



EGHAM GATEWAY WEST

RBC and their property consultants, Places for People, held their follow-up consultation session on the Station Road North development on 1st & 2nd September with a number of changes to the original plans. The reduction in building heights was generally welcomed but the main problems relate to :

- a) Parking - still no private parking available & the free, 30min parking in Station Road North bays to be abandoned (but, we believe, still to be provided in other RBC carparks?)
- b) Landscaping - nothing distinctively Egham & its history in the design e.g. Magna Carta - the design could look a lot like mini-Woking or Addlestone??

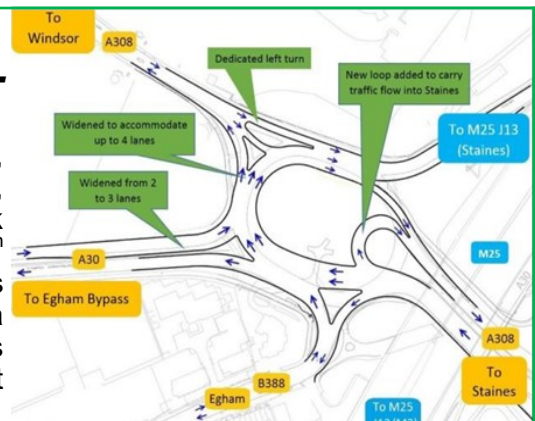
Comments to Places for People were required by 11th September & the current schedule is to submit a planning application in early October, an RBC Planning Committee review next January & construction starting in Autumn 2018 (with completion by the Italia Conti Autumn term in September 2020).

John Rice, RBC director of commercial services, said: "What is being planned by the council in partnership with Places for People is a once in generation change to the face of Egham. We want to retain the special characteristics of the Town to further improve its economic viability and appearance." Nigel Brewer, planning and design director at Places for People, added: "Receiving feedback from the local community is an important part of the plans to revitalise Egham town centre. **The Town's heritage is a key consideration in our designs, which seeks to complement and enhance the existing local character which is truly unique to Egham.** Alongside Runnymede Borough Council, our aim is to create something that the people of Egham will be proud of." Initial comments we have received suggest that this objective (highlighted in bold above) is not being met at present in the design - we urge residents to back this point again when the planning application is tabled?



RUNNYMEDE ROUNDABOUT

SCC's main contractor, the Buckingham Group, began construction work on the roundabout on 9th July. Construction works are anticipated to be for a period of eight months until March 2018, subject to weather & conditions.



Work seems to be progressing apace, despite various problems concerning the sub-surface chambers of pipes, cables & ducts (for BT & Virgin) & associated problems caused by the other traffic issues up at the RHUL development further up Egham Hill.

Please check your route before setting off - you can do this by visiting www.A30.today

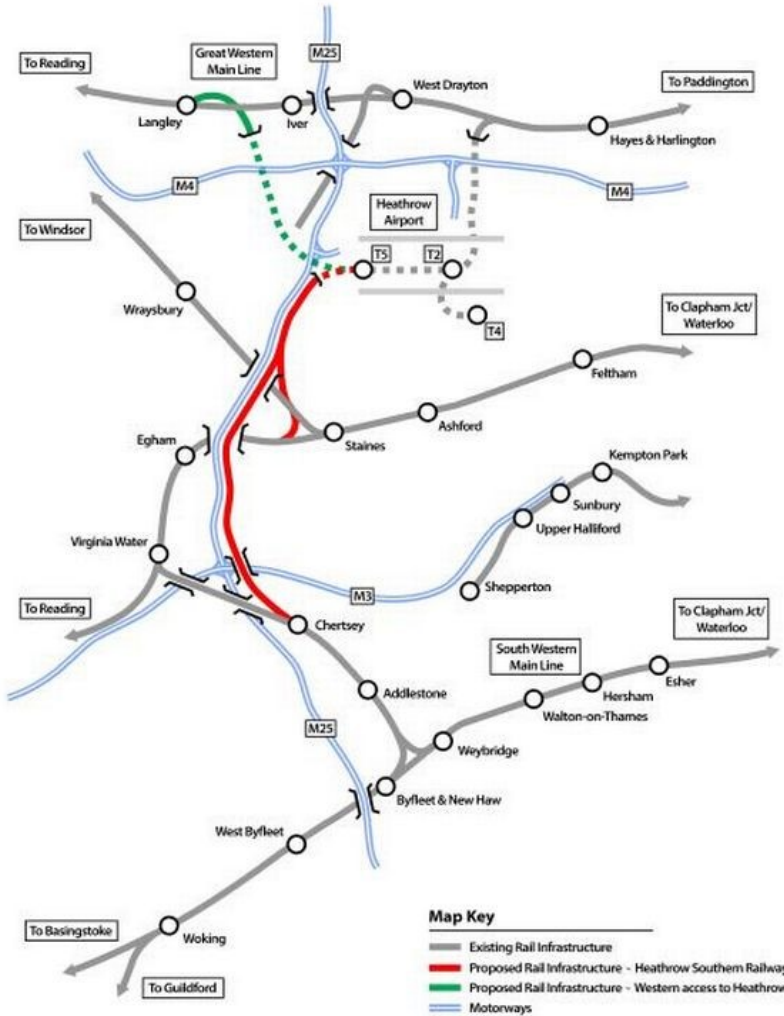
HEATHROW 3rd RUNWAY

a) Decision Delay?

There have been various stories about possible delays in the government decision on 3rd runway at LHR. It seems that Labour is hardening in opposition to the scheme, principally on pollution grounds (despite trade unions wanting to protect jobs), & further consultation on the National Policy Statement (NPS). The new consultation and the recent General Election hiatus means the DoT now expects to present the NPS to Parliament not before the first half of 2018.

b) Heathrow Southern Railway

While mooted for some time, plans for rail links into LHR from the south-west have been officially published. Albeit still in its extremely early stages, the new £1.2bn Heathrow Southern Railway (HSR) scheme would, if granted, possibly see the addition of eight miles of railway along a new bridge being built above the M25 from Chertsey to T5 - see red line in map opposite. The organisers claim that "unlike the previous "Airtrack" proposals, HSR avoids level crossings in the Egham area" & facilitates trains directly through Egham to & from LHR??



The report comes on the heels of a separate proposal for another privately funded scheme called Windsor Link Railway, which would use the two vacant platforms at Terminal 5. A new railway would be built connecting the present Windsor Riverside line with LHR T5 – see green line on map above - and several possible routes within Windsor have been identified for this. The cost is being put at £375 million to be funded by the private sector. The schemes were included in the recent Hansford Review, which was commissioned by Network Rail and recommends more private investment in the rail industry.

SCC CUTS

Continued cuts to funding, rising costs & increasing demand for key services means that the need for Surrey County Council (SCC) to find savings has reached unprecedented levels. One of those services is waste, which includes running the county's 15 community recycling centres (CRCs) where 113,000 tonnes of waste and recycling are taken every year by Surrey residents. Savings have already been made at CRCs by reducing opening days and hours, opening reuse shops at larger sites and introducing charges for larger amounts of non-household waste.



The feedback submitted during the SCC consultation that ended in August will inform the final recommendations that are put forward to the County Council for agreement in the Autumn. Mike Goodman, Surrey County Council's Cabinet Member for Environment and Planning, has already said that : "I'll be recommending to the Cabinet that we keep all our community recycling centres open. We expect that we'll need to close some of our recycling centres on quieter days in the week & we'll also have to end the free daily allowance for residents' construction waste".

GRAVEL EXTRACTION



Surprise, surprise SCC have delayed further their Planning & Regulatory Committee's review of Hanson's application for gravel extraction at Milton Park Farm until **13th December**, probably "at the earliest". SCC Minerals Team are increasingly under pressure to resolve this long-lasting situation, as no reason for the never-ending delay has yet been given (although this is now over 8.5yrs since the present application was lodged)!



EGHAM ROYAL SHOW 26th & 27th August

The ERA stall at the 159th Egham Royal Show over the August Bank Holiday weekend was set up in its usual prime position near the entrance - see opposite.

This year saw the best weather for several years & the Show welcomed very good crowds at the popular Bank Holiday event. Stalls were more varied & "featured something for all the family". Cake deliveries were somewhat disappointing this year- but overall the ERA stall made nearly £300 in takings. Many thanks to those who helped man the stall during the 2 days.

The annual Barn Dance was a roaring success with a large turnout (160), £250 made on the raffle alone & an overall takings of over £1,000. This confirms that this Dance, now in its 17th year, is a well-established & recognised local event. Thanks to our existing sponsors, Chivers Cladding and Proctor & Gamble, and to new sponsorship from Aviation Logistics Network. Thanks also go to the Pearcey family, without whom organising these - the ERA's biggest annual fund-raising events - would not occur.



Community Fair

Promoting local charities and groups

COMMUNITY FAIR

This year's event, on **23rd September** in the main United Church in the High Street, saw 6 local clubs & charities booking stalls (with their fees paid for by ERA).

Thanks to Kim Callaghan for organising this year, Isabel Mullens & Monica Whynot for helping out on the stall & to Jim Pearcey, Adrian Skelt & Michael Callaghan in setting up/taking down. The ERA stall took a substantial £75 - which helped by efforts of our cake bakers - which more than covered the cost of booking the Church for the other charities. With the decline in the local charities taking part, however, we need to decide whether to hold the Fair again next year?

ERA QUIZ NIGHT

This year's Quiz Night is from **7.30pm on 21st October** at the Pastoral Centre, behind the United Church, Egham High Street, with General Knowledge again being the Quiz's theme - which is sponsored by Seakens Solicitors & the Red Lion.

Teams of up to 8 people are required with tickets £10 per person.

This will include a fish & chip (or veggie burger & chip) supper but please bring your own drinks and any nibbles! Places are limited so book early!

Tickets available from Cynthia Reilly (431019) or Jim Pearcey (432805)



CHRISTMAS FAIR

The Egham Chamber of Commerce are again organising a Christmas Fair in the High Street on **Saturday 9th December from 11.00 to 16.00**. As last year a range of stalls selling food, drinks & gifts are expected plus a Santa's Grotto & Sleigh, carol singing & fairground rides plus there will be an ERA stall.

Contact Cynthia Reilly on 01784 431019 or cr@kseakens.co.uk

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

After the Christmas Fair why not enjoy the annual Egham Band Christmas Concert, being held at St Johns Church at **7.30pm on 9th December**. Tickets are free from 07766 692453 or tickets@eghamband.co.uk.



The Band are also holding Carol Singing in the High Street on 10.00am on 16th & 23rd December.



EMAIL ALERT

Alerts on issues that arose between Newsletters this quarter covered :

- a) 4/7 - Runnymede Roundabout Update
- b) 4/7 - Leisure Centre Approval
- c) 28/7 - Egham Gateway West - follow-up session
- d) 10/8 - Egham Royal Show
- e) 10/8 - Egham Gateway West - consultation details
- f) 11/8 - Egham Leisure Centre - update
- g) 20/8 - Runnymede Roundabout newsletter
- h) 20/8 - Egham Royal Show - cake bakers
- i) 28/8 - Community Fair reminder
- j) 3/9 - Egham Gateway West consultation
- k) 6/9 - RHUL Welcome Week
- l) 13/9 - Police & Neighbourhood Watch meeting
- m) 13/9 - Manorcrofts Nursery Open Morning
- n) 15/9 - SCC Community Recycling Centres

To be sent email alerts please contact Glenda Thisdell on 07905 917440 or glenda.thisdell@hotmail.com



We are currently reviewing whether to hold our annual Carol Signing sessions in the Town in early December? Following its re-installment a couple of years ago, it has proved difficult to find the right number of signers (around 15) & we have also lost our local charity support (Dyslexia Action), who closed their Egham office. We are making a decision in mid-October &, to provide some feedback, if you are interested in participating & joining our group please contact : Julian Richardson **on 435578, e-mail : julian_richar90@hotmail.com**



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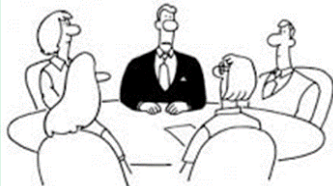
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"Wow! That was close!
We almost decided something!"

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

We are always on the lookout for new, keen Committee members who can contribute to our activities in the Town & beyond - especially if you are of a younger variety? The Committee meets once a month for about 2 hours (except during August and December) & covers a wide range of functions - see opposite. If you are interested, please contact our Membership Secretary, Glenda Thisdell, on 07905 917440.

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UNDER CONSTRUCTION

OUR NEW WEBSITE IS COMING SOON

We have now appointed Stephen Williams as our new "webmaster", who will be in charge of updating our current ERA website & all things IT-wise!! New site should be operational by Christmas.....

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