

# **Newsletter September 2023**

Spring Grove Residents' Association

# **WE WANT YOU BACK**

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Should you wish to remain a member please complete the application form following the instructions contained thereon. Do please renew as we'd hate to see you go.



# REPEATER STATION ON FOOTPATH OFF SPENCER ROAD

The ongoing problems experienced with this location were the subject of a site meeting on 27 July with Cllr Louki, LBH Officers and representatives of SGRA.

This has been a continual and continuing problem for residents and the subject of correspondence with various Officers since at least 2006 when planning permission was first refused (010444/B/P1).

In the intervening 17 years little or no progress appears to have been made. Further applications have been made; then refused, have gone to appeal and the appeals dismissed. Enforcement Notices issued but nothing changes.

It appears when permission is refused/enforcement action taken the site goes back to auction with each new owner again applying for permission and the whole saga repeats itself.

The site, due to its location, will never be suitable for residential development. There is no access for emergency vehicles, refuse collection or other deliveries and collections. It would have poor, insecure and unsupervised pedestrian access. These matters are contrary to Local Plan Policies CC2 and EQ7.

We dread to think how much time, money and effort has been spent by all parties in seeking to resolve this problem. SGRA have asked the Council to look at alternative solutions. We suggested the compulsory purchase of the land for use as a community asset - an orchard, allotments or similar green space.

Cllr Louki has supported SGRA in trying to resolve this longstanding problem and we now eagerly await the Officers response.

Watch this space but don't hold your breath!

# **MEETINGS**

Monthly Committee Meetings are usually held on the third Wednesday of the month at the Milford Arms starting at 8 pm. All members are welcome to join us to observe, contribute, raise issues or just to socialise. We look forward to seeing you there.

You have received this newsletter as a member/former member of Spring Grove Residents' Association. Should you no longer wish to receive this please contact any member of the committee.

# PLANNING MATTERS AS AT 18TH SEPTEMBER 2023

## **Hounslow Central Applications**

## 2 Worton Way

Certificate of Lawfulness of the existing use of four self-contained flats.

### **Decisions**

### Annexe 52 The Drive\*

Certificate of Lawfulness for the existing use as a self-contained flat.

REFUSED (FULL PLANNING PERMISSION REQUIRED) 15/08/2023

\*Comment was made on this application.

## 44 Worton Gardens

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

GRANTED 29/08/2023

## 21 Worton Way

Erection of part first floor side and rear extension and part single storey side extension with associated roof alterations to the house. APPROVED 31/07/2023

## Osterley & Spring Grove **Applications**

None

### **Decisions**

## The Brooklands, Eversley Crescent

Works to tree within conservation area - Robina tree: remove dead and dying limbs. GRANTED 21/07/2023

## 4 Vincent Road

Erection of ground floor rear extension. APPROVED 02/08/2023

### 4 Vincent Road

Erection of first floor side extension. APPROVED 02/08/2023



# **METROPOLITAN POLICE - BE SAFE**

# Securing the outside of your property

Securing the outside of your property not only keeps valuables safe in your shed or garage, but it is often the first line of defence against burglars trying to enter through the back of your house.

## Recommendations to make your home more secure:

1. Keep hedges and walls at the front of your house low (under 1 metre)

2. Keep side gates locked at all times

3. High side and rear boundaries with trellis and spiky defensive planting

- 4. Gravel driveway and path
- Security light 5.
- 6. Intruder alarm system
- Secure shed door and windows 7.
- Never leave tools lying around as they can be used as a way of breaking into your home



Planting particular shrubs (in their mature or semi-mature form) along garden walls and fences can make it harder for burglars to access your property or put them off completely. To maximise this effect plant them close to each other. Recommended planting of any of the following for example: Berberis, Chaenomeles, Elaeagnus, Ilex, Mahonia, Osmanthus, Pyracantha, Climbing Roses.

If you live in a ground floor flat or share a communal garden you can still make use of these tips by planting in front of ground floor windows to prevent easy access.

For more advice on how to keep your home safe, visit www.met.police.uk/burglary



