

EGHAM TOWN WARD PROPOSALS

The draft recommendations from the Local Government Boundary Commission (LGBCE) on the Runnymede Boundary Review were issued on 8th May (with public consultation until 16th July & the final decision due on 4th September). Their recommendations are that RBC stays with 3 Councillors per ward (& 14 wards), that the boundaries of all wards change & that the RBC proposals on Egham Town, Egham Hill & Egham Hythe wards are largely followed (except that Town gains some areas around Manor Way & Vicarage Road), with Town still losing the SW of the old ward & gaining part of old Egham Hythe ward. - see map above.



LGBCE admit that they recognise the local objections to the Egham Town proposals & we have decided to seek further objections from residents - especially from those in the "lost" area - by the consultation deadline of 16th July. A hard copy pamphlet was thus delivered to all houses in the lost area, explaining the status of the LGBCE recommendations & seeking the electors responses to the LGBCE requesting that the proposals be amended to more accurately reflect the community boundaries of Egham Town.

We now ask other residents in the Town & its surrounding areas to also table their objection to the idea of splitting well-established Egham Town residents into 2 wards. A suggested letter/email to the Commission has been circulated for residents to use & send by 16th July to :

Email to reviews@lgbce.org.uk

Letter to
 Review Officer (Runnymede),
 The Local Government Boundary Commission for England,
 14th Floor,
 Milbank Tower,
 LONDON
 SW1P 4QP

RBC ELECTION RESULTS



For those who may have missed the results, Alan Alderson, as the Independent Residents candidate, was successfully re-elected for a 1 year term in the RBC election in the Egham Town on May 3rd. The votes were :

Alan Alderson	(Independent Residents)	674	(56% of vote)		
Charles Prescot	(Conservative)	269			
William Heal	(Labour)	256		Turnout	30.5%

Alan added : "A big thank you to all members of ERA who voted for me on 3rd May.

A pleasing majority of 405 votes was obviously enough to get me re-elected for the 1 year term and it is significant to note that 2 Independent candidates also won seats in Foxhills. Labour also won a seat in Egham Hythe (for the first time in 20 years).

Thanks are due to all the members of ERA who helped me with election canvassing and particularly to Adrian Skelt who acted as my election agent".



ERA VISITS PETERBOROUGH

Some 40 members of the Association & guests visited the cathedral city of Peterborough on April 14th. A good day was had by all, although one woman from EG had fallen down the stairs of the coach, dislocated her shoulder & wanted to be shipped back to SPH by taxi!

Some of us also went on the Nene Valley steam line, a preserved railway running for 10 miles between Peterborough Nene Valley station & Yarwell Junction. The line has been a location for filming over 150 TV shows, films, adverts & music videos (inc. Casualty, Silent Witness, Dalziel & Pascoe and Poirot).



Runnymede 2030 Draft Local Plan Consultation

RBC DRAFT 2030 LOCAL PLAN

Following two previous rounds of public consultation, in preparation for submission of the Local Plan for examination to central government, in January of this year RBC published a Draft Local Plan for consultation. In light of the numerous representations made during the consultation & following the collation of additional evidence, a final round of public consultation was held, between May 18th & June 29th, to give interested persons an opportunity to comment on the revised draft document and the additional evidence since being published.

During this consultation, RBC sought views on the amendments that they had made to the draft Local Plan since the last version in January and February 2018. Previous representations will be sent to central government in full when the local plan is submitted for consideration on July 31st 2018. As such if you made a representation during the first round of public consultation & you had no additional comments to make, a further representation was not necessary for this second & more focussed round of consultation.

EGHAM GATEWAY WEST

John Rice, RBC Project Director, has advised that RBC have now signed up the Everyman Cinema to be their principal tenant at Egham Gateway West & that RBC are now considering a less than 50% students allocation in the accommodation plans. The plans are currently being updated, with building height & parking concerns still apparently issues, & a revised plan is due to be issued for public consultation after the summer.



RUNNYMEDE PLEASURE GROUNDS

Runnymede Pleasure Grounds (RPG) is held by RBC as Trustee and the Trustee function is delegated to the RBC Community Services Committee. From the RPG consultation responses (totalling 160), gathered on site, at a pop-up consultation stand in Egham and an online survey in February, views were fairly evenly split with regard to the need to improve the Pleasure Grounds; e.g. 21% of respondents liked the peaceful natural and open setting, whereas 29% felt that the site needed updating.

RBC have now updated the project brief, which was discussed at their Community Services Committee on 14th June. This agreed that the RBC team should develop the design brief, seek public consultation in 4Q18 & then submit a planning application in March 2019 (with the aim of completing construction works by June 2020).

MILTON PARK GRAVEL (12th September?)

Not wishing to make a decision, SCC have again deferred their Planning & Regulatory Committee review of the 9+ year old Hanson's application for gravel extraction at Milton Park Farm, this time until 12th September (possibly - although this makes the planning application now increasingly yellow with age as it is now more than 9.5yrs old!!).





MAGNA CARTA DAY (16th June)

Magna Carta Day is organised by a small group of volunteers representing the Egham Chamber of Commerce & Egham Residents' Association, including our very own Cynthia Reilly & Stephen Williams. They would like to thank everyone who supported the programme, including Runnymede Borough Council & the Egham Museum, which also celebrated 100 years of women's suffrage (see www.suffrage.eghammuseum.org).

With good weather, over 50 stalls taking part & full use being made of the two performance areas (outside the Lit & outside Tescos) by a range of bands & entertainers. The ERA stall - see opposite with Philip Hammond MP - was busy & saw a doubling of last year's takings (c. £210) plus increasing membership - many thanks to those that helped

man/woman the stall on the day (inc. Monica, Patrick, Susan, Graham, Julian & Isabel).



ERA BARN DANCE (25th August)

7.30 - 11.00 pm

Community Tent,
Egham Royal Show,
Whitehall Lane



The ever-popular ERA-run Barn Dance returns to the Egham Royal Show ground this year with our regular band, the Local Yokels, playing until 10.30pm & no increase in ticket prices since last year.

TICKETS : £13 per person (£6.50 for under 16s)

(to include Fish & Chip Supper - vegetarian option available)

Tickets available from :

Jim Pearcey (432805), Veronica Cresswell (435133) or Sian Williams (439744)

Sponsors :



The Egham Royal Show is on:

25th and 26th August 2018

Patron: H.R.H Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh KG KT

The 160th Show will take place on Saturday 25th August (10am till 6pm) & Sunday 26th August 2018 (10am till 5:30pm) on Mrs Caddey's Field in Whitehall Lane. Prices are the same as last year : Adult (Aged 15-64) £10.00, Adult Weekend (Aged 15+) £15.00, Children aged 14 & under Free & Concession (Aged 65+) £9.00 per ticket - free parking available. Advance tickets will be available at a 10% discount.

We will be at the Show with an ERA stall, where we will be selling cakes etc and offering games on both days. If you are available for two hours to help on the stall on either day, please contact :

Jim Pearcey on 01784 432805



EMAIL ALERT

Alerts on issues that arose between Newsletters this quarter covered :

- a) 5/4 - SW Railways Consultation Results
- b) 10/4 - RHUL Community Meeting (7/3) - Action Items
- c) 13/4 - Runnymede Roundabout Improvement Works
- d) 17/4 - SCC Local Committees Consultation
- e) 18/4 - High Street Bollards Repair
- f) 22/4 - High Street Bollards Partly Repaired
- g) 22/4 - Data Protection Requirements
- h) 25/4 - Egham Band Concert (18/5)
- i) 27/4 - Charity Walk for Peace arrangements
- j) 1/5 - Greenfingers of Runnymede
- k) 2/5 - RBC Election Reminder (3/5)
- l) 4/5 - RBC Election Results
- m) 8/5 - RBC Local Plan Update Consultation
- n) 18/5 - RBC Local Plan - Part 2 Consultation
- o) 18/5 - Runnymede Roundabout update
- p) 23/5 - RNLI Respect the Water (27/5)
- q) 24/5 - Thorpe Sound of Music Day (3/6)
- r) 25/5 - Heathrow Noise Action Plan Consultation
- s) 28/5 - Surrey Funding for Roads
- t) 29/5 - LGBCE proposals on Egham Town Ward
- u) 7/6 - Draft Vision for Surrey 2030
- v) 13/6 - Egham Orbit Status
- w) 19/6 - Vision for Surrey 2030 Meeting (18/7)
- x) 26/6 - RBC Taxi Windows Consultation

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HEATHROW DECISION?

On the 5th June the Cabinet finally endorsed the recommendations of the 2015 review into airport capacity, which concluded that building a third runway at Heathrow offered the greatest economic benefits. The government has thus supported the revised airports National Policy Statement (NPS) - essentially outline planning permission for what is either an enormously overdue & inevitable addition to the national transport infrastructure or a white elephant that is in the wrong place that will never get built, depending on your view.

There was opposition on all sides but the vote did go through Parliament on 25th June overwhelmingly. However, it is "just one stage in a very long process... of the planning system", and that we "still won't know with any certainty for some time to come whether a third runway will be built". For example, four councils, the Mayor of London and Greenpeace have announced they would seek a judicial review after MPs gave the go-ahead to the plans.

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GDPR GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION

DATA PROTECTION

In common to what you have heard from other personal data handlers, the new General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) come into effect on 25th May 2018. The new personal data retention rules require all organisations, regardless of size, to obtain consent to hold personal data. The ERA now have a new Data Protection Policy which covers the essential elements of the GDPR applicable to our organisation. More details are available on our website or talking to our Data Protection Officer, Stephen Williams, on 07876 573660 or webmaster@eghamresidentsassociation.co.uk.



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