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Notice of Meeting: **Council**

Meeting Location:

The Atrium - Perceval House

Date and Time:

Tuesday, 16 April 2024 at 7.00 pm

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Agenda Item 1

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	Council Blessings			
	Mr Hukam Singh of Singh Sabha Southall Park Avenue Gurdwara will say prayers.		7.03PM	
1.	Apologies for Absence			
	Apologies for absence have been received from Councillors Stafford, Busuttil and Sidhu.			
2.	Declarations of Interest		7.04pm	
	Members to make declarations of pecuniary interest, if they have any.			
3.	Minutes of the Meeting held on 5 March 2024	5-14	7.06pm	
	Minutes of the meeting of 5 March are present for approval by Council.			
4.	Mayor's Announcements		7.08pm	
	The Mayor will update members on the activities of the Mayoralty.			
5.	Petitions from Members of the Public		7.12pm	
	Mr Simon Cattlin will present a petition to Council.			
6.	Petitions from members of the Council		7.20pm	
	There are no petitions from Members of the Council			
7.	Questions from members of the public	15-18	7.21pm	
	Roy Willis and Alex Cowan will be asking questions of Cllr Josh Blacker, Cabinet Member for Healthy Lives.			
8.	Questions from members of the Council	13-14	7.39pm	
	Councillors Kumar, Steed and Wesson please can you each ask their questions to Cllr Blacker, Cllr Blacker will			

	<p>provide an answer. Following this, each group will be given a chance to ask a supplementary question of Cllr Blacker.</p> <p>Order of questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Councillor Jammu to Councillor Donnelly 2. Councillor Kim Nagpal to Councillor Jasbir Anand 3. Councillor Gallant to Councillor Knewstub 4. Councillor Praveen Anand to Councillor Mahfouz <p>30 minutes allowed for questions.</p>			
9.	Opposition Group Motion for Debate	15-16	8.09pm	
	<p>Consideration of this motion must begin by 8.20pm</p> <p>Order of debate</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cllr Young – move motion (4 minutes) 2. Cllr Gallant – second motion (3 minutes) 3. Cllr Knewstub – respond (3 minutes) 4. Cllr Tighe – respond (3 minutes) 5. Cllr Malcolm – move amendment (3 minutes) 6. Cllr Ball – second amendment (3 minutes) 7. Cllr Manro - respond (3 minutes) 8. Cllr J Anand - respond (3 minutes) 9. Cllr Kumar - respond (3 minutes) 10. Cllr Johnson - respond (3 minutes) 11. Cllr Mason - respond (3 minutes) 12. Cllr Conti - respond (3 minutes) 13. Cllr Rice - respond (3 minutes) 14. Cllr Driscoll - respond (3 minutes) 15. Cllr Shaw - respond (3 minutes) 16. Cllr Malcolm – sum up amendment (3 minutes) 17. Cllr Young – sum up motion (3 minutes) <p>Total – 52 minutes</p>			
10.	Majority Group Motion for Debate	17-18	8.50pm	
	<p>Consideration of this motion must begin by 8.50pm</p> <p>Order of debate:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cllr Brett – move motion (4 minutes) 2. Cllr Mahfouz – second motion (3 minutes) 3. Cllr Hersch – move amendment (3 minutes) 4. Cllr Zissimos – second amendment (3 minutes) 5. Cllr Nijhar - respond to motion (3 minutes) 6. Cllr Dheer - respond to motion (3 minutes) 7. Cllr Gallant - respond to motion (3 minutes) 			

	8. Cllr Gordon - respond to motion (3 minutes) 9. Cllr Baaklini - respond to motion (3 minutes) 10. Cllr Steed - respond to motion (3 minutes) 11. Cllr Mason - respond to motion (3 minutes) 12. Cllr Haili - respond to motion (3 minutes) 13. Cllr Raza - respond to motion (3 minutes) 14. Cllr Jassal - respond to motion (3 minutes) 15. Cllr Hersch – Sum up amendment (3 minutes) 16. Cllr Brett – Sum up motion (3 minutes) Total – 49 minutes			
11.	Motions not for debate	19-20		
	There are no motions not for debate.			
12.	Standards Committee Annual Report	21-38		
	Councillor Driscoll to move the Standards Committee Annual Report.			
13.	Urgent Key Decisions Exempted from Call-in			
	Urgent Key Decisions Exempted from Call-in are presented for approval.			
14.	Appointments to Committees and Other Bodies			
	There are no appointments to Committees and other bodies. The meeting is now closed.			

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APPENDIX 1

Maps showing Hamilton Road, W5 as current cut through A4020/A406 and Proposed Solution



Fig 1 - A4020, Uxbridge Road Two-Way Short Cut/Rat Run via Hamilton Road, Ealing W5 between A4020/A406, North Circular

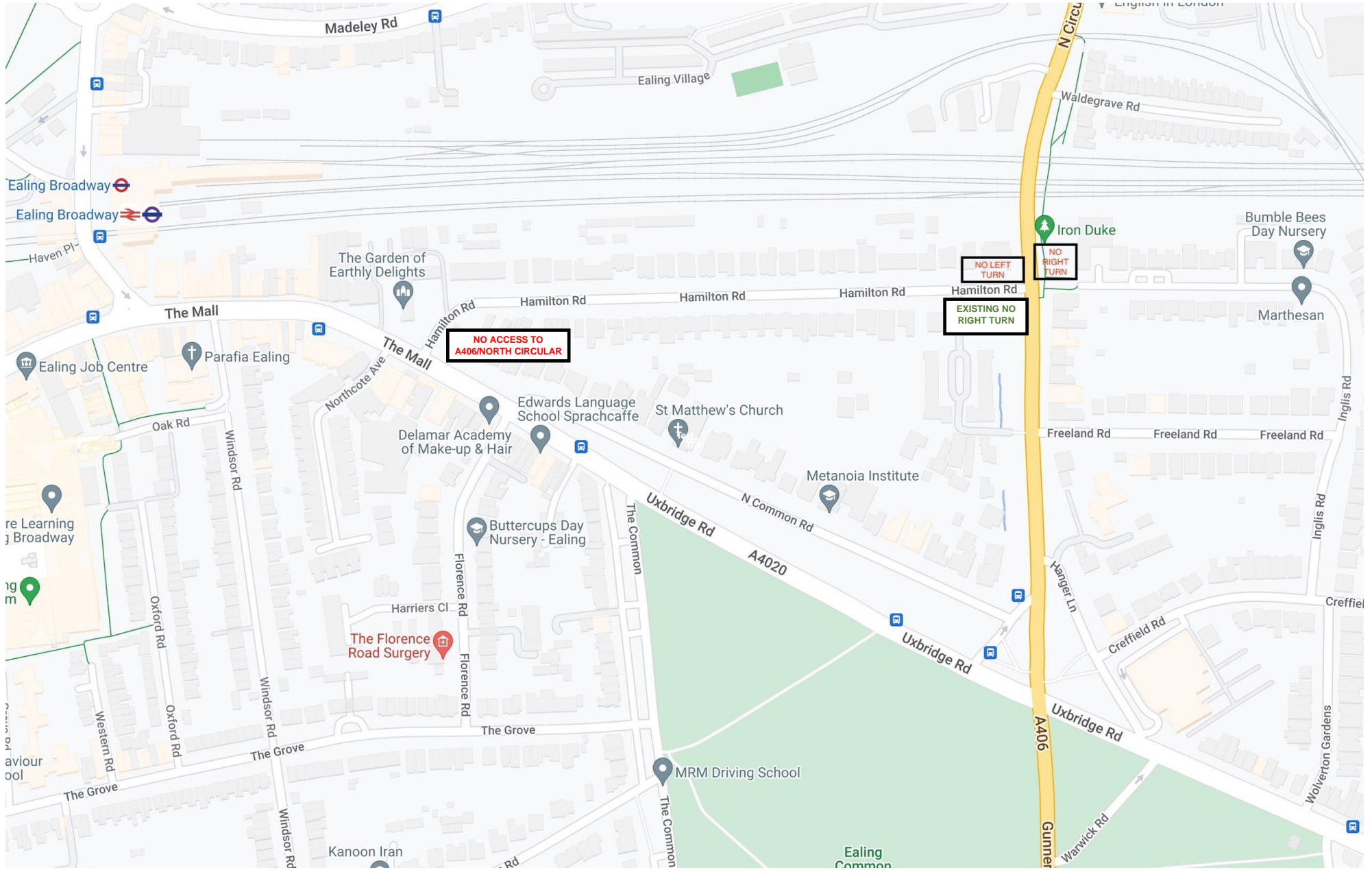


Fig 2 - Proposed New Traffic Control and Signage for Hamilton Road, Ealing W5 between A4020/A406, North Circular

APPENDIX 2

A Background to the Implementation of a Traffic Management Scheme for Hamilton Road, W5

The Council were severely criticised by the public for the installation of the nine Tranche 1 LTNs introduced during the summer of 2020, which had been primarily introduced for Covid social distancing under Government legislation. They were subsequently removed in October 2021 due to the wealth of public disapproval.

Hamilton Road was designated under Tranche 2 and consultations took place with the public.

A second phase of LTN consultation for Hamilton Road started on 1 March 2021 in conjunction with two other LTN areas and finished on 23 March 2021.

The conclusion was that *“these locations have been identified as areas experiencing significant levels of non-local traffic, including lorries and vans using these roads as short cuts, or are expected to see more traffic in the future.”*

In May 2021 the Council subsequently advised the residents that *“The Hamilton Road (W5) area is a proposed low traffic neighbourhood (LTN) that is planned to be introduced on an experimental basis, made possible with funding from the Department for Transport (DfT). There has been a dramatic reduction in public transport capacity, and we are now seeing an increase in the number of people turning to their cars as well as an increase in online deliveries to people's homes. This combination risks making local streets busier, more polluted, and less safe for our residents. The temporary schemes are designed to reduce the number of car journeys to create safer neighbourhoods so that more people can walk and cycle, rather than use the car for short trips. There will be a temporary installation of wooden planters, Automatic Number-plate Recognition (ANPR) camera enforcement and accompanying signage to discourage rat-run traffic at the following location: Hamilton Road at junction with Hanger Lane (North Circular Road)”*

On 22 September 2021 the Cabinet Meeting considered the subsequent report and its recommendations on the London Streetspace Plan (LSP). They agreed to the removal of seven of the Tranche 1 LTNs and made two permanent. In addition an update on a redesigned LTN for Hamilton Road, as a result of the March consultation feedback, was included as a new Tranche 2 Active Travel Scheme.

The Cabinet authorised the Director of Place Delivery to take the necessary steps to make the redesigned Hamilton Road low traffic neighbourhood proposals, permanent (subject to the views of Transport for London on the effects of the proposals on the North Circular Road and following statutory consultation) and following consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Climate Action. In addition the Cabinet approved the additional capital expenditure of £0.174m being incorporated

into the 2021-22 Highways capital programme for the amendments to the LSP schemes [the LTN schemes] , to be funded by £0.109m LTN provision and £0.065m third party contribution

At the next Cabinet Meeting on 13 October 2021 the amended Tranche 2 Active Travel Schemes were ratified by approval of the 22 September 2021 minutes of meeting.

In October 2021 a Briefing Note was published online by the Council stating

- the purpose of the briefing note was to provide a recommendation on implementation of Low Traffic Neighbourhood (LTN) on Hamilton Road at junction with Hanger Lane (A406 North Circular Road).
- Ealing Council is strongly committed to supporting active travel schemes as part of its fight to tackle the climate crisis. This proposed LTN aims to reduce the number of car journeys to create safer neighbourhoods to encourage more people to walk and cycle, rather than use the car for short trips.
- The outcome showed that the residents of Hamilton Road were in support of the proposals by a substantial margin, subject to amendments, with a 65% agreement to a 25% disagreement.
- One of the concerns raised during the consultation, was the use of wooden planters. It is possible to achieve similar benefits by implementing a turning ban at the A406 junction, rather than implementing it as previous trialled LTNs.
- Having given consideration to the proposed benefits of this scheme and in view of the results of the consultation, the council has amended the design and will further consult with Transport for London (TfL) of the revised design proposal. The proposal suggests that this scheme be implemented following a statutory consultation process through TMO, and subject to the views of TfL on the effects of the proposals on the North Circular Road.

Subsequent to this decision the modifications to the junction between Hamilton Road and the A406 were not implemented and no record can be found in Ealing Council's database of the reversal and non-implementation of the work authorised at the Cabinet Meeting on 14 September 2021.

At the time and subsequently the Ealing Council Executive was undergoing management change which escalated through 2022 to mid-2023 with Tony Clements becoming the new Chief Executive on 7 July 2022. He implemented considerable management structure changes and change of personnel. The Executive Director of Place (responsible for scheme implementation), Lucy Taylor stood down on 30 September 2022.

The Council were severely criticised by the public of the implementation of the nine Tranche 1 LTNs introduced during the summer of 2020 partly due to the scheme specification and lack of engagement with the public. Of course there is always a financial side to and project and in the case of the nine LTNs the income for the Council up to circa 15 October 2021 was £4,806, 574.

Perhaps as a result of the pandemic between March 2020 to the end of 2021, the subsequent instability in the Council managerial structure, the fact that the Tranche 1 LTNs were a failure and removed on 6 October 2021, that the Hamilton Road LTN became lost in the system (see the incorrect briefing note entitled “Deans Road and Montague Avenue LTN” solely on the subject of Hamilton Road) or that funding from TFL was withdrawn as a result of the LTN failure of some other TFL funding.

Just prior to this Cabinet Meeting on 14 September 2021, the Council’s report undertaken by Urban Movement, “Independent Review of Public Engagement on Low Traffic Neighbourhoods in Ealing ” was issued. The report had been commissioned to review how Ealing Council had engaged with residents and other local stakeholders in connection with the LTNs that it implemented in the summer and autumn of 2020.

The report was very damning in respect of how Ealing Council engaged and implemented the LTNs. The over-arching recommendation arising from the review was that a pro-active public engagement and communications strategy on transport initiatives should be established. This should be fully integrated within a Council-wide approach to enabling citizens and businesses to participate in shaping policy and the actions arising. In addition a review of the Council’s 2019 Transport Strategy should be undertaken in the light of recent experience, with the revised version incorporating a stronger focus on public engagement and communications. This, in turn, should reflect the outcomes of Council-wide initiatives currently underway

It is understood that at the time the Council was contemplating engaging with the people of Ealing concerning a Charter for Active Travel. As part of this process, a Citizens Panel for Active Travel in Ealing could be considered. Co-design – proactively working with local people in scheme development – could replace the technocratic/top-down approach that has tended to characterise public engagement on transport initiatives in recent years.

The Charter for Active Travel recommended above has now been prepared as the “Travel in Ealing Charter” and was adopted on 14 June 2023. It includes an assessment of the feedback from “Travel in Ealing Charter - Qualitative Research Amongst Residents” published on 11 August 2022 which raised issues such as better ‘traffic modelling’, better targeting to those effected in the areas of concern, more journey analysis to find out how the streets are being used and a better understanding by Highways of traffic flow in the borough.

The adoption by the Cabinet of the “Travel in Ealing Charter” came with the following statement in respect of the reasons for the decision:

- “the Council was committed to being open, transparent, and inclusive. However, it was noted that historically this wasn’t always been achieved. It was stressed that the Council had listened and learned and were committed to improving how they engage with local people,

including on transport and active travel projects. Engagement was comprehensive, including online surveys and face to face consultation to ensure that as many people as possible had the opportunity to contribute to considerations. It was stressed that the Council had worked with residents and stakeholders.”

In the light of all that has happened over the last three years and the new position and strategies that Ealing Council has put in place we consider that the traffic management scheme for Hamilton Road to reduce traffic (and subsequent benefits from that) should be to implement the proposals as authorised by the Cabinet on 22 September 2023 under the management of the “Travel in Ealing Charter”. The costs associated with this work consist of signage, road painting and an ANPR camera installation so should be minimal relative to the benefits the work will bring to the neighbourhood.

Liberal Democrat Amendment to the Opposition Group Motion for Debate

Full Council 16 April 2024

This Council notes that this administration undertook in its 2022 Council Plan to set up steering groups with ward councillors and residents who are interested in taking a leading role. These steering groups were to have agreed on the approach to the Town Forum in each of the seven towns to prepare for launch in Autumn 2022.

This Council further notes that this administration undertook in its 2023 Council Plan to develop, test and then establish 7 town forums by December 2023.

This Council further notes that this administration has failed to meet its promises, leaving a gap in democratic accountability in Ealing. This Council notes that Ward Forums were effective, efficient, and commended as such by at least two Scrutiny Panels.

This Council also notes the recent Liberal Democrat Budget amendment which found £266,500 of additional revenue funding for ward forums including ward budgets for improvements chosen by ward councillors.

This Council therefore resolves to reintroduce Ward Forums by Autumn 2024, and that they will continue to operate alongside town forums once the latter are belatedly introduced.-

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Liberal Democrat Amendment to the Majority Group Motion for Debate

Full Council 16 April 2024

This council notes that:

Ealing residents are on some of the lowest pay in London, earning on average £34,190 (ranking 28th out of the 32 London boroughs).

- 2 in every 5 jobs in Ealing are in typically low paid industries like retail, hospitality, and social care.
- Across the UK 3.5 million people are paid below the living wage, forcing them to use foodbanks, take out costly loans, and fall behind on rent and mortgage payments.
- The Ealing living wage campaign has already helped to uplift the pay of almost 800 residents across the borough.

This council believes that:

- Everyone working in the borough deserves to earn a liveable wage so that they don't need to rely on in work benefits to get by.
- Residents from all 7 of our boroughs towns should be able to benefit from the economic growth that the council is helping to create.

This council resolves that:

- It will continue the work to deliver the Council Plan objective of securing 10,000 new jobs in our borough, ensuring that every resident in Ealing can access a well paid job, local to them, in a growing economy that keeps more of our money local.
- It will continue to campaign for businesses based in the borough to pay the London Living Wage to help make Ealing a living wage place.
- It will attract businesses to the borough which offer well-paid jobs
- It will make sure that all council employees and employees of contractors are paid at least the London Living wage, and that there is a system in place to verify that this is the case especially in the case of subcontractors and their employees
- It will continue to campaign for Southall Post Office and Noon Foods to remain open and protect the jobs of those working there.
- It will also campaign to have a new large post office reinstalled in Acton (to replace the lost Crown Post Office).

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