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Greenford Green, Hobbayne & Perivale Wards



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## Gurnell Leisure Centre redevelopment

At a recent briefing Ian Proud was told that Gurnell Leisure Centre is nearing the end of its useful life. It will be replaced at no cost to the Council. A development company will be given a long lease to the site with which to build a new leisure centre and housing units. The housing units will be sold at sufficient profit to cover the cost of the new leisure centre. There will be no building on the Metropolitan open land.

As discussions on how the site will be developed are at a very early stage, there is no indication about the number of housing units that might be built or the mix of for sale or affordable housing. Ealing has three swimming pools, which is more than the average London Borough, so it should be possible for the other two pools, Acton and Northolt to cope with the displaced Gurnell swimmers for the 18-24 months whilst it is built. There will be further consultation during the course of the development



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## Perivale—Bilton Road Parking Problems

The problems concerning parking on road and on pavements on Bilton Road are still top of the agenda for most Perivale residents and businesses in the area. There is plenty of available parking on the main road and surrounding roads and people should not be using pavements for car parking. Many residents want to have double yellow lines installed to keep them safer and stop their driveways being blocked. The matter has been raised at every recent ward forum amidst the feeling that the three Labour councillors do nothing to attempt to solve the problem for residents and that the council have tried to brush the issue under the carpet. Parking on the pavements, by cars or lorries is causing

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## Hanwell Community Centre

Ealing Council is putting the management of HCC out to tender with a view to stop all subsidy to HCC by 1 April 2017. They want to authorise the commissioning of a feasibility study to build housing on the Cockoo Park, which was granted. There was no consultation with residents. As HCC and Cuckoo Park are registered as having Asset of Community Value and located in the conservation area, this displays total arrogance toward the local population. Cuckoo Park is of great importance to local children and residents, and a part of HCC. The park will be major asset for the future management of the HCC. It is a very important social, architectural, environmental and heritage asset. Please support Hanwell and Ealing heritage & history museum located in the basement of HCC which is open Saturdays & Wednesdays from 11 am – 3.30 pm

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## “Home Office” Scams

Recently naturalised British Citizens and those with visas have been contacted by phone by people saying they are from the Home Office. They ask for names, passport numbers, date of birth and other personal details. Often they ask for money to be transferred to other bank accounts. If you receive such a phone call, ask for the person’s name, telephone number and a reference number and then say that you will check this through with your councillor and the Home Office. Then put the phone down. Wait at least 15 minutes before making any contact by phone with the Councillor and activists below. When you make contact ask for the name of the Councillor or activist and that should make sure that the scammer has not left the line open. We will check the claim for you.

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## Greenford Green Concerns

Residents in Greenford Green are concerned with numerous issues. These include anti-social behaviour in Oldfield Circus which disrupts people’s enjoyment of the area. Flytipping is on the increase and this probably is due to the Council charging at its recycling centres. A number of houses are believed to be houses of multiple occupation and apparently have not been licensed by the Council. The Fairway is a popular place for walking dogs, but sadly a number of dog owners do not clear up afterwards. Despite these issues being pointed out to Council Officers and ward Councillors at Ward Forums, little seems to be done. The blame is invariably put on cuts, but the root cause of the cuts is the deficit left by the previous Labour Government which is conveniently overlooked.

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## “Back Zac” for Mayor & Dominic for the GLA

5 May, note it in your diary, the day of the election for the Mayor of London and Greater London Authority members.

The Conservative mayoral candidate is Zac Goldsmith, so support the “Back Zac” campaign for better tube services and more house building.

The Conservative candidate for the GLA seat of Ealing and Hillingdon is Dominic Gilham. Both are excellent candidates, so do support them if you want London to be continued to be successfully governed.

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### **Ealing North Conservative Association**

If you want to be a member of ENCA, help with leaflet distribution, help with fund raising or even have aspirations to be an Ealing Councillor, the please contact our Association Chairman, Isobel Grant on [isobelgrant@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:isobelgrant@hotmail.co.uk) or Ian Proud.

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