Southfields Recreation Ground switches on to lighting proposal

Local people have supported a proposal to introduce street lighting into Southfields Recreation Ground during the evening and early mornings.

This follows a consultation to gather the views of residents in more than 1,800 properties living around the vicinity of the park, between Southfield Road and Mansell Road.

The results of the consultation showed that 59 per cent of respondents agreed that they would use the park more often during the hours of darkness if lighting was installed. With a similar number of 56 per cent saying the lack of lights in the park affected their use of the park.

Both the benefits and disadvantages of installing new lighting to illuminate some or all of the five pathways through the park, or to keep it unlit, was discussed by residents attending the Southfield Ward Forum in February.

The recommendation will now be put forward to Ealing Council for a decision on whether to proceed further with the scheme.

In addition, more than 20 projects have been funded by your forum as part of its annual budget for local improvements, including:

- The purchase of recycling bins outside Chiswick Park and South Acton railway stations and by some local bus stops.
- Crime prevention initiatives to reduce anti-social behaviour in Beaconsfield Estate and improve street lighting in the alleyway that links Warple Way and Woodstock Road.
- Planting of new trees in Birkbeck Grove and The Avenue.
- Four new picnic tables: two each near the playgrounds of Acton Green Common and Southfields Recreation Ground.

Further information on how your ward has allocated its annual budget, can be found on the council web site, www.ealing.gov.uk/wardforum.
Southfield Primary School

In November Southfield Primary School Headteacher, Simon Prebble gave a presentation at the ward forum about the possibility of additional pupil places being created at the school.

The school, currently a two-form entry has a total of 503 students, with a standard intake of 60 children. This could increase to 90 children. A form of entry is equivalent to one 30-pupil class.

Ealing is experiencing one of the highest increases in birth rates in London. In the last 10 years there has been a 30 per cent increase in births across the borough and between 2005/6 and 2009/10 there was a 32 per cent increase in the Acton area.

The creation of an additional form of entry has recently been confirmed for the nearby Berrymeade Infants and Junior Schools in Acton.

The infant school will start admitting the extra students this year, with 120 starting in the reception class in September, meaning there will be an extra 210 places when full. These students will eventually move on to Berrymeade Junior School, which will start admitting the extra pupils in September 2014.

The Priory Community Centre in Acton Lane is due to become a school once again. The site was originally a school before it was turned into a community centre. The plans are to take 420 pupils in total and the school could open as early as September 2013, subject to planning permission.

These expansions will help to relieve some of the wider pressures on school places in the local area.

Spring clean for The Vale

Work is taking place to spruce up The Vale following an award of £500,000 to make improvements to Acton’s high street and its surrounding area.

The money is part of the Mayor’s Outer London Fund for improvements to London’s high streets and was awarded following a successful application made by Ealing Council, last year.

The projects are intended to make the high street – from The Vale to King Street in the town centre - more vibrant by improving street lighting, public art displaying Acton’s heritage, landscaping and enhancing public areas. This will include creating more appealing public spaces, new feature lighting to some buildings along the high street, improving the consistency of street furniture and signage, planting new trees and installing artwork to brighten up Acton Vale Bridge and the vicinity.
Local road safety proposals

Improving safety on the roads for pedestrians and road users continues to be a key local issue. Feasibility studies have been commissioned to assess the possibility of introducing traffic calming measures in some local roads.

Cunnington Street
A study is set to commence to investigate the volume and speed of vehicles travelling along Cunnington Street in Acton Green, and assess if any changes are required along the road. There was a traffic accident last year and local residents have requested that measures aimed at improving safety are put in place to reduce the possibility of any further collisions.

If the study shows that calming measures are required then affected residents will be consulted about the possible changes.

Larden Road
A study has been completed in Larden Road to look at the volume and speeds of traffic travelling north towards The Vale and south towards Emlyn Road and Cobbold Road. The results of the study indicated that there is not a speeding problem, with the average speed in both directions below the speed limit of 30mph.

Organising a street party for the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee

The Queen’s Diamond Jubilee will be taking place on 4 June, with an extra Jubilee bank holiday on 5 June.

As with many royal events in the past, some of you will be planning to hold a party in your road.

If you and your neighbours would like to hold a street party, you need to apply to Ealing Council for approval.

You need to let the council know what you are planning, and for how long, so it can make arrangements for any necessary road closures or other measures.

Because it is a special occasion, most small events will not incur a cost. But, this depends on the application and the size of the party. The Highways department will decide once it sees the application.

If you are planning a party on a larger scale, with live music or alcohol, you may need to apply for an alcohol or entertainment licence.

To obtain an application form or for further advice, contact Izzy Brumpton at the council, either by email at izzy@theeventumbrella.com or call on 020 8825 6064.
What is a ward forum?
Ward forums are your chance to bring matters that affect your area 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 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

Further information on meeting dates and agendas can be found on the council website at www.ealing.gov.uk/wardforum or by contacting your neighbourhood co-ordinator.

From 2 April 2012, Ealing Council will have a chargeable garden waste collection service for residents across the borough.
For a yearly subscription of £40, you can get either a green wheelie bin or three reusable sacks for the new fortnightly collections. There is a 25% discount available for concessions.
You can sign-up to the service online or over the phone. For more information:
- Visit http://www.ealing.gov.uk/gardenwaste
- Email customers@ealing.gov.uk
- Call 020 8825 6000.

Alternatively, if you do not want to subscribe, you can still dispose of garden waste for free by composting it, or by taking it to Acton Re-use and Recycling Centre, Stirling Road, Acton.

You can still use the council’s special service for one-off collections of large volumes of garden waste. Use the contact details and website listed above for more information.

For more recycling information, including composting, visit http://www.ealing.gov.uk/recycling.

In April 2012, analogue television across the London TV region is going digital. The analogue signal will be switched off for good and replaced by a new, stronger digital signal, making Freeview (digital channels through an aerial) available to virtually all homes across the London TV region for the first time.

Our region will be the UK’s biggest single switchover, affecting 4.9 million households. For further information, contact Digital UK on 08456 50 50 50 or visit http://www.digitaluk.co.uk.

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