial estate to achieve a better balance between the movement of goods vehicles, local traffic and residents. Of course, deliveries are not confined to industrial premises – there are shops around Greenford Station and at Oldfield Circus that need their deliveries too.

Problems identified:

- Long-standing concerns over HGV operations such as noise and safety
- Rat-running traffic in residential streets
- Poor quality of the environment around Greenford Station

Discussion with ward councillors identified that delays at the junction of Whitton Avenue and Greenford Road are the main cause of congestion in surrounding streets.

Strategic Objective:

To make most of the traffic use Greenford Road

Tactic one – Greenford Avenue and Whitton Avenue.

Extending the right turn lane on the western arm of the junction at Whitton Avenue. More queuing space for vehicles waiting to turn right into Greenford Road will make the alternative rat run less attractive. In addition the highways service and Transport for London will completely review the traffic signal operation at this junction. Changes involving new signal timings will come into effect later this year.

Tactic two – Oldfield Lane North and Rockware Avenue, subject to consultation

The use of part of Oldfield Lane North will be deterred by changing priority at the Rockware Avenue junction. Vehicles travelling southbound, for example, would be guided by new carriageway markings and building out the kerb into Rockware Avenue, and from there to Greenford Road.

With reduced traffic levels passing Greenford Station, there will be an opportunity to improve the area

outside the station by widening the footpath, repaving, and providing planting, seating and cycle parking. This would enhance the appearance of both the station approach and neighbourhood shops.

Tactic three – raised tables and signs, subject to consultation

There will be more traffic calming for Currey Road, in the form of raised tables at the junctions with Oldfield Lane North and Wadham Gardens and on Oldfield Lane North at the A40 junction. These are a form of speed hump stretching across the width of the junction and provide a level crossing surface for pedestrians and slow down turning vehicles.

Specific measures for heavy goods vehicles include new signs at Long Drive to guide drivers to the industrial zone from the A40 and realigning kerbs at the Greenford Road/Rockware Avenue junction to make it easier and safer for larger vehicles to manoeuvre. Funding for more work at this junction to improve access to the Westway Retail Park will be drawn up in the summer.

Greenford Road rumbles

Residents have made the council aware of their concerns at ward forum meetings about the impact of traffic speeding along the stretch of road from the A40, travelling north to Rockware Avenue.

The ward forum commissioned a study to confirm if speeding was an issue and have worked with officers to put together a programme to deter speeding.

The work includes resurfacing Greenford Road from Uneeda Drive to the railway bridge by Rockware Avenue, refreshing the crossings at the school and Uneeda Drive, and using a speed camera and a 30mph sign. The work should be completed this spring.

Adult learning opportunities

• ART • BEAUTY • FIRST AID • FITNESS • LITERACY • SEWING • FLORISTRY • DIY • DANCE & CRAFTS FOR DISABLED LEARNERS

Did you know that Ealing Council's Adult Learning service offer a variety of courses across Ealing? Why not sign up now to receive the latest course list www.ealing.gov.uk/register (tick Adult Learning) or contact them directly on 020 8825 5577 or email adultlearning@ealing.gov.uk to find out what is happening at a centre near you.

Greenford Green:

- Brentside High School, 1 Greenford Avenue, Hanwell, W7 1JJ
- Ealing Diploma & Enterprise Centre, 485 Greenford Rd, Greenford, UB6 8SR
- Ealing Education Centre, Mansell Road, Greenford, UB6 9EG
- Greenford Community Centre, 170 Oldfield Lane South, Greenford, UB6 9JS

What is a ward forum?

Ward forums are your chance to bring matters that affect you to the attention of the council. The forums are also an opportunity for the council to consult on projects and policies affecting local people.

Since ward forums started in 2008, they have also delivered a range of improvements around the borough. Examples are:

- Community support – grants for community activities and events
- Environmental improvements – tree planting and renovations to local monuments
- Facilities for young people – new equipment in play areas, Scout hut improvements
- Traffic and highways – traffic calming, cycling schemes
- Parks and open spaces – fencing, litter bins and flower beds
- Community safety – alley gating, additional street lighting

Ward Forums are now an important part of the council's dialogue with its residents.

news in brief

- 1 You asked for the grass circle in Henley Close to be reduced to help vehicles manoeuvre more easily. We have done so.
- 2 You asked for the double yellow lines to be extended on the corner of Currey Road with Oldfield Lane North. We have extended them.
- 3 We gave Greenford Carnival £3,000 to make it a day to remember last year. Don't forget this year's carnival is on Saturday 30 June.

updates

Half term for Ealing's schools has been moved from the last week in May to the first week in June to help the nation celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Keep your eyes open - for the lighting of beacons across the country on Monday 4 June - towards Horsenden Hill.

coming up

The Greenford and Northolt Youth Charity Fund Concert takes place on Wednesday, 25 April at 7pm in the recently refurbished Greenford Hall. The hall reopened after a £1million makeover and will be the backdrop to the RAF band, Harrow Youth Band and local schools' musical talent. Tickets cost £10 or £5 for concessions and are available from the Police Safer Neighbourhoods team or Archie Ross, MBE, Chair of the Greenford and Northolt Youth Charity Fund, call 020 8578 5307. The proceeds will provide projects for local children and young people during the summer holidays.

Safer Neighbourhoods Team Greenford Green

www.met.police.uk/teams/ealing

Tel: 020 8721 2915

In an emergency always dial 999. In a non emergency call 0300 1212.

Envirocrime

Tel: 020 8825 6000 Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm Report it online at www.ealing.gov.uk Email: customers@ealing.gov.uk for litter, abandoned vehicles flytipping, graffiti removal, and flyposting.



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COUNCILLORS' SURGERIES

1st Saturday of the month,
10am-12noon, Greenford
Community Centre, Oldfield
Lane South;

2nd Saturday of the month,
10am-12noon, St Barnabas
Church, Raglan Way, Northolt;

4th Saturday of the month,
10am-12noon, Oldfield Primary
School, Oldfield Lane North
(except August and December).