

Traffic calming - residents support the RA view

The winter edition of Suburb News explained the traffic calming options for Brim Hill, Deansway and Addison Way made possible by funding from the Director of Traffic for London. These roads were identified by the Director as routes parallel to the A1 Red Route and funds available for calming these roads cannot be transferred to other roads within the Suburb, regardless of need.

A very significant response was received from residents interested in the effect that possible schemes might have on them. The Roads and a Traffic Committee thank all who took the time and trouble to express their views.

Barnet Council, when undertaking a consultation like this, consider that 20% is a good response to the simplest pre-paid 'tick-a-box' questionnaire, so the responses of 25% of Deansway and Addison Way residents, often with detailed and thoughtful individual letters, is a good guide to the intensity of local opinion.

This feedback from residents, including alternative suggestions, has been passed to the London Borough of Barnet who are committed to taking full account of residents' comments when designing traffic-calming proposals.

THE RESPONSE

Deansway:
There was almost complete agreement that speed tables offered an acceptable solution to their problem. Some residents requested additional entry treatments for Deansway and those suggestions have been passed on.

Brim Hill:
To call this a disappointing response would be an understatement! Is there only one household in Brim Hill with any interest in traffic-calming? - and if so would the considerable sum of money be better spent on other hard-pressed Suburb roads? Or have previous Barnet consultations and long-promised schemes dulled their enthusiasm?

Addison Way:
Approaching 25% of Addison Way residents responded, with more than double the number writing in from Oakwood Road, Fallosen Way and the Brookland area. There was widespread support for speed humps and a width restriction, although a few Addison Way residents proposed the closure of Addison Way at Fallosen Way as their first preference. These were greatly outnumbered by those who specifically objected to a closure which would seriously increase the severance of the north and south sections of the Suburb. The Director of Traffic for London is also opposed to the closure, so this is unlikely to be seen as a realistic option by Barnet.

The RA will press Barnet to waste no time in producing designs and, when complete, in consulting residents affected by them. Then we should be able to look forward to the improvements these measures should bring.

KENNETH MURRELL - CHAIRMAN
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RA supports Hoffnung Museum

There is a chance that we may soon be able to see the almost complete collection of drawings of Gerard Hoffnung, the immensely gifted humorous artist who lived on the Suburb. The Gerard Hoffnung Museum Trust is trying to buy and restore St Stephen's Church on Rosslyn Hill to house the collection.



Camden are also considering an application from a local private school who, says the Hoffnung Trust, are for a number of reasons rather less suitable users of the building.

The RA Executive Committee in April agreed to write in support of the Trust application.

RICHARD WAKEFIELD

Millennium Proms at St Jude's 10th - 17th June 2000

This is the Suburb's annual music festival which takes place in the world-renowned recording venue that sits at the heart of our Suburb, its familiar spire to be seen from miles around. The year 2000 incredibly marks the 8th year of concerts, providing a summer social occasion where you can enjoy world class music and mingle with friends over a glass of wine in the marquee, knowing that all profits benefit charity.

This year has both a strong local and international flavour. Resident Robert Max conducts the Hampstead Sinfonia with our own Joan Atherton playing the Mozart Violin Concerto in D. Hampstead resident Adrian Brendel (cello) accompanied by Paul Lewis (piano) gives a recital to include works by Beethoven and Liszt. Jazz singer of the Year (1999) - Stacey Kent and her band will give us an eagerly awaited trad jazz evening. The Israeli, German and Latvian Embassies have all shown their support for the Proms and there will be artistes from each country appearing during the week.

There will be 5 lunchtime recitals and Proms week will draw to a close on Henrietta Barnett Day when the Covent Garden Chamber Orchestra will give us a traditional 'Last Night of the Proms' concert. The choir, under the direction of Viv Bellos, will include members of Alyth Choral Society, St Jude's and the Free Church. Young, up and coming, local resident Grace Davidson will sing Mozart's Exultate Jubilate.

Please visit the Proms web site: www.stjudes.org.uk and look out for the Proms leaflet and posters that will provide full concert details and ticket prices. Tickets can be booked online immediately or purchased from the Suburb Gallery or the Institute from early June.

Top: Jazz singer of the year, Stacey Kent

Middle: Resident Robert Max conducts...

Bottom: ...violinist, Joan Atherton playing Mozart



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