



Ridley Avenue Newslines



A NEWSLETTER FROM THE RIDLEY AVENUE
RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION AND NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Ridley Avenue Newslines keeps you updated with all that's happening in crime prevention, at your Residents Association and in the local area. Ealing Council postpone a decision on the controversial Ealing Leaf development scheme and Hertfordshire's Chief Constable responds to the Daily Mail's Neighbourhood Watch report. Read on to find out more...

Neighbourhood Watch Not Police Replacement

Chief Constable Frank Whiteley has hit back at suggestions that a report on the pro-active role of Neighbourhood Watch in local communities is an attempt to get 'policing on the cheap'.

Police Your Own Streets was the front page headline in the Daily Mail, claiming a 'leaked report' had been circulated encouraging 'police forces to tap into the unused energy and enthusiasm of Neighbourhood Watch groups'.

The Mail article painted a picture of Watch groups being asked to go out on night patrols in high crime areas

and snoop on neighbours' car tax discs.

Frank Whiteley, Chief Constable of Hertfordshire Constabulary and ACPO lead on Neighbourhood Watch said "All the case studies mentioned in the paper reflect practice already happening in various parts of the country. They do not represent policing on the cheap but a genuine attempt to work better with local people to deal with local concerns."

"The roll out of neighbourhood policing teams means that, from April this year, every area in England and Wales will have a dedicated team

designed to be flexible and responsive to local needs and priorities."

"That presents an opportunity for the Police Service to work even more closely with Neighbourhood Watch schemes and improve the cooperation and information sharing between the Police and Watch members."

Mr Whiteley also said it was wrong to label the paper he produced a 'leaked document' and dismissed speculation about its timing. The report was written for the National Steering Group on Watch Issues, chaired by the Home Office, and was 'in the public domain,' he said.

Story from www.neighbourhoodwatch.net

Consultation On Airspace Changes Launched

National Air Traffic Services (NATS) has launched a public consultation on a series of proposed changes to air traffic routes across London, southern and eastern England, an area known as Terminal Control North (TCN).

The TCN airspace covers routes in and out of the main airports at Heathrow, Stansted, Luton and London City, as well as some smaller airports like Southend and RAF Northolt.

NATS says that the changes are needed because of the forecast increase in air traffic and the introduction of new navigation technology, particularly Precision Area Navigation, or P-RNAV, which

allows aircraft to follow more precise routes than previously.

NATS says the review will ensure the continuing safety of aircraft in the air, reduce flight delays and minimise the effects that the increase in flights will have on the environment.

The consultation process does not cover the increase in air traffic or any proposals there may be for the expansion of airports in the region.

Six of the proposed flight path changes across south-east England will affect us here in Ridley Avenue.

At Heathrow Airport, there are plans to change the easterly departure

routes for aircraft heading north or north-east from London which will mean that flights follow a new route to the south of the current one.

Changes to arrival flight paths at both Luton and Stansted Airports will also affect the routes those aircraft take over Ealing although, because they tend to be at a much higher altitude, the impact of these changes on us is likely to be relatively small.

The full consultation documents can be downloaded from the NATS consultation website. A printed copy of the documents and maps should be available at the temporary Central Library in Ealing Town Hall Annexe.

Links

Read the plans for changes to air traffic routes & fill out the online feedback form
<http://www.consultation.nats.co.uk/>

Or send your feedback to TCN Consultation, NATS, Freepost NAT22750, Reading, RG1 4BR

You can contact the Ridley Avenue Residents Association & Neighbourhood Watch
by e-mail at info@rara.org.uk. Our website can be found at www.rara.org.uk.

Ealing Leaf Decision Postponed

Ealing Council has announced that the meeting to decide on the planning application for the redevelopment of the Arcadia site in central Ealing, the so-called Ealing Leaf development, which was due to take place shortly has now been postponed.

The Council's Planning Officers had "serious reservations" about some parts of the scheme and the developer has now been given more time to come up with some changes to the proposals.

The scheme provides for a mixture of commercial space, offices and leisure facilities as well as more than 700 flats housed in a 40-storey building opposite the entrance to Ealing Broadway station.

It is not known how long the process will now take. The plans are still available to view at local libraries.

Northfield SNT Meeting

The next meeting of the Northfield Safer Neighbourhoods Panel, which brings together the local police team, neighbourhood watch groups, council departments and local councillors, will be taking place during the second week of March. If you have any comments or concerns about crime or policing that you would like to be raised at the meeting, please let us know by Sunday 9th March.

Either email info@rara.org.uk or pop a note through the door at No 39.

POLICE CONTACTS

For an urgent police response, dial **999**

For an officer to attend as soon as possible (to deal with a non-urgent incident) call Ealing Police Station Control Room on **020 8810 1212**

To contact the Safer Neighbourhoods Team for Northfields, call **020 8721 2950** or **07879 888989**

To anonymously report a crime, call Crimestoppers on **0800 555 111**

West Ealing Revamp Promised

Ealing Council has announced plans to spend more than £1.5million on a revamp of West Ealing.

Grants totalling £500,000 will be given to businesses in the area to improve shop fronts and another £500,000 will go towards improving the "attractiveness" of West Ealing. How the money is spent will be decided by residents and traders.

The Council is also planning to spend £650,000 on improvements to the back of shops in Singapore Road and Leeland Road, an alleyway gating scheme, improved street lighting, repairs to footpaths and tree pruning.

The plans are part of the proposed Budget for 2008/9 which will be formally agreed at a Council meeting on 4th March.

Help To Beat The Scammers

Every year, millions of innocent people lose money to scams that come by post or phone, such as fake lottery and prize draw wins, bogus psychic predictions and 'miracle' health cures.

Avoid becoming a victim by following some simple tips.

- ❖ Never reply straight away to an offer. Speak to a relative, friend, neighbour or your carer before you do anything.
- ❖ Never send money to anyone who says you've won the lottery or a big prize – you'll never see your promised winnings.
- ❖ Never give your bank account details or other personal information to people you don't know.
- ❖ Never ring an 090 number unless you're certain how much the call will cost and know what you are likely to receive.
- ❖ Never send money off in response to bogus psychic mailings. Identical letters

predicting good or bad luck are sent to thousands of people.

If you suspect a scam, before sending any money call Consumer Direct, part of The Office Of Fair Trading, for clear, practical advice on **08454 04 05 06**.

RARA Meeting & AGM

The next RARA public meeting is due to take place on Monday 17th March in St Paul's Church Hall, starting at 8.15pm.

The minutes of the last meeting are available to download now from the RARA website and copies will be available at the meeting.

An agenda will be published shortly before the meeting, along with nomination forms for the AGM. If you want to add anything to Any Other Business, email us or drop a note to one of the Committee.

Next Issue...

The next issue of our newsletter will be published in mid-April.

Useful Links

The latest news from National Neighbourhood Watch
<http://www.neighbourhoodwatch.net>

Ealing Borough Police
<http://www.met.police.uk/ealing/>

Consumer Direct, part of the Office of Fair Trading
<http://www.consumerdirect.gov.uk>

RARA would like to thank residents for their support and we hope to see you at our AGM on March 17th.



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