

SUBURB NEWS



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FALLODEN WAY WIDENING SHOCK

Falldoden Way is back in the firing line again. On June 28 the Department of Transport revealed five alternative ways of sacrificing Falldoden Way in the cause of getting long-distance heavy lorries more quickly into the Central London congestion their presence causes. These range from a scheme graced by six massive steel motorway-style gantries straddling the road at 100 yard intervals, to another which requires felling 95 trees and taking parts of 168 gardens!

Initial reaction was intense. The Lorry Route Joint Action Committee delivered their own letter of explanation and advice to the 1,000 worst affected homes within three hours and we reproduce their advice here on how best to counter the Ministry's proposals.

The public consultation documents are available from the Suburb Institute, Central Square and the public libraries in Market Place and Golders Green Road. The Residents' Association and the Trust have joined the JAC in urging all Suburb

residents to obtain the documents and to oppose all five of these schemes, any one of which would damage irrevocably a large part of the Suburb as we know it.

Remember: since M25 was opened to the Dartford Tunnel, heavy traffic has been falling steadily on Falldoden Way. It is now some 35% LOWER than when Mrs Chalker assured us that Falldoden Way's 3 lanes would be ample to cope with foreseeable traffic flows, even from a completed Archway Road widening. T.I.R.

How can these schemes be stopped?

The way everyone can help is by writing to our MP, Rt Hon Peter Thomas QC MP at: House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA, asking him to get all these schemes scrapped, then filling in the Ministry's questionnaire in the following way:

1. Strike out ALL choices in Section 1 and write after "Any other factors" — Removing ALL through traffic from this outstanding conservation area.
2. Write NONE in large letters across Section 2.
3. Tick EACH box in Section 3 and write "All are thoroughly undesirable" on the right.
4. Tick the "Yes" box in Section 4.
5. Tick EACH box in Section 5.
6. Tell the Ministry its schemes are totally unacceptable for such an area. More traffic must be compelled to use the orbital routes and heavy through traffic must be banned from sensitive conservation areas.
7. Fill in your name and address and post.

MORE TRUST CHANGES

A well attended mid term meeting of Trust members heard Gerry Mansell, taking his first public meeting as Chairman, outlining the changes made at the Trust over the past months.

In addition to staff changes reported in our last issue the chairman introduced a new Council member, Michael Powers, who will represent the Victorian Society, co-founder of Architects Co-partnership and was the first chairman of CAAC in 1969.

A coopted member of the financial advisory committee is Tony Thornby. A Willifield Way resident, Mr. Thornby is ex-chairman of the accountants McClintocks and is providing voluntary assistance with the Trust's audit.

The chairman expressed his thanks for all the work put in by Dennis Ross on his retirement from Council.

Mr. Mansell also paid tribute to Ian Hodgson who had expressed a desire to relinquish the chair. "Ian Hodgson has been a central figure in the district. Not least, the transformed Odeon site will stand as a fitting memorial of his term of office." RJW

ARBITRATOR'S REPORT?

RA Council members heard on July 3 that the independent expert, appointed to investigate the Trusts charge to freeholders for 1982/3, has said that the apportionment of legal fees is beyond his jurisdiction.

However he will decide if the Trust and the Assoc. of Freeholders agree to be bound by his findings.

The Trust and the 'Freeholders' met on July 6, and will meet again, in the hope of reaching agreement.

SAVE WILD HATCH.



Following the storm of protest from Suburb residents over recent planning applications for a residential development of the woodland between Wild Hatch and Heath extension a public enquiry is to be held by the Department of the Environment, at Hendon Town Hall, at 10 am, on Tuesday, the 31st July 1984.

Wild Hatch residents say that "this development would destroy the delightful rural setting and tranquility of Wild Hatch and the peaceful walk through the woodland of Wild Hatch Lane to the Heath." (This lane is all that remains of an 18th century bridle path from Kenwood to Hendon Manor.)

Earlier in the year a developer applied for outline planning permission to turn the garage at the end

of Wild Hatch into a house and to build a 17 room house on Garricks Glebe. The garage is in the garden of 85 Hampstead Way, while Garricks Glebe is a small parcel of woodland between the crematorium gardens and the footpath linking Wild Hatch to Hampstead Way. There is no vehicular access to the Glebe and the plans called for a driveway to be built across the garden of 85 Hampstead Way from Wild Hatch. This would end in a hard standing and people would have to cross into the Glebe on foot. This hard standing area would also be used by the residents of 85 Hampstead Way.

Barnet did not consider this application within the statutory period and the developer exercised his rights to appeal. Barnet sub-

sequently looked at the application and indicated that they would have turned them both down.

Since then the developer has submitted detailed plans for both the conversion of the garage into a house and for a large house with a swimming pool on the Glebe. These plans have been sent to both the Trust and Barnet. It is not clear at this stage whether the public enquiry will consider both the out-of-line and detailed applications or only the former. Residents who would like to see the detailed plans should contact either the Trust or Barnet. As regards the public enquiry, letters should be sent to The Department of the Environment, Room 12/04, Tollgate House, Houlton Street, Bristol BS2 9DJ.

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WANTED: NEW BROWN OWLS.

No experience is needed to become the new leader of the 3rd Golders Green Brownies pack. Ruth Ikin, having led the pack for some 15 years is giving up to concentrate on the thriving Girl Guide company.

Based in St. Judes Church rooms the Brownie pack numbers 17, the maximum is 24 so there is room for a few new brownies too.

Starting age is seven and at ten they graduate to the guides.

Being a Brownie teaches girls self reliance and great emphasis is laid on making them think less about themselves and more about how they can help other people, particularly in the home.

Brownies meet every Wednesday evening from 5.30-7.00 during school term time and children of all religions are welcome.

The new helpers need not have been involved in the movement before and training sessions can be arranged.

If you enjoy being with young people and would like to spend Wednesday evenings doing a very worthwhile job, please contact the local district commissioner, Mrs. Pat Long at 180 Willifield Way, 455 8878.

ANOTHER GREAT SUBURB CLEAN-UP

The weekend of May 12/13 saw a combined effort between the Residents Association and Barnet when 15 skips were strategically placed round the Suburb and another Clean-up began.

Despite the fact that many resident took the opportunity to dispose of household rubbish there was still room for that, collected by volunteer teams, from the streets and particularly the woods and open spaces.

Alan and Judy Jenkins and their son Oliver, shown below, carted loads of rubbish out of Little Wood where it appears, amazingly, that residents backing on to the wood may be the worst offenders!

Barnet judges the Clean-up a great success and would like the RA to make it a more frequent event. RJW

