

October 2019

'The Green' in Spencer Road

A potential threat to cut down trees and build on 'The Green' open space in Spencer Road has been reported.

Fencing around the land appeared on Tuesday, 20 August and work started on trees which caused concern to residents. The ward councillors were informed and an investigation by the Council commenced.

A street meeting was held on site on Monday, 2 September at 7.00pm with Mayor Tony Louki and 23 local residents attending to discuss the situation.

It was confirmed:

- A building company named BEM purchased the land approximately 12 months ago from the previous owners Cleveland Finance (a subsidiary of the Co-operative Bank).
- BEM has erected a 90 cm fence which does not require planning permission.
- Hounslow Highways who previously managed the land have restricted access.
- The Council Planning Department has not received any applications from BEM to cut down trees or to build to date.

Subsequent to the meeting a Tree Protection Order was sought covering the whole site rather than individual trees. This prevents the removal or work on any trees without the prior permission of the Council.

We will continue to monitor and report on the situation.

If you have any useful information or would like to comment, please email admin@sgra-isleworth.org. All residents emails will be collated and may be used to support any action.

Bonfires - A Timely Reminder

There are no laws against having a bonfire, but there are laws for the nuisance they can cause. Bonfires are not illegal but if they cause an odour or dust nuisance they can be dealt with under the Environmental Protection Act. You cannot get rid of household waste if it will cause pollution or harm people's health. This includes burning it.

You can get rid of household or garden waste by composting or recycling it. There is no bonfire policy on allotment sites but domestic bonfires are discouraged by promoting alternatives such as composting and encouraging people to sign up to the paid for Garden Waste Collection service. Garden waste can also be taken away for composting at the Space Way recycling facility.

You could be fined if you light a fire and allow the smoke to drift across the road and become a danger to traffic.

If your bonfire produces dark smoke (normally from burning plastics), it will be dealt with through the Clean Air Act 1993.

If you have a problem and are unable to resolve the matter amicably with your neighbours you can report the nuisance to LBH at pollution@hounslow.gov.uk or telephone 0208 583 5555.

LBH will prosecute persistent offenders.

You can be fined up to £5,000 for residential bonfires or up to £20,000 for commercial burning.



SGRA Meetings

The next Committee meetings are as follows:

Wednesday, 16th October
Wednesday, 20th November

Meetings are held in the Milford Arms starting at 8 pm. All members are welcome to join us to observe, contribute, raise concerns or just for a drink. We look forward to seeing you there.

Planning Matters as at 15th September 2019

Hounslow Central

Applications

119 The Drive

Erection of a detached residential outbuilding in rear garden.

80 Worton Way

Ground floor rear extension 6.00 metres deep, maximum height of 3.6 metres, 2.650 metres high to the eaves.

82 Worton Way

Ground floor rear extension 6.00 metres deep, maximum height of 3.4 metres, 3 metres high to the eaves.

Decisions

14 The Drive

Certificate of Lawfulness for an existing erection of a single storey rear extension to the house .

GRANTED (FULL PLANNING PERMISSION NOT REQUIRED) 19/07/2019

35 Worton Gardens

Certificate of Lawfulness existing for the erection of a single storey rear extension to the house.

GRANTED (FULL PLANNING PERMISSION NOT REQUIRED) 05/08/2019

64 Worton Way (LAW2)

Certificate of Lawfulness for the erection of a rear roof extension with hip to gable conversion .and two front roof windows to the house.

GRANTED (FULL PLANNING PERMISSION NOT REQUIRED) 30/08/2019

Osterley & Spring Grove

Applications

4 Eversley Crescent (P2)

Erection of a part single storey, part two storey side and rear extension with conversion of enlarged roof space into a habitable area and two side roof windows to the house (amended description).

Decisions

46 Burlington Road (LAW2)

Certificate of lawfulness for the erection of a rear roof extension and hip to gable side roof extensions to the house.

GRANTED (FULL PLANNING PERMISSION NOT REQUIRED) 06/08/2019



In Memory of Fred Mellett

Many of our members will remember Fred a long-term resident, Treasurer and Chair of our Association. We learnt that Fred had passed away in July at the age of 98. Members of the Committee attended a Service of Thanksgiving for his life at Aldershot Crematorium.

We Want You Back

If you have not paid your SGRA subscription for 2019/2020 you will receive the AGM Report (with the renewal slip on the reverse) and leaflet with this newsletter.

If you wish to remain a member please complete the slip printed on the pink sheet and return it, with £5, to any committee member. Payment can be made in cash or by cheque payable to Spring Grove Residents' Association.

October is Free Wills Month

Free Wills Month brings together a group of well-respected charities to offer members of the public aged 55 and over the opportunity to have their simple Wills written or updated free of charge by using participating solicitors in selected locations across the UK.

An up-to-date Will written by a solicitor ensures your wishes are respected. It also avoids difficult decisions and legal complications for your loved ones. Free Wills Month allows you to provide for family and friends and leave a gift to your chosen charities too.

A gift in your Will costs you nothing now but can make a difference for years to come.

To take part in Free Wills Month simply visit the freewillsmoonth.org.uk and enter your postcode to view details of participating solicitors. Book your appointment directly with your chosen solicitor, mentioning 'Free Wills Month'.

Appointments are limited, so book early to avoid missing out.

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