New lights set to shine in Southfields Recreation Ground

More street lamps are planned for Southfields Recreation Ground, to light the park’s north eastern pathway between Mansell Road and Hatfield Road.

Southfield’s Ward Forum recommended increasing the lighting in the park, following a consultation of local people to the effectiveness of street lights previously installed in the recreation ground last year.

People were asked how safe they felt when they visited the park, how often they used it and which of the remaining unlit paths they would like illuminated.

The results of the consultation showed that 60% of the 138 respondents to the consultation felt safer since the installation of new lighting in the Southfield Recreation Ground. With just under half of those that replied agreeing that they use the park more often now due to the park being lit.

The proposal, which will be funded from the ward’s annual budget of £37,500 will now be put forward to Ealing Council for a decision on whether to proceed further with the project.

Southfield Ward Forum is proposing to invest £17,000 in the new lighting. This will pay for the installation and for ongoing maintenance of the lights. They will operate on a timer system for fixed periods during the evening and early mornings.

If agreed, the number of paths lit in the park will be increased to three, with the north to south route running between Mansell Road and Southfield Road, and the path from the playground and tennis courts to Hatfield Road the other two footpaths already lit.
Proposals to change the landscape and the play area in Acton Green Common are to be consulted upon in March. The consultation will ask if the play area should be expanded, and if new play equipment such as natural play features, a wooden climbing frame and an outdoor table tennis table should be provided.

Other suggestions include improvements to the maze and future planting displays in the Common and the rose garden next to Fisher’s Lane.

Both users of the park and commuters that walk through the Common for nearby transport routes and residents living in the surrounding area will be asked to give their views.

The improvements will be paid for out of section 106 funding, which developers agree to pay as part of the planning approval process. The purpose of the funding is to lessen or off-set any harmful impacts of major developments. The funds have been allocated to be spent on increasing provisions for child play and improving the green environment of the Common.

The consultation form will be available online at: www.ealing.gov.uk/consultations until 30 April.

Depending on the outcome of the consultation, work in the park is scheduled to begin towards the end of the summer.

For further information about the proposals, visit www.ealing.gov.uk/consultations or contact Landscape Architect, Richard Strange on telephone number 020 8825 6367 or by email: StrangeR@ealing.gov.uk.

Southfield Ward has an annual budget of £37,500 to spend on projects that help improve the quality of life in the area. Since May 2012, the ward has recommended supporting the following projects:

- Public consultation to review the Southfields Recreation Grounds lighting scheme.
- Contribution to The Sun Flower Club, a senior citizen’s club held in Acton Green Church.
- A consultation for proposed traffic calming in a section of Larden Road and connecting roads between The Vale and Valetta Road.
- Removal of redundant yellow lines to create additional parking spaces in Priory Road and Ivy Crescent.
- A review of the Valetta Road Controlled Parking Zone.
- Purchase of new exercise equipment in Southfield Recreation Ground.
- The planting of more than 15 new street trees around the local area.

If you would like to make a suggestion of how the ward can spend its budget, please contact your ward councillors or the Neighbourhood Coordinator. Their details can be found on page four.
Shoppers encouraged to parade in Southfield Road

The shopping parade of Southfield Road is having a facelift as part of a £100,000 Ealing Council programme to improve parades across the borough.

The improvements in the parade, which runs from Hamilton Road in the north to Whellock Road in the south, include resurfacing of the road and pavements, new trees planted, more cycle stands and the height of the existing zebra crossing at the junction with Brookfield Road being raised to slow down vehicle traffic and allow safer crossing for pedestrians.

More stop and shop parking bays will be introduced allowing visitors to park their vehicles free for the first 30 minutes. Some of the existing bays that allow both residents and visitors to share its use for parking, will now become dedicated bays for permit holders only.

The work, which is expected to be completed in April, is intended to make the area better for shoppers and local traders.

New review for Southfield controlled parking zone

Residents living in Southfield Road and its adjoining streets are to be re-consulted about the operation of Southfield controlled parking zone R (CPZ).

The decision to review the CPZ follows the inconclusive outcome of an earlier consultation held in March, last year on whether to extend it and change its hours of operation.

The result of the earlier consultation showed there was a marginal majority of 45 per cent in favour of the CPZ operational hours being reduced, compared to 41 per cent of those wanting to keep to the existing hours of 9am-6pm, Monday – Friday. Six per cent said they wanted the hours extended, while the remainder of respondents gave no comment. As a result, the current hours were retained.

Changes to parking arrangements

There will be a change to the parking arrangements in the east section of Southfield Road. Whellock Road residents holding parking permits for the neighbouring Bedford Park CPZ will now be entitled to park their vehicles in this area. The change is to be introduced in April alongside the work to improve Southfield Road’s shopping parade.

Meanwhile, following analysis and comments received during last year’s review of Bedford Park CPZ, a selection of underused disabled only parking bays in Woodstock Road, near Turnham Green Station will be changed to become available for permit holders. In addition, the pay and display bays at the same location will become dual-use, enabling both paying visitors and permit holders to use them.
What is a ward forum?
Ward forums are one of the ways you can 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.
Many topical issues affecting Southfield ward have been discussed. These items include:
• Traffic and highways – traffic calming, parking and cycling routes.
• Parks and open spaces – landscapes and infrastructure.
• Community support – grants for community activities and events.
• Facilities for young people – new equipment in play areas, supporting local youth groups
• Community safety – local policing, 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.

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SURGERIES
First Saturday of month,
10am–12noon, St Alban’s Church Hall, South Parade.

A public inquiry into the future use of the St Alban’s Church building in South Parade is to be reconvened on March 25 following the adjournment of the initial inquiry.
The inquiry, held over three days in January by the Planning Inspectorate, will review a proposal to turn the disused church building into 10 apartments, a two-storey detached house and a nursery school.

In order to help the council achieve its savings target, this will be the last printed newsletter to be delivered directly to your door.
In future, Southfield’s neighbourhood news will be available to read as an electronic newsletter or online on the council’s web site at www.ealing.gov.uk/wardforums.
To receive the next edition of the Southfield e-newsletter please email mywardmatters@ealing.gov.uk with ‘Southfield e-newsletters’ in the subject line.

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