



HIGH STREET ENTRY BOLLARDS

At the SCC Runnymede Local Committee on 19th September, Surrey Highways said they are in the process of appointing a preferred supplier to replace the gates on entry to the High Street. Following an assessment of alternative options, it is now planned to introduce electronically-controlled rising bollards at both ends of the High Street (linked via Safer Runnymede). Advance work on power supplies & to determine the location of utilities equipment is expected before Christmas, with the bollards installation "anticipated in January 2017".

Although it is disappointing that this is nearly 2 years after an implementation decision was made in March 2015 (following overwhelming public support during the 1Q15 pedestrianisation consultation), funding (of at least £40k) was only made available in SCC's 2016/7 highways budget.

MAJOR TRANSPORT SCHEMES

There are currently two major transport schemes planned in the Borough of Runnymede that directly affect Egham : the Egham Sustainable Transport Package (STP) & Runnymede Roundabout upgrade.

a) **STP Project** - this largely covers cycleway & pedestrian improvements along the Causeway plus a new Toucan crossing at the Woodhaw Roundabout. Work, by Tarmac, commenced on 22nd August & will continue through to December (with some lane restrictions/closures). Unfortunately, due to budget constraints, the STP project does not now include the originally planned A30 Egham by-pass Toucan crossing (at the bottom of Hummer Road). However the disability charity, Runnymede Access Liaison Group (RALG), is currently seeking its re-instatement to improve pedestrian access to the Meads;



b) **Runnymede Roundabout** - this major revamp of the Roundabout's operation, which was previewed at our 2014 AGM, was delayed due to the MC8C celebrations last year & has since suffered funding difficulties. It is now due to see contract award in November, with construction start in January 2017 (after completion of the above STP work). Some advanced utility works may commence this Autumn with considerable traffic disruption to follow during 2017, as completion of the works is unlikely before March 2018.



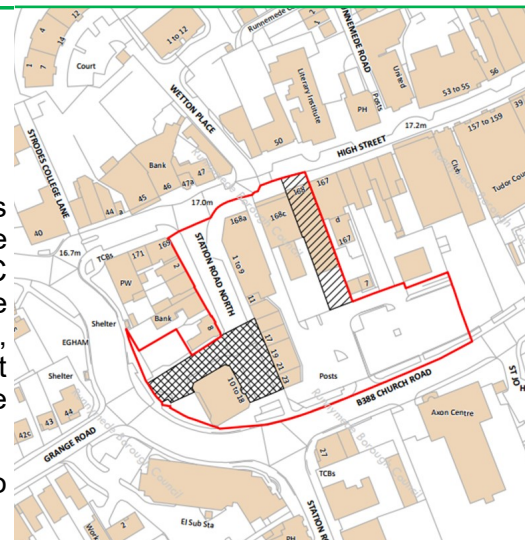
GRAVEL RAISING - MPF STATUS



The Guinness Book of Records is still awaiting an entry from SCC for the longest time taken to not consider a planning application, with Hanson's 2009 application for gravel raising at Milton Park Farm having now been submitted 7½ years ago! Yet again the SCC Planning & Regulatory Committee review of the MPF application has been deferred, with the latest advice from SCC Planners suggesting that Hansons will be providing extra flood alleviation & other data in October (on which we shall advise in due course). This means that the earliest re-scheduled Committee date is **7th December**, although this may be subject to further delay depending on the timetable for consultation & publicity.....

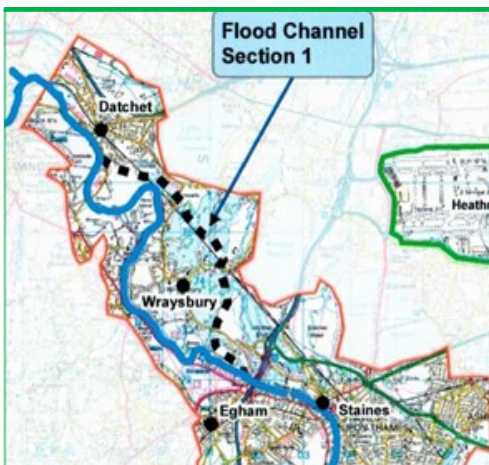
WATCH THIS SPACE (if you aren't already bored with this topic)!!

EGHAM GATEWAY DEVELOPMENT (Station Road North & Egham Leisure Centre)



RBC have recently advised that their procurement programme is still progressing on schedule & recommendations as to the preferred development contractor will be made to the RBC Corporate Management Committee on 13th October, with the winner being announced in November. Once approved, construction work is due to commence next Spring, with target completion by mid-2019 (although the Egham Leisure Centre element may be completed earlier by end-2018).

It is hoped that the winning development contractor will be able to give an outline of his proposals at our AGM on 21st February.



RIVER THAMES FLOOD PREVENTION SCHEME

As reported last Autumn, the River Thames Scheme (RTS) is a proposed programme of projects & investment to reduce flood risk in communities near Heathrow, including large-scale engineering work to construct a new flood channel 30-60 m wide & 17 kms long, built in 3 sections: Datchet to Hythe End, near the M25 (see opposite); Egham Hythe to Chertsey & Laleham to Shepperton.

With the important caveat of “subject to funding”, which is nowhere near in place, the Environment Agency (EA) is planning to seek approval of an outline business case by HM Treasury in 2017/18, start construction in 2020/21 & be “ready for service” in 2024/25. The scheme is estimated to cost £475mm for the design & construction phase but only £250mm has been pledged as at July (£212mm from central government & £36mm of partnership funding).

In the meantime, a “major flood response protocol” for the River Thames from Maidenhead to Teddington was launched in March 2015, designed to enable the emergency services, local councils and other organisations to co-ordinate their response during major floods. A Surrey Discussion Group workshop was held by the EA on 19th September, at which the EA’s data modelling was reviewed (& recommended that they model the Meadlake & Hurst Ditches & consider dredging the river through Staines) & comments on other aspects of the RTS were noted for review as the scheme’s technical details are developed.

SCC WASTE LOCAL PLAN

SCC is currently updating its 2008 waste management plan before a new Surrey Waste Local Plan (SWLP) is adopted in 2018. The SWLP will include policies which set out how & where waste management can take place in the County in future & SCC are currently consulting (until 25th November) on the early “Issues & Options” stage of the Plan process.

As background, in 2014/15 more than 3 million tonnes of waste was produced in Surrey, there are currently 73 waste management facilities across the County & 26% of all waste was land-filled in 2014/15. SCC are thus seeking comments on the methods proposed for estimating future waste management capacity & the identification of suitable future waste sites.

Further details of SCC’s current thoughts can be found in libraries or at : <http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/environment-housing-and-planning/minerals-and-waste-policies-and-plans/surrey-waste-plan-adopted-plan/preparing-a-new-surrey-waste-local-plan> & comments can be provided :

- a) online at www.surreysays.co.uk/ei-planning-development-control-team/newwasteplan
- b) by email at wasteplan@surreycc.gov.uk,
- c) by phone at **03456 009009**, or
- d) by post to **Planing & Development Services, Room 385, County Hall, Penrhyn Road, Kingston upon Thames KT1 2DW**





EGHAM ROYAL SHOW 27th & 28th August

The ERA stall at the 158th Egham Royal Show over the August Bank Holiday weekend was set up in its usual prime position near the entrance. Unlike last year the Show saw good weather on the Saturday but very showery conditions on the Sunday. Our stall did particularly well on the first day, with all cakes selling out, & a 2nd picking of runner beans (provided by Dunkirk Nursery) was necessary for the Sunday. Overall the stall made £275 profit - many thanks to those who helped man the stall.



BARN DANCE

The annual Barn Dance was a roaring success with the biggest ever turnout (175), £250 made on the raffle alone & an overall net profit to ERA of £900.

This confirms that this Dance, now in its 16th year, is a well-established community event. Thanks to our sponsors, Chivers Cladding and Proctor & Gamble, and to Bev Pearcey, Sian Williams & Veronica Cresswell for making the Barn Dance such a success.

As ever, these 2 events remain the ERA's biggest annual fund-raisers & the Editor wishes to add special thanks to Jim Pearcey & family, without whom organising & manning these events would not occur.



COMMUNITY FAIR 24th September

This year's event, in the main United Church in the High Street, saw 10 local clubs & charities booking stalls (with their fees paid for by ERA). Sadly the previous public favourite of an Apple Press, provided by Transition Egham, was not available this year but our stall did get a spontaneous visit from the Runnymede Mayor & Mayoress!

Thanks to Kim Callaghan for organising the event this year & to Jim Pearcey, Julian Richardson & Michael Callaghan for their help in setting up/taking down. The ERA stall managed to take a modest £25, which partially covered the cost of booking the Church for the other

charities, and Fair participants advised that everyone was reasonably happy with the morning's efforts.

MAYOR'S QUIZ NIGHT

This year's Quiz Night is from **7.30pm on 22nd October** at the Pastoral Centre, behind the United Church, Egham High Street, with General Knowledge again being the Quiz's theme. This year the winners will receive an engraved decanter presented by our new Mayor, Cllr Alan Alderson.

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 10th 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.

For details 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 10th December**. Tickets are free from 07766 692453 or www.theeghamband.btck.co.uk.



The Egham Band

At

Christmas!



E-mail alerts !

Alerts on issues that arose between Newsletters this quarter covered :

- a) 1/7 - opening of RBC consultation on taxi licensing
- b) 1/7 - RHUL purchase of the P&G Rusham Park site
- c) 25/7 - Woking & Sam Beare Hospice Fundraising event
- d) 29/7 - Egham STP & Runnymede Roundabout delays
- e) 1/8 - Egham STP & Runnymede Roundabout - delay details
- f) 3/8 - ERS 27/8 Barn Dance advert
- g) 7/8 - NT plans for Runnymede & Ankerwycke
- h) 12/8 - RHUL traffic measures
- i) 12/8 - High Street entry barriers status
- j) 19/8 - Charges at SCC CRCs
- k) 25/8 - Dewgard building fire in High Street
- l) 28/8 - New Membership Secretary
- m) 30/8 - Causeway cycleway works status
- n) 3/9 - Egham Museum survey
- o) 6/9 - SCC library opening times changes
- p) 7/9 - SCC recycling contamination
- q) 14/9 - Mayoress's Tea Party (25/11) advert
- r) 20/9 - RHUL Estate news
- s) 21/9 - Mayor's Quiz Night (22/10) advert

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CAROL SINGING

Following the successful re-instatement of our carol singing efforts last year, we have decided that we will need at least 14 singers to make it worth the effort again this year. On **December 5th & 7th** there will be an hour's practice at Julian Richardson's home starting at 7.30pm - with refreshments. Singing around the streets of Egham will start at 6.30 p.m. on the evenings of **12th and 14th December** for about 1½ hours - with any funds raised again going to the Egham-based charity, Dyslexia Action.

If you are interested in participating & joining our group please contact : Julian Richardson **on 435578, e-mail : julian_richar90@hotmail.com by the end of October.**



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