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SENDING GOOD WISHES FOR THE NEW YEAR

At the start of the New Year let us take a moment to reflect on the last twenty months and the changes we have all experienced and the unusual times we have lived through. I hope you and your families have managed to get through these difficult times without too much trouble and are looking forward to the New Year and the different challenges that will come our way.

I hope you had a good break over the Christmas period with a chance to recharge your batteries in readiness for 2022.

Sending very good wishes for the New Year.

Lyn Streater

A MESSAGE FROM THE MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

Hello members, welcome to 2022 with a reminder that the annual subscription is now due. You will be aware that the Executive Committee recently voted to increase the subscriptions to £6 for "home" members and £12 for postal members, being a contribution towards cost increases.

A reminder too that the AGM will be held on Wednesday March 2nd at the Heston Community Centre. The AGM is your opportunity to vote for those you would wish to carry out the work of running the Association on your behalf. Maybe you would like to help?

Nomination forms will be available at the February General Meeting.

We would like to see more of you at the General Meetings to socialise and listen to guest speakers.

Hope to see you all soon.

Irene Hansen, Membership Secretary

HRA MONTHLY MEETINGS

The first meeting in the New Year will be held on **Wednesday January 5th 2022**.

Please note that the February meeting would normally have been held on Wednesday 2nd February, but as the H & C Area Forum is scheduled for the 2nd at the Community Centre, it will now be on **Wednesday 9th February**.

The **AGM** will be held on Wednesday **March 2nd**

All meetings commence at 7.30pm.

HESTON & CRANFORD AREA FORUM & PLANNING COMMITTEE DATES 2022

For further information contact: Committee Administrators: Joti Patel 8583 3356 (H&C Area Forum) or Wendy Merry 8583 2061 (Planning). The next Heston & Cranford Area Forum is currently scheduled for **Wednesday 2 February 2022 at 7pm**, with an assurance from the Forum Chairman that it will be held at the Heston Community Centre.

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HOUNSLOW CAVALRY BARRACKS - BEAVERS LANE

Hounslow Council has received the following planning application from Inland Homes Ltd: (subsequent to that received in April 2021) for planning permission and listed building consent to carry out the following development reflecting a number of changes to the original submission in April 2021

Hybrid Planning Application to develop the Cavalry Barracks Site in phases to include full application for: 775 residential units (C3 Use), 1,652 sqm (GIA) non-residential floorspace (Use Classes E and F), demolition of some buildings and structures; retention, conversion and re-use of some statutory and locally listed buildings, new and modified access, car parking, public space and sports pitches, landscaping and associated works; and Works associated with a Hybrid Planning Application to redevelop the Cavalry Barracks Site for a mixed use residential scheme.

An **Outline Planning Application** with all matters reserved except access for: up to 802 residential dwellings (C3 Use), up to 1,021 sqm (GIA) non-residential floorspace (Use Classes E and F), car parking, public open space and sports pitches; landscaping; car parking; and other associated and ancillary works (Amended Description) and

Listed Building Consent for internal, external, structural and non-structural alterations to two listed building(s).

Planning references P/2021/0920 and 00092/A/P20.

Please note that following comments from statutory / non-statutory consultees the applicants team has made a number of changes to the earlier submission:

1. A residential block along the western boundary has been removed addressing sufficient separation distances between the blocks / boundary relationships.
2. The most south westerly entrance from Beavers Lane redesigned to reduce the dominance of cars and to improve permeability.
3. Block G2 redesigned to decrease the height in recognition of the nearby Keep (a listed building) and parade ground.
4. The main entrance along Beavers Lane refined increasing the soft landscaping and improving way finding.

5. The eastern boundary housing typology has been amended reducing the height and numbers and amending the design to a more traditional style.
6. Landscaping changes made across the masterplan, improving the urban greening factor and softening hard landscaping areas.
7. Material changes made across the site responding to comments received from Officers to ensure the materiality and detail provided on the facades appropriately responds to the site context. Roof-scapes amended to respond to the surrounding context and
8. Further front doors added to allow greater activity at ground floor level.

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CRIME in ENGLAND & WALES – YEAR ENDING JUNE 2021

The Office for National Statistics (ONS) recently published an update highlighting the patterns of crime for the 12 months to June 2021.

The ONS records that patterns of crime in the year ending June 2021 were significantly affected by the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and government instructions to limit social contact. Periods of national lockdown witnessed decreases in the incidence of many types of crime. This has now generally been followed by a return towards previous incidence levels once lockdowns ended.

Crime Survey for England & Wales (CSEW) estimates provide the best indicator of long-term trends. Estimates from the Telephone-operated Crime Survey for England & Wales (TCSEW) for the year ending June 2021 compared with the pre-COVID year ending June 2019 show:

- a 12% increase in total crime, driven by a 43% increase in fraud and computer misuse
- a 14% decrease in total crime excluding fraud and computer misuse, largely driven by an 18% decrease in theft offences
- little change in the total number of incidents of violence but a 27% decrease in the number of victims of violent crime, largely driven by falls in violence where the offender was a stranger, in part reflecting the closure of the night-time economy for several months of the year

Fraud and computer misuse offences do not follow the lockdown related pattern of reduced victimisation. Increases in these offences more than offset the reductions seen for other types of crime.

Crime survey estimates for the year ending June 2021 compared with the year ending June 2019 also show:

- a 32% increase in fraud incidents, largely driven by substantial increases in both “consumer and retail fraud” and “advance fee fraud” (note: these types of fraud have been reported on several occasions in RAM in recent months)
- an 85% increase in computer misuse incidents, driven entirely by an increase in “unauthorised access to personal information, including hacking”

Police recorded crime data show a similar pattern to the crime survey, with overall reductions in the reporting and recording of many crime types during periods of lockdown. This data gives more insight into **lower-volume but higher-harm crimes** that the survey does not cover or does not capture well. Compared with the year ending June 2020 they show:

- an 11% decrease in the number of homicides, to 627 offences (and a 5% fall excluding the Grays lorry incident)
- a 6% decrease in the number of police recorded offences involving firearms
- an 8% decrease in offences involving knives or sharp instruments (knife-enabled crime)

Sexual offences, as recorded by the police, were also lower during periods of lockdown, but to a lesser extent during the winter 2020 to 2021 lockdown than during the spring 2020 lockdown. The number of sexual offences reached its highest ever quarterly level between April and June 2021. Caution is needed when interpreting the level of police recorded sexual offences. Recent figures may reflect a number of factors including the impact of high-profile cases and campaigns on victims’ willingness to report incidents. Police recorded crime data for the year ending June 2021 shows:

- the highest number of rape offences (61,158) recorded in a 12-month period, driven by the highest quarterly figure (17,285) between April and June 2021
- the second highest number of sexual offences (164,763) recorded in a 12-month period, driven by the highest quarterly figure (48,553) between April and June 2021

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GREEN SKILLS for the FUTURE

The Green Skills Academy will launch in January as part of Hounslow's vision to develop a green skills academy to deliver training and up-skilling for residents to become part of the green economy of the future.

Starting with Domestic Energy Assessor Training, candidates will complete a five-day course after which they will be qualified to carry out EPC ratings on properties.

The Domestic Energy Assessors training course doesn't require any background knowledge within the energy sector and will open up career development opportunities such as heat pump installations, retrofit work and more.

For more information visit the Hounslow Council website: **Domestic Energy Assessor Training**

SINGLE USE PLASTIC POLLUTION

It is estimated that 52 billion masks were manufactured in 2020, which has created a world wide problem.

It is quite apparent that the pandemic has disrupted efforts to control / reduce the amount of single use polluting the environment. One doesn't have to walk too far down almost any road to come across a discarded face mask. In some instances ultimately to be carried away by birds, possibly seen as material for nest building but perhaps a danger to their life expectancy.

Face masks washed up on beaches have become a major problem in the last 18 months. Masks and plastic gloves are not recyclable, which means that they either end up being burned, deposited on landfill sites or discarded. If discarded these items may enter drainage systems and ultimately end up in the sea, where of course they can cause harm to

wildlife, with birds and other sea creatures being washed up on beaches, and ecosystems and in some instances possibly end up in the food chain. All of this costs the global economy an estimated \$13billionUSD each year.

Quite apart from all these negative aspects there is the negative impact on fisheries and the tourist industry.

On a much broader front it is estimated that 1.56 billion face masks entered our oceans in 2020, resulting in an additional 4680 – 6240 metric tonnes of marine plastic pollution, just a fraction of the estimated 8 - 12 million tonnes of plastic entering the oceans each year. It is calculated that masks will take up to 450 years to break down, ultimately turning into micro-plastics affecting marine wild life and ecosystems.

Marine plastic pollution kills an estimated 100,000 marine mammals and turtles, over 1 million seabirds and an even greater number of fish, invertebrates and other animals each year.

A report by Hong Kong based marine conservation organisation Ocean Asian has called on governments to:

- a. Implement policies designed to encourage the use of re-usable masks
- b. Foster innovation and the development of sustainable alternatives to single use masks.
- c. Discourage littering by increasing fines and educate the public about responsible ways to dispose of masks and
- d. Repair and improve waste management systems to reduce losses and spillage,

Hopefully in the not too distant future the amount of single use plastic attributable to the pandemic will become less of a problem particularly if the users of masks adopt an appropriate approach and discard them in a proper manner.

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TREES and the ENVIRONMENT

The following notice was circulated by Hounslow Council.

Hounslow is one of London's greenest boroughs with approximately 40 per cent of its surface area being green, comprising parks and open spaces. The borough's trees are maintained by Greenspace 360, on behalf of the council which is responsible for over 100,000 trees in our parks.

The London Borough of Hounslow is already working with residents, community groups, partners, schools and business to realise our commitment to greening the borough.

A greener borough benefits both people and the environment - it provides homes for wildlife and helps to absorb pollution. London Borough of Hounslow's greening strategy considers all measures to achieve this outcome through trees, wildflowers and carbon capturing plants.

In November 2019, the council supported local community groups to plant over 800 native trees at Harvard Hill Park and De Brome Open Space. Similar community projects are ongoing and will provide extensive tree planting opportunities over the coming months.

Our streets will receive a further 140 trees over the coming year in partnership with our highway's provider. Our borough parks will feature an additional 125 planted trees as part of the programme, with many more locations being identified.

A rapidly progressing proposal for the planting of 1000 new trees in partnership with the local business community is also in development. Seeding has already taken place for 20 new urban wildflower sites - with many more to feature in our parks, providing over 10,000m² of new wildflower area in total throughout the borough.

Street trees

Hounslow Highways, on behalf of the council, is responsible for just under 11,400 trees, on the public highway. Hounslow Highways undertake a survey and safety inspection of each street's trees on a rotational basis, assessing and inspecting a third of the borough's street trees each year.

You can report a tree problem on the Hounslow Highways website

Can you help care for young trees?

When new trees are planted throughout Hounslow borough's highways and parks, their watering needs are supported by Hounslow Highways and Greenspace 360 crews. However, during dry weather, these newly planted young trees (under 2 years old) can benefit considerably from more regular watering, so we would really appreciate the help of residents to water any new trees that are accessible to them.

Please see below watering guidance:

Look out for the biodegradable tags on trees in parks and highways indicating that they are young trees in need of additional watering.

Please water regularly during periods of dry weather, ideally a young tree requires 50 litres of water per week during summer - although anything you can manage is great.

Tap water, rainwater or even dishwater is fine. Please make sure no harsh chemicals stronger than washing-up liquid are in the mix. Please be aware that a lot of cleaning products contain bleach which long-term will be harmful to the tree.

Slowly pour the water over the roots, letting the water soak deep into the soil. Also, if there's a watering tube at the base of the tree, please use that, but in extremely dry weather it is best to water over the roots then fill the water pipe.

It is best to water in two stages; first wet the surface to prevent run off, then water again to soak deep into the roots.

The best time to water is either in the early morning or in the evening avoiding the hottest part of the day, although water anytime is better than no water at all.

Try not to water when the ground is wet and soggy. Trees can also become overwatered in poorly drained soils such as clay and heavy loam and this can lead to water logging.

Please note that it takes at least 20 minutes of continuous rain for the root ball to be sufficiently watered, if its just a small or not consistent shower of rain then it may still need your help.

If you would like to get involved in similar projects that tackle the borough's environmental priorities, please email recycling@hounslow.gov.uk for more information.



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XXth CENTURY ELECTRICITY

I was recently given a copy of the Daily Mail for Monday December 31st 1900 in which the following piece by **Sir Henry M Stanley** appeared:

“It is wholly beyond my power to decide upon the most remarkable achievement of such a gifted century as the nineteenth. In every branch of knowledge and in every field of action it has been simply marvellous when you look back to the dark and blank times we have left behind. But from the results already gained, I venture to say that the discovery of electric power must be admitted to being the highest.

Though much admired even now as a servant of man, it remains for the people of the twentieth century to develop the power of electricity to its fullest capacity. The atmosphere of London will be purged of its impurities by it, our streets and underground ways will be made clearer and wholesomer by it, and it will minister by countless methods not only to the commonest needs of the twentieth century but create luxuries which our wealthiest citizens cannot now command.

Electricity awaits the genius that will employ it throughout the country at large in every service wherein steam is now used. Then every stream will be studied and guided so that its full current may be utilised for the creation of electric energy.”

DECEMBER MEETING

At the December meeting Vice-Chairman welcomed guest speaker Tom Stockton from The Mulberry Centre, an independent charity at West Middlesex Hospital. He first reminded members of the presence of cancer in modern society, the various forms and the incidence in males and females. He then addressed the services – information, advice and support - that The Mulberry Centre offers to cancer patients, family, friends and carers.

HRA Chairman, Mangal Chudha thanked Tom Stockton for his presentation. A raffle was held which realised £50, subsequent contributions took the total to £95. A donation will be made to The Mulberry Centre. Our guest speaker, Cllr Steve Curran and members then enjoyed a fine selection of refreshments.

Note, a full report of Tom Stockton’s presentation will appear in the February RAM

HOUNSLOW CONNECT

Council notice:-

Everyone in Hounslow can now use the Council's new online information, advice and guidance hub, Hounslow Connect. The Council has developed Hounslow Connect for all residents to use. It will support the work of our Community Solutions Team, which play a vital role in supporting communities across the borough - especially our most isolated and vulnerable residents.

On Hounslow Connect we have brought together information about the services that are provided by Hounslow Council, the borough's voluntary and community groups and our health partners onto this single platform, so that you can easily find what is right for you, when and where you need it.

We are inviting all of the borough's charities, voluntary groups and community groups to register onto it; this is free of charge and will establish your organisation on the most important information website in the borough

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IMPROVING

In 1957 significant stretches of the river Thames had such low levels of oxygen due to pollution that the river was devoid of life, with few if any fish

and a few hardy eels, in fact those stretches in particular were biologically dead.

However a recent State of the Thames Report indicates that since then and despite sewage spills, the water quality has shown “some promising developments”. To some extent the improvement is due to better sewage treatment with the removal of harmful chemicals which were previously entering the river. Despite these promising signs there remains a threat from higher temperatures, increasing nitrate levels and the continuing threat of the presence of plastic.

There are more than 100 species of fish in the 215 miles of the Thames, plus the presence of three shark species that lurk in the Thames outer estuary. A project started in 2020 was established to gather more data about the sharks. The Greater Thames Shark Project being run by the Zoological Society of London is gathering information on:

- a.** The Spurdog, also known as spiny dogfish – it is covered in spines, hence its name – can grow up to 2ft long, weighing in at 25lbs, but tends to be smaller in UK waters, preferring shallow waters.
- b.** Starry Smooth Hound, classified as “near threatened” feeding mainly on crustaceans and growing up to 4ft in length. It is understood that they give birth to young in the Thames.
- c.** Tope are classed as endangered, gives birth every 2years maturing at the age of ten and may well give birth in the Thames estuary.

So there is life in Old Father Thames yet!

SEWAGE SPILL YIELDS

Sewage spills have featured a lot recently however I came across something of a lighter note recently, of what continues to be a serious problem. On the Kent coast following spillage and with sewage being brought back in with the tides, it is reported that hundreds of tomato plants have been growing on the shoreline from the seeds contained in the waste.

Tomato seeds are indigestible, as a result when sewage ends up in the sea the seeds float back in on the tide, they germinate, take root, plants develop and apparently produce the fruit.

I wonder what they taste like?

The ULEZ SAGA

The impact of the extension to the ULEZ zone continues to rumble on more recently with the effect in south west London on people wishing to

visit the Townmead Waste & Recycling Centre and the Mortlake Crematorium.

Recently HRA member Christine Diwell wrote to the Mayor of London on behalf of some 20 G15 Residents' Groups in the Borough Of Hounslow about the matter:

Dear Mayor Khan,

You should be aware of the considerable concern expressed through these groups' representations over the fact that signage is in place indicating that the Townmead Recycling Centre & Mortlake Crematorium, Townmead Road are included within the area where ULEZ will apply from 25th October.

While supportive of the aim to improve air quality through increasing the ULEZ, a general view is that if those with vehicles not complying are unable to take waste to a well-used civic amenity site without penalty it is realistic to consider this will increase fly tipping. At best it will mean longer journeys by car in west London to alternative sites in other boroughs.

This is particularly the case in Hounslow where the existing Space Way Re-use and Recycling Centre is less than user friendly. Application of the ULEZ will therefore negate any likely worthwhile effect. In addition, there is a strong feeling that Mortlake Crematorium should be available with no emission charge to all who have the need to drive to it.

In addition "The Board of the Crematorium in Mortlake has expressed concerns about mourners from outside the new Ultra Low Emission Zone having to pay £12.50 to visit loved ones."

Christine received the following response:

Thank you for your email regarding the Ultra Low Emission Zone (ULEZ). My Name is Matt Browning, I work in the air quality team at the Greater London Authority.

"I do understand that the expansion of the ULEZ may make it more difficult for some people using non-compliant vehicles to travel. However, this must be balanced with the wider need to significantly reduce air pollution and bring it within legal limits as quickly as possible to improve the health of all Londoners.

The level of air pollution currently exceeds legal limits in many areas of London. Millions of Londoners breathe in air that stunts the growth of children's lungs and worsens chronic illness, such as asthma, lung and heart disease. Furthermore, there is emerging evidence linking air pollution

with an increased vulnerability to the most severe impacts of COVID-19. A new study by researchers from Imperial College London's Environmental Research Group found that despite significant improvements in London's air quality since 2016, toxic air still contributed to the deaths of more than 4,000 Londoners in 2019. This means that there is still vital and urgent work to do to improve London's air quality.

The ULEZ applies to all roads within the defined boundary, both public roads and private roads to which the public have access. Vehicles that do not meet the ULEZ emissions standards and are driven on any such roads are liable to the ULEZ daily charge. Vehicles driving on the access road to the car park are therefore required to pay the ULEZ daily charge if they do not meet the ULEZ emissions standards.

I recognise that this is not the answer you are seeking, but I hope this sets out the reasons behind the Mayor's decision and the wider action he is taking to ensure all Londoners can breathe clean air."

Matt Browning, Senior Policy and Programme Officer, Air Quality Team
Comment: Whilst the response may be disappointing it was not unexpected.

HEATHROW NEWS

The reopening of the UK – USA travel corridor has kick started a recovery in long haul travel. As a result of this Heathrow recently announced that it is taking on 600 front-line staff in security and engineering roles as an increase in passenger numbers is predicted.

The announcement followed the news that Heathrow reported a sixth consecutive month of passenger growth in October with more than 100,000 passengers a day, over 3 million passengers traveled through Heathrow in the month. This represents an increase of 144% on the same time last year but remained 56% below pre-COVID.

On average the transatlantic market accounts for some 20% of Heathrow's passenger traffic. In October the number of passengers flying UK – USA was up more than four times year on year in October.

It is also reported that airport shops such as W H Smiths are also recording an increase in sales as passenger travel picks up, as restrictions are eased.

The announcement that 600 front-line staff will be taken on will be a boost for employment in local authorities around Heathrow, particularly for

Hounslow which historically has the largest number of residents working at Heathrow. It will also be a boost for businesses outside the airport, hotels, airport caterers and other smaller concerns.



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THE LONG WAIT

In a recent newsletter Cllr Lambert commented: “But for anyone who doubts that we need more council housing, I just saw this today on the council website, trying to help someone who is living in seriously overcrowded accommodation.”

Illustrating the problem confronting both the Council and those on the waiting list for accommodation, the following are the latest waiting times for:

- 1 bedroom home: average waiting time is more than 2 years
- 2 bedroom home: average waiting time is more than 2 years
- 3 bedroom home: average waiting time is more than 4 years
- 4 or more bedroom home: average waiting time is more than 5 years

In a recent newsletter Cllr Lambert said: “This is one of the most distressing things we confront as councillors – inadequate housing really messes up lives – and one of the reasons I have been an enthusiast for increasing the housing stock we control indirectly by buying on the market via Lampton360. Hounslow has a very good record compared with other councils but the housing list grew a great deal during the pandemic and we have to look at every possibility to fill the gap.”

“That obviously doesn’t give the council carte blanche to ignore the impact on existing residents and we resolved to take that on board and improve

how we deal with these matters.” He was referring here to adding additional floors to existing low rise properties.

RECYCLE YOUR SOFT PLASTICS

Don't forget to save your soft plastics and recycle them at Tesco stores at Syon Lane and Bulls Bridge.

Soft plastics include, dog / cat food pouches, crisp packets and similar, bread bags and similar and clean film.

NEW HESTON ROAD – PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

Regarding the proposed redevelopment on New Heston Road involving the demolition of nos 44-80 and 109 Westbrook Road.

The latest news, as at 9th November, is that LBH Planning is still “assessing the application and at this time does not have a recommendation or committee date.”

Planning Ref: P /2021/ 2203 and 00798/44-80/P1 refer.

COMMUNITY SOLUTIONS

The Council's Community Solutions approach is the new way we are delivering an early response to the needs of vulnerable local people.

With the support and expertise of local voluntary and community groups, Community Solutions will provide a range of resources and activities for residents which will help to identify and solve their problems before they develop into more serious crises.

Community Solutions is easily accessible online through **Hounslow Connect** the Council's new information and guidance hub, on the phone and in-person - with members of the Community Solutions team based in community locations across the borough on a regular basis.

If you or someone you know needs support, advice or guidance please contact **020 7084 9697** or email:

communitysolutions@hounslow.gov.uk

Details of Community Solutions can be found on the **Hounslow Council website**.

HESTON EAST WARD PANEL MEETING

At a recent Heston East Ward Panel meeting, following discussion, attendees agreed to the following three priorities for **Ward Police** to observe:

Speeding Cars in Area Priority One

During the meeting we discussed the issues caused by the laying of the new road surfaces in the area around Fern Lane and the surrounding area thus causing the Go Slow Humps in the road to almost become useless and motorists are speeding down these roads. Due to this we as the Neighbourhood Policing Team have decided to firstly send a message or post to all residents in areas highlighted about speeding motorists and how to report any problems they have with this issue so that we can arrange Officers to be in these areas at times that are highlighted and be a visible presence. Once we have received this information we can act on it and speak to the persons concerned about their standard of driving in these areas and gather evidence of offences committed.

ASB Gathering in and around Wheatlands/Heston Farm Estate Priority Two

The next issue discussed was the issues caused by groups of youths meeting in cars in and around the Wheatlands and Heston Farm Estate Lower Car Parks causing ASB by drinking and eating and leaving rubbish around these areas (after playing music) including oxide Canisters and discarding them on the roads. Due to this issue we as the Policing Team will be arranging evening patrols in these areas and conducting a Multi Neighbourhood Policing Teams Operation where high ASB issue areas will be concentrated on by teams of Officers working together.

Improve Engagement with Residents via Street Meetings and Leaflet Drops

The next Issue raised was the lack of engagement with the residents by the Police after a Crime had taken place and advice given for safety and security of property or persons. Due to this issue we have decided as a Neighbourhood Policing Team that we need to place more effort into engaging with our residents and giving them an opportunity to see us and hear from us. We will be conducting every two weeks a Street Meeting and looking at the Crime figures and setting about constructing leaflets if a certain crime is affecting an area that needs reassurance advice.

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D R Blackett

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PASSING BY

The following article by Timothy Pimm appeared in the November 1956 edition of RAM.

In September our Secretary gave a warning that the projected South Wales Radial Road might be coming sooner than was first anticipated. Today its coming looms larger than ever. As you will see from “Council Comments” the Council was asked by the County Surveyor which of three schemes suggested by him would be most acceptable.

Our Council came to the conclusion that the least objectionable was the scheme by which the proposed road crossed Heston Farm and passed over Heston Road. Then the road goes right over the houses on the north side of Winchester Avenue then across the footpath that runs between Walnut Tree Road and Fern Lane. Then on through the market garden between Heston Park and The Alders crossing North Hyde Lane just south of the Grange Farm Buildings, then across Heston Airport to Southall Lane south of Heston Aircraft Co’s factory, across Lower Park Farm to Church Road, Cranford. That’s the route as far as it affects us in Heston.

This will mean that the footpath will have to be lowered to pass under the new road; at this point it is coming down to ground level which it reaches in the market garden. North Hyde Lane will be raised to pass over it so also

will Southall Lane. After this there is no clear indication what the road will do, but it will probably rise over the Parkway and on through Cranford Park to the Borough boundary.

When work starts in our area, poor old Heston is going to be one heck of a mess, but the worst feature of all is the complete demolition of all the houses on the north side of Winchester Avenue and of five houses in Heston Road. Forty one houses in all will be sacrificed to the god of speed.

That isn't all. The residents on the south side of Winchester Avenue and of Durham, Oxford and Eton Avenue and Fern Lane will for ever have before their eyes this 20ft high erection which no architect will be able to make beautiful.

Comment: this particularly applies to the residents of Winchester Avenue, confronted by the huge mountain of concrete visible from the front of their premises. D B.

The question of compensation is now being tackled by the Council and we sincerely trust that it will get more satisfaction from the Ministry of Transport and Civil Aviation than our Association in conjunction with bodies have had so far.

Whatever the Council may achieve, rest assured that the interested groups in Heston will not rest until fair - repeat, fair – compensation is given to those people affected or likely to be affected.

The thoughts of disruption and later the permanent ugliness that this road project will bring to pleasant Heston, makes me sad indeed. I have a deep rooted dislike for ugliness in any form - I try not to show it – but the almost inevitable ugliness of steel and concrete make me shudder.

Perhaps now, and belatedly, the people in the area most affected will band together as one man and thus forge a very strong weapon for the use of those who are and have been trying to help them.

The M4

A new road from **London to South Wales** was first proposed in the 1930s. In 1956 the Ministry of Transport announced the plans for the first major post-war road improvement projects.

The **M4**, originally the **London-South Wales Motorway**, runs from West London to Southwest Wales. The English section to the Severn Bridge was constructed between 1961 and 1971, and the Welsh element was completed in 1993. On the opening of the second Severn Crossing in 1996, the M4 was rerouted over it.

The Chiswick flyover, a short section of elevated dual-carriageway, not originally classed as a motorway, opened in 1959 to reduce the impact of traffic travelling between central London and the west. The line of the motorway from London to Bristol runs closely in parallel with the A4 After crossing the River Severn toll-free since 17 December 2018, the motorway follows the A48, to terminate at the Pont Abraham Services in Carmarthenshire.

Comment: I recall taking a walk one weekend along the M4, when it was under construction, just west of the North Hyde Lane Flyover. D B.

PARKING on NORTH HYDE LANE

Heston Residents' Association is in consultation with Hounslow Council's Traffic Department about problems associated with the parking of motor vehicles on North Hyde Lane, specifically the section from the foot of the M4 bridge to the mini roundabout at the junction with New Heston Road.

The problem is that vehicles both cars and vans are being parked on the pavement creating problems for pedestrians particularly those with buggies and those with mobility problems. The problem is exacerbated in the evenings, when parking tends to increase particularly with higher sided vehicles which also reduce the sightline, especially during the hours of darkness.

Hounslow Traffic has now agreed to investigate. (see February RAM)
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ONE THOUSAND NEW COUNCIL HOMES

The December RAM (p 22) featured the article “One thousand New Council Homes”. The readers’ attention is drawn to the following development:

The new build scheme at **Orchard Road, Brentford**, is described as an exemplary scheme in zero carbon design, which can now be used to set a blueprint for the future to deliver a good standard of housing for families. Many of the homes within the programme go far beyond many other housing schemes currently being developed by private developers to respond to the Climate Emergency declared by Hounslow in 2019.

This month’s front cover features the development. I was immediately reminded of the image on the front cover of the March 2020 RAM which featured the Norwich City Council development “Goldsmith Street” which was awarded the 2019 Riba Stirling Prize Award for Architecture. Whilst the developments may not be the same in structure or indeed size, the immediate appearance is similar.

With thanks to architects BPTW for permission to use the image on the front cover.

Compiled by D R Blackett

TACKLING TENANCY FRAUD

The following notice was posted on the Council website by Cllr Lily Bath Deputy Leader, Housing & Social Inclusion in connection with International Fraud Awareness Week (15 – 20 November), emphasising that Hounslow Council’s investigation team is continuing its work to tackle fraud.

Tackling illegal tenancy fraud is a priority for Hounslow Council, and a variety of techniques are used by our dedicated housing fraud team to identify cases for investigation.

Tenancy fraud can include:

1. Giving false information when applying for a council property;
2. The tenant of a council-owned property sub-letting it to someone else, even for a short period;
3. Not living in a council property, when it should be your main home.

These actions could be a breach of tenancy and result in an application being rejected or even losing the right to remain in the property. Serious

cases may result in prosecution, which could result in a fine and even imprisonment.

Cllr Lily Bath, said; “Not only is it breaking the law, but tenancy fraud is unfair to those in genuine need of housing, who will often be living in temporary accommodation while waiting for a suitable property to become available. We currently have more than 4,000 households on our housing register waiting list and will not hesitate to take action against anyone who is denying them a roof over their heads by committing tenancy fraud.”

If you suspect tenancy fraud, or if you think you may have been duped into sub-letting a council property from the genuine tenant, you can contact the confidential tenancy fraud hotline 020 8583 3777 or you can email tenancyfraud@hounslow.gov.uk or fill on an online form on our website.

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GOOD PARKS for LONDON (PART 1)

A recent notice published by Hounslow Council stated that: Our parks service has been named as one of the best-performing and most improved in Parks for London's 5th annual 'Good Parks for London' report. This comes just weeks after the Borough was awarded 21 Green Flag Awards for 2021 and was recognised at the London in Bloom awards.

Supported by the Mayor of London, the report looks at how London Boroughs are performing against ten Good Parks criteria: public satisfaction, awards for quality, collaboration, events, fitness and wellbeing, sustainability, supporting nature, community involvement, strategic planning and skills development.

Good Parks for London is an independent charity working with landowners and managers to protect and improve London's green infrastructure.

The report states that Good Parks for London is an annual report, now in its fifth year, compiled by Parks for London and sponsored by GL Hearn. It assessed participating London boroughs' parks services from April 2020 to March 2021 against the ten Good Parks criteria to enable comparison between them. It also gives recognition for the great work that is happening across London and the improvements made, it helps improve performance and makes practices more visible and open to scrutiny.

Hounslow was featured in two of the criteria, the only London borough to achieve that.

They were:

Supporting Nature: The report states that Hounslow is passionate about supporting nature. The Council's Countryside team, which sits within its trading company, GreenSpace 360 (GS360), manages 24 countryside sites across the borough with site-specific habitat management plans, and other parks also benefit from interventions in aid of nature recovery. Together with GS360, the Council works with other organisations and catchment area projects to ensure that nature recovery is not hampered by borough boundary lines, and they are a part of Natural England's stewardship scheme, including use of livestock.

As well as providing ecological data to the Greenspace Information for Greater London, Hounslow runs environmental programmes and hosts work experience placements to promote environmental careers. Before the pandemic, the Countryside team's robust volunteer programme recorded over 16,000 volunteering hours and friends of parks groups have also played a significant role in strengthening volunteer outreach alongside the Council's environmental champion scheme.

"Together with our friends' groups, environmental champions, corporate companies, school groups and other youth organisations, we work with GS360 to increase a greater sense of ownership for the borough's nature recovery efforts, facilitating a borough movement."

Bee banks have been developed in different locations, and local community activities specific to bees have helped to promote and educate the local community on the importance of bees and maintaining their habitat for them to thrive. The Council is positive that the scheme will maintain a healthy involvement of around 150 children and up to 50 volunteers. Through Hounslow's ten-year commitment to plant a tree for each new-born in the borough, some 4,500 trees, including pollinator-supporting species, were planted last year. New wildflower meadows have been created and more are planned this year with the engagement of

friends of parks groups, volunteers, and residents in seeding wildflowers for bees and other invertebrates.

Community groups are proactively working for a greener Hounslow, achieving several London in Bloom awards. Hounslow collaborates with several organisations to offer its residents opportunities to get involved in conservation tasks, activities and events and The Conservation Volunteers organise bird, bat and hedgehog box-making for families. Hounslow adopts a circular economy approach for its parks; re-using old car park surfacing material to make new gravel paths and using Ecogrid, made from recycled plastic rather than tarmac, as the new car park surface in one of its parks. They are also exploring using recycled material for park infrastructure.

Strategic Planning: The report states that Hounslow is working to address several global challenges at a local level, including climate change and significant health, social and economic crises, magnified as a result of the pandemic. The development of a green and blue infrastructure (GBI) strategy between 2020 and 2021 has helped Hounslow to shape a strong strategic approach that will support the borough's recovery from the pandemic and help create resilient, healthy, and sustainable communities.

The GBI strategy will support and help to deliver multiple, interconnected work streams and projects associated with Hounslow's Local Plan, transport strategy, greener borough framework, green recovery and climate emergency and parks. These policies align Hounslow to common goals beyond its boundaries, giving way to cross-borough partnerships and multidisciplinary teams. The strategy includes an action plan for each theme, as well as a funding strategy, and is linked to the Council's infrastructure delivery plan where capital developments have been costed, as well as other key Council plans and London strategies.

During the strategy's consultation there was strong endorsement that parks and open spaces should be a key area of focus, with 86.4% of respondents convinced that the green spaces are natural capital and assets that contribute to a greener Hounslow and a wider green recovery. Quality management and operational management also form a key part of Hounslow's GBI strategy. "Our strategic approach in protecting and improving our parks and open spaces has never been stronger. Parks are playing a key role not only as community assets but also as part of the solution in our efforts against climate change and green recovery. Therefore, the Council is investing substantially in our parks, supporting their role in making communities healthier and more resilient" The Council has increased its Green Flag recognised sites since taking the parks

services back in-house under the control of the Local Authority trading company, GreenSpace 360. There has also been a review of infrastructure that led to specific growth bids for playgrounds, cemeteries, signage and a specific asset management plans for Green Flag sites.

All in all then a good report for the London Borough of Hounslow.

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POLICE ENCOUNTER PANELS

Police encounter panels are being created to give communities an opportunity to feedback on policing encounters, by watching Body Worn Video (BWV) footage and offering their views on what went well or what the Met could improve.

The panels will be set up across 12 geographical Basic Command Units (BCUs), and will comprise of independent community members, senior police officers and the Met Federation or appropriate staff support associations.

Why do we need Police Encounter Panels?

The main purpose of these panels is to improve public trust and confidence in the Met, by allowing the community to offer appropriate scrutiny and feedback of policing encounters.

The panels aim to do this by:

- a. incorporating the community experience of policing
- b. using these experiences to improve the way officers understand interactions with the public
- c. allowing local communities to review broader aspects of local policing practice

How to get involved?

We're particularly interested in recruiting members from those communities that are most impacted by policing encounters (especially those aged under 25), but we welcome applications from all community members.

The panels will be organised by Basic Command Units (BCUs), the collective name for two to four boroughs that have joined together to provide a policing function.

Please note:

- a. You must be over 18 to join a Police Encounter Panel.
- b. You must live, work, be in education where your preferred panel sits, or have strong links to the local area.
- c. This is not a paid role.
- d. If you are interested in joining a Police Encounter Panel or you would like to find out further information about the panels then please email **WAMailbox-.PESPs@met.police.uk**

Your enquiry will be passed to your local police force who will be in contact shortly.

FELTHAM ARENAS PARKLANDS

The first phase of a multi-million-pound project to revitalise green and open spaces in Feltham recently reached completion. The aim of the scheme included combining Blenheim Park, Feltham Arenas and Feltham Park into a connecting green space.

The **Feltham Arenas Parklands Masterplan**, launched in 2016 celebrated its first milestone with the official unveiling of a host of new environmental improvements. The Council worked closely with local stakeholders and key partners to produce the **Masterplan**.

Highlights of the £1m first phase include:

New entrances, designed to enhance the look and feel of the space.

Two new footbridges across the Longford River to better connect the space.

New dual pedestrian/cycle paths, including an accessible path over the mound.

Improved lighting to increase visibility and deter antisocial behaviour.

Vegetation clearance and better management of trees and shrubs.

The refurbishment of the Feltham Park tennis courts, which are now open for business.

GOOD PARKS for LONDON (PART 2)

In the earlier article on **Good Parks for London (p 26)** it was noted that Hounslow was the only borough to have gained special mention in two of the ten criteria which formed the basis of evaluation. The other eight criteria together with the mentioned borough are:

Public Satisfaction with Parks - Hackney has one of the largest expanses of parks and green space in inner-London with 58 sites totalling 282 hectares, ranging from major sites such as Hackney Marshes, Clissold Park and Abney Park to small gardens such as Hoxton Square and Church Street Gardens, and a recent consultation showed how much these spaces are appreciated by their residents

Awards for Quality - Haringey is delighted to have scored highly against the Awards for Quality criteria. Its 148 parks and green spaces and 27 allotments under direct management cover 383 hectares, making up 12.5% of the borough with an assemblage of three district parks, 17 local parks & gardens, 36 small local parks and gardens, and 92 small green spaces.

Collaboration - Sutton has always placed great emphasis on working in partnership to deliver great parks and open spaces, whether at a local level with friends' and residents' groups, or stakeholders at a regional level such as the London Wildlife Trust and the Downlands Partnership, or national partners such as the Environment Agency and the Tree Council.

Events - Lewisham Council with Glendale promote a diverse range of community and commercial events, whilst recognising the need to protect parks from overuse. A clear events policy, thorough evaluation and a balance of commercial and community events allow Lewisham's parks to cater for a range of needs and enables funds generated to be targeted for parks improvements

Health Fitness and Wellbeing - Vision Redbridge Culture & Leisure is rightly proud of the health and wellbeing programmes it has been developing in its parks and green spaces, such as walking for health, a range of free weekly routes that are open to all and led by qualified walk leaders. The walks have proved to be very popular among the older generation and those with mobility issues. Redbridge also offers an inclusion walk that focuses on supporting adults with dementia and Alzheimer's to ensure they can not only enjoy time in the borough's beautiful parks, but be active in a safe and caring environment.

Community Involvement - Community and stakeholder involvement in **Lambeth's** parks underpins the Council's work in managing its parks and open spaces, whether carrying out works in parks, fundraising, or acting as a critical friend.

Skills Development - Ensuring a high quality, skilled and motivated workforce has never been more important in the park industry than now. The Mayor of London's Greenspace Commission reported that the 'green space sector is facing a crisis with a loss of staff capacity, skills and expertise. This is worsened by a lack of career progression and professional recognition, difficulty in gaining transferable skills, poor workforce diversity and the fact that it is currently a relatively self-contained sector.' **Islington's** parks service agrees with the findings of the report and is taking steps to address these issues and challenges.

Sustainability - Hammersmith and Fulham recognises the vital role tree planting plays in creating habitats for a wide range of species, increasing biodiversity, helping with the urban cooling effect, and capturing carbon. To overcome some of the challenges of planting trees in an urban setting the Council began working with residents and Earthwatch Europe in late 2020 to identify a site in the borough to create London's first Tiny Forest with the sponsorship of local company Fever-Tree.

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PLANNING APPLICATION

At the Planning Committee Meeting on 11 November members considered an application in respect of St Mary and Pope Kyrillos VI Coptic Orthodox Church Broad Walk TW5 9AB Ward: Heston Central

The proposal considered under this application was for the part change of use of the existing church building and surrounding open space to a day nursery / crèche. It would cater for up to 30 children and the proposed hours of operation are Monday to Friday 7:30am – 6:30pm

The application was notified to 78 neighbouring properties, 27 responses were received, mainly associated with parking problems, increased traffic levels and noise and air pollution.

The application was presented to the Planning Committee due to significant public interest.

Despite the concerns expressed in the responses the application was recommended for approval, subject to conditions. In the out-turn a decision to defer for further reports was agreed.

Planning references; P/2021/3411 00162/A/P17

PUBLIC NOTICE

The London Borough of Hounslow recently issued the following Orders – on 1st October - relating to the M4 Heston Services, Eastbound Access Road; it came into operation on the 1st November.

The general effect of the Orders will be to:

- a. “Restrict unauthorised vehicular access into and out of the Heston Services (eastbound) by way of the access road linking North Hyde Lane with the service station” and
- b. “Introduce “at any time” waiting and loading restrictions in the access road linking Heston Services (eastbound) and North Hyde Lane throughout the North Side, and in certain lengths of the south side.”

PLANNING APPLICATION - LAND at CHISWICK ROUNDBOUT

Hounslow Council has received a planning application (00505/EY/P20 & P/2021/3510)) in respect of Land at Chiswick Roundabout. This proposed major development is for the;

Erection of a 24 storey building containing 255 dwellings and flexible office and retail space with associated access, basement car and cycle parking, landscaping and refuse and recycling storage, with all necessary ancillary and enabling works.

The following information appears in the supporting documents and makes interesting reading:

The Site which has remained vacant for many years, and which currently detracts from the character of its key strategic location comprises 0.28 hectares, occupying a very prominent position, at the intersection of the A4 Great West Road and the A406 North Circular, forming the gateway at the eastern end of the 'Golden Mile'. The site is highly accessible by bus, and within close walking distance of Gunnersbury Underground Station and Kew Bridge Rail Station and has a PTAL rating of 4. (PTAL = Public Transport Accessibility Level, which measures from 0 to 6b)

The Golden Mile is a recognised regeneration area and comprises a stretch of the A4/Great West Road, which runs from Chiswick Roundabout in the east, 2.5 miles to Gillette Corner in the west, and forms an important strategic corridor into Central London from Heathrow Airport. The Golden Mile also forms part of the Great West Corridor, a strategic Outer London Development Centre for employment growth.

The Golden Mile is characterised by large scale transport infrastructure, and office and light industrial uses associated with the Great West Road. The elevated M4 motorway, which runs east-west immediately to the south of the Site, is a prominent and defining feature of the Golden Mile, in the immediate surroundings of the Site.

The Golden Mile is named as such due to the high concentration of high-profile industry which developed along the Great West Road during the late 1920s, including Gillette, Firestone and Beefeater Gin. The Golden Mile has historically been an economic driver for Hounslow, although with a number of exceptions (including BSkyB and GlaxoSmithKline) the area has seen a steady decline in employment and the quality of the environment over the decades.

The Council and Greater London Authority ('GLA') have for many years actively sought to reverse this trend. The Golden Mile is already characterised by a number of landmark tall buildings, which are reflective of its status as an area of enterprise, capitalising on its highly prominent location on the entry to London from the west. The aspirations for the future of the Golden Mile are strongly reflective of an ambition to continue this notion into the future, with development acting as a key economic driver

The Great West Corridor is also identified in the recently adopted London Plan as a future Opportunity Area, delivering 7,500 homes and 14,000 employment opportunities.

WELCOME BACK FUNDING

Festive community events across Hounslow's town centres received Welcome Back funding in a bid to bring life, community and fun back to public spaces across the borough, encouraging footfall, showcasing local businesses, and celebrating our unique neighbourhoods.

So far, Welcome Back Funding has looked to support events organised by local community organisations in the borough's four main town centres, including an additional tree to support festive Christmas events, organised by the Chiswick Flower Market. Funding was also used to create magical street performances such as Feltham's Winters Night Lantern parade and upcoming Christmas themed brass band performances to soundtrack your shopping trips.

To find out when all Welcome Back Fund events are taking place or more exciting festive activities visit **www.inHounslow.com**.

Welcome Back Fund events and activities have been funded from the European Regional Development Fund and the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities. The funding, which is available for events held before the **end of March 2022** is provided to local organisations to help run bigger events, involve more of the community, or leave a lasting legacy.

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All completed surveys received will be entered into our **FREE** Prize Draw to WIN a £100 Gift Card.

The Economic Recovery and Regeneration team provides training, support and information to businesses, and the results of the survey will inform our response to business support both in the immediate and longer term, ensuring we focus resources on issues and opportunities of most interest and benefit to you.

To participate, search **Hounslow Business Impact Survey – 2021** on the Council website.

NEW HOMES and E-car CHARGE POINT

It is reported that every new home and office will be legally required to install electric vehicle charge points from mid-2022.

Under changes to building regulations all new homes and offices and those undergoing large scale renovation leaving them with more than 10 parking spaces will be required to have electric vehicle charge points.

Business leaders will be expected to deliver a “green industrial revolution” It is estimated that under the new regulation up to 145,000 extra charge points will be installed across England each year before 2030 when the sale of new petrol and diesel cars will end in the UK.

"Tesco & Homebase Planning Applications to go to Public Inquiry

TESCO & HOMEBASE PLANNING APPLICATIONS

An important message from the Osterley & Wyke Green Residents' Association

Secretary of State Michael Gove has called in the two planning applications to redevelop the Tesco & Homebase sites at Gillette Corner. They will be considered at a public inquiry to be chaired by a Planning

Inspector, probably in Spring 2022. We (OWGRA) will take an active role in this public inquiry. Following the public inquiry, the Planning Inspector sends his report and recommendation to the Secretary of State who can accept or reject the recommendations of the Planning Inspector.

So we are still in with a chance that these developments might not see the light of day, at least in their present form. It will still be an uphill battle but we will work very hard and do everything we can to present arguments to try to convince the Planning Inspector that the developments, as approved, are not appropriate for this area for all the reasons that we have been stating since the planning applications were submitted to Hounslow Council. We never opposed development on these sites but have argued all along that we want developments that provide housing that fits in with the area and will ensure that future occupants have access to adequate infrastructure as required by planning guidelines."

CRANFORD LANE, HEALTH CENTRE

The following is feedback, from LBH Planning, following an earlier enquiry I made to Seema Malhotra, MP for Feltham & Heston.

Hounslow Planning Dept. had a planning application in August 2017 for the construction of a Health Centre, on the existing site, comprising the erection of a part two, part three-storey building to accommodate medical services and related uses. The Council agreed in principle on 11 January 2018 to grant planning permission subject to the completion of a Section 106 agreement to secure the following as part of the development: Construction Training; Considerate Contractor Scheme; and appropriate controls over phasing of the works.

Hounslow Council entered into negotiations to complete the agreement, but the applicants failed to complete it. As a result, the Council refused planning permission on 28 February 2020 for the following reason: "The proposed development would, in the absence of a completed legal agreement, fail to secure necessary planning obligations, fail to provide construction training, fail to secure necessary phasing to enable the existing health centre to operate during construction.

The applicants were made aware of the Council's intention to do this before the decision without response, and once it was issued did not appeal.

Although other Council services do co-ordinate with the local health trust and support appropriate and necessary local provision in the right place, the planning of local health services is not primarily a matter for the local

planning authority and is principally a responsibility in this case for the **Hounslow and Richmond Community Healthcare NHS Trust**.

In March 2020, the NHS North West London Collaboration of CCGs did indicate an interest in pursuing the development, but the Council has not heard anything from them since. D R Blackett



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The ONGOING PROBLEM

It is reported that one in six days out of the official bathing season were "unswimmable" last year due to sewage pollution near beaches, a report says. Water companies in England and Wales issued more than 5,500 alerts of sewage being discharged into coastal waters last year, according to campaign group Surfers Against Sewage - up significantly on the year before.

The data collected by the group shows 5,517 alerts were sent in the 12-month period to the end of September - an 87.6% increase on last year's figure of 2,941. Some 3,328 alerts were issued during the summer bathing season, up on 2020's figure of 1,195 - suggesting that the problem of pollution in coastal waters is worsening.

Hugo Tagholm, chief executive of Surfers Against Sewage, said the findings of were "shocking and outrageous" but "by no means unexpected".

Last month, the government did a u-turn to back legal controls on water firms dumping raw sewage in the sea and rivers, following a public outcry.

During periods of heavy rain or storms, wastewater is released into rivers and coastal areas as a way to prevent sewers from becoming overloaded by sewage and rain then backing up into homes and businesses.

Surfers Against Sewage is a marine conservation charity working with communities to protect oceans, waves, beaches and marine life. It was created in 1990 by a group of Cornish surfers from the villages of St Agnes and Porthtowan on the north coast of Cornwall.

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