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## DON'T MISS OUR ANNUAL SOCIAL

The date for your diary is Wednesday, 27 February, 6.30-9.00pm in the Hall at Godolphin & Latymer School, Iffley Road. Tickets: £3.00 to include a glass of wine.

Have a friendly chat with your neighbours, friends, councillors, and even our MP over a glass of wine and nibbles.

Tickets: £3 in advance, or on the door - your first drink is complimentary.

Tickets are available from Buchanans and from BRA's events organiser, using the form below. Tickets bought in advance will be distributed a few days before the party.

Please book \_\_\_\_\_ persons to the Social on 27th February  
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## PROBLEMS AT THE TOWN HALL...

**J**UST when you realised the Council had made a horlicks of approving one development (the NCP Slug), here they go again...

As a stakeholder for the proposed Town Hall development BRA has assessed the three final-listed designs and the development as a whole. We consider all three proposals, as currently set out, to be inadequate, and we conveyed this to Cllr Mark Loveday (overseeing the project) at a meeting before Christmas. In particular, we are concerned that the Council has not employed a Design Champion to act on its behalf; please read an edited version of Richard Winterton's letter to the leader of H&F Council below for further details. It's brilliant.

### Dear Councillor Greenhalgh Town Hall Project

*We are dismayed to receive notice that the Council proposes today to appoint a developer for the Town Hall project, and consider the report presented in the Cabinet Agenda for February 4 2008 to be misleading:*

**1** The Council is embarking on a major building procurement project without professional design expertise. The Council evidently recognises the need to appoint property valuation advisors, financial advisors, legal advisors and cost advisors - but for a project that is led by design, where are the design advisors? Not the developer's design advisors: the developer's architects are not providing professional, disinterested advice to LBHF; their creative energies, their vision and their talent are shackled by their employer, the developer. They are responding to a brief to win the project with the most profitable scheme.

The energy and resource of the developer which is essential to the realisation of the project

must be harnessed and controlled to the benefit of the community, and the Council needs a Design Champion to help them achieve this. Look at what happened when developers were let loose in 1960's Croydon - look at the banality which is London Docklands. Look at what nearly happened in Covent Garden.

**2** Council should be aware of government guidelines in the procurement of public buildings: these require that a Design Champion is included on the team, with a specific responsibility to guard the quality of design. The Commission for Architecture and the Built Environment (CABE), which is the government's advisor on architecture and urban design, has issued a number of reports specifically addressing the management of the quality of design in new public buildings, including 'Improving Standards of Design in Public Buildings' (2002) which advises that '...every public sector client undertaking capital projects...should appoint a senior design champion for the project... to ensure that those schemes achieve an acceptable level of design'.

It would be irresponsible for the Council to proceed further with the project without appointing a Design Champion with appropriate experience to help guide the quality of the emerging design.

**3** The project design proposals exhibited in December are concept ideas only, and this is the only basis on which they should be considered. In the absence of a detailed brief from LBHF, the developers are attempting to discover the boundaries and limitations on what they might build. Their proposals are non-committal and bland, deliberately avoiding a level of detail which might lead to confrontation or rejection. Styles of elevational treatment, stone or brick or glass, have been indicated only to give some reality to a design which has not yet progressed beyond block model stage. However the evaluation charts in the LBHF Cabinet Agenda create the very misleading impression that the proposals have been prepared in detail, when the developers have made no commitment to detail; the charts offer an unreliable basis for Cabinet decision-making.

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Before any selection is made, and whilst the developers are still hungry to win the project, the proposals should be developed into a scheme design, and should demonstrate a commitment to an acceptable level of quality in design and materials. Without this, it is as if you were selecting a new car relying only on a seductive television commercial.

**4** Brackenbury Residents Association raised these issues at a meeting with Councillors Mark Loveday and Lucy Ivimy in December. Councillor Loveday appeared enthusiastic about the role of a design champion, but the Association has received no response to the proposals.

*There may be resistance to the introduction of the Design Champion role, perhaps arising from professional jealousy but expressed in terms of concern for the project, concern for the timetable, late introduction of a change in developer's brief, uncompetitive, etc. Such resistance has to be overcome by the leadership of the administration. The question that has to be answered is 'Who is safeguarding the quality of the project design?' Not the public consultation process. Not the thorough checking for compliance. Not the Town and Country Planning Act. The Design Champion could save your excellent project from the mediocrity of the current schemes. He/she would be experienced in creative, urban and architectural design. LBHF are neither developers nor designers; the Design Champion would join the team to bring experience in recognising and optimising creative opportunities, and motivating the teams to elevate their standard of design to achieve this.*

*Good design is an elusive quality, which is so easily trodden underfoot by commerce and bureaucracy - but without good design, our Town Hall scheme is lost.*

Yours sincerely

**Richard Winterton**

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## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Police Sergeant Gareth Winnard is looking for anyone who may be interested in co-ordinating a NW in Hammersmith Grove. He already has one volunteer but only covering a small part of the street. The idea is to expand so that the whole street will be covered as more people join in.

Hammersmith Grove is a very long road with many multi-occupied premises and is simply too much work for one sole co-ordinator. This area has been a hotspot for burglary and a Neighbourhood Watch will be one way of contributing to a reduction in crime. It looks like Cambridge Grove and Leamore Street are about to get their own NW co-ordinators, but there are many more streets to go.

If you are willing to help, call him on 020 8246 2638.

Meanwhile, in Iffley Road, Claire Harris is having an inaugural meeting of their NW at 120 Iffley Road on Wednesday, 20th February at 7.00pm. She will introduce

residents to the safer Neighbourhood Team and have NW stickers and leaflets to take away. Come along and let's make Brackenbury even safer. Phone her on 020 8748 4084 if you'd like to attend.

## CAMBRIDGE GROVE & LEAMORE ST.

There's a lot going on in this area at the moment and BRA is happy to support one of our neighbouring residents associations in its various battles.

### **1: Railings & supporting walls in Cambridge Grove and Leamore Street**

The great majority of London's metal railings were removed for the war effort during World War II but those in Cambridge Grove and Leamore Street were unusually spared. They are fine metalwork examples from the late 19th century. However while many houses in the street have been restored to their original appearance by new owners and the streetscape has undoubtedly improved, the railings and supporting walls have continued to be neglected and their future is uncertain.

They are now in a poor condition. The roads are heavily used by vehicles which have damaged the piers and steps, and these historic railings are now in need of repair and continuing sympathetic maintenance.

The Council has not put this conservation issue at the top of its budget agenda so nothing will get done for the foreseeable future. But listing by English Heritage might encourage the Council to give a higher priority to the railings and boundary walls. So BRA has written to English Heritage in support of Cambridge Grove and Leamore St Residents Association's application to list the railings, bollards, cappings and walls. We are waiting to hear what they have to say.

### **2: Secrets**

Residents from the top of Leamore Street, Cambridge Grove and Banim Street have been suffering disturbances from this club for some time. Problems include limos waiting outside, drunken customers leaving, fights and, most worryingly, the verbal harassment of neighbours, often as late as 4am. Let us know if you've had problems! We would then coordinate any action with Cambridge Grove and Leamore St RA.



### **3: Glenthorne Road traffic study**

If the NCP development does get going, then traffic levels down Glenthorne Road are bound to get worse. Cambridge Grove and Leamore St RA are proposing traffic calming for the road. We look forward to reading the study.

## THE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

The Cambridge Grove Residents Association was formed in 2005 with objectives to preserve and enhance the environment and historical heritage of the streets; to seek improvements in the amenities, facilities and services for residents; to help foster a sense of community; and to serve as a forum for the exchange of views on local matters. Leamore Street has more recently joined the Cambridge Grove association.

To contact the association call Bren Simson on 020 8748 4442 or email Bren.Simson@btinternet.com

## HAMMERSMITH ACADEMY

Did you know that 75% of this Borough's secondary school children are educated out of the Borough? Neither did we. So, this academy is a wonderful opportunity to bring 21st century learning and innovation into the area.

If approved, the academy will be built on the site of the former Stamford House young offenders' institute, north of Goldhawk Road near Cathnor Park. It will accommodate up to 780 mixed-ability students aged 11-18 from the local area and would have specialist status for creative and digital media and information technology.

It is planned to open in September 2010 and will be sponsored by the Mercers' Company - which has more than 500 years worth of history in education - and the Information Technologists' Company. It would also work in partnership with the two St Paul's Schools. While it is not within the Brackenbury area it will undoubtedly have many benefits for our residents and their children since it is an academy for the local community; an academy open to every local child. It therefore has our support.

## HAVE YOUR SAY ON THE HEATHROW EXTENSION

The Government's plans to expand Heathrow, if implemented, could severely affect Brackenbury residents. Up until now the Department of Transport has refused to consult residents in this borough, even though most of us live under the new flight path. It has also refused to hold any public meetings in H&F to explain the proposals. However, following the intervention of Cllr Stephen Greenhalgh, Leader of H&F Council, the Government has now extended the consultation from just the Fulham area to the whole borough.

For some reason it's still refusing to hold a public meeting in our borough so the Council has stepped in to fill the void. On Tuesday 12th February at Hammersmith Town Hall, you will have the opportunity to ask questions and have your say.

The meeting will be chaired by Cllr Nick Botterill, Deputy Leader & Cabinet Member for Environment, with Cllr Eugenie White, Chairman of the Cleaner, Greener Scrutiny Committee.

Also attending the meeting will be Clive Soley, Campaign Director of Future Heathrow, which is advocating expansion. Make sure you attend, too. If you can't make it, all is not lost. You can still register your opposition to the plans by using the following links. Remember, it is important you take action now. Weight of numbers is crucial.



**"Up until now the Department of Transport has refused to consult residents in this borough, even though most of us live under the new flight path."**

Register your opposition on Public Consultation at [www.surveys.glopanel.com](http://www.surveys.glopanel.com). Click forward at the bottom of the first page. Enter your details as asked clicking forward at the end of each section, bringing you to the menu page. Click 'general comments' and enter that you are opposed to any increase in flights over London. Then click completion.

**e-sign the petition against Heathrow expansion**  
[www.ipeitions.com/petition/stopheathrowexpansion](http://www.ipeitions.com/petition/stopheathrowexpansion)

Email objection to more flights over London to your MP (for us this is Greg Hands at [greg@greghands.com](mailto:greg@greghands.com); [mail@greghands.com](mailto:mail@greghands.com); or [handsg@parliament.uk](mailto:handsg@parliament.uk)). You can find out who that is, and his/her email address at [www.WriteToThem.com](http://www.WriteToThem.com).

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