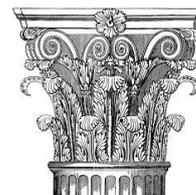


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Spring News for the Pembridge Conservation Area

March 2021

Dear Members and Friends of the Pembridge Association,

We hope that the lovely Spring weather which brings so much beauty to our Conservation Area will also have brought fresh hope to everyone struggling with lockdown life. We often write to you concerning planning applications but today we wanted to let you know about a number of local and community initiatives which affect our neighbourhood. We have included details of how you can make your views known and as ever, please do let us know by copying your response to us: membership@pembridgeassociation.london

Consultation on the closing of the Police station in Royalty Studios

Many of you will have followed the long saga of the unpopular closure of the Police Station on Ladbroke Grove, community requests for a local police presence and subsequently the basing of a Safer Neighbourhood Team in Royalty Studios, 105 Lancaster Road, W11. Now this is also facing closure with the final decision to be taken by the Mayor's Office for Crime & Police (MOPAC). The Royalty Studios police base is currently the Mets only physical presence in the North of the Borough with the nearest police station being in Earls Court Road which many believe to be too distant to respond rapidly enough to local situations. There are two separate petitions circulating to bring pressure to bear to retain the Lancaster Road base and you may want to sign one or both:

One is on the change.org website: <http://chng.it/5zGPXZPf>

The other from our Kensington MP Felicity Buchan: <https://www.felicitybuchan.com/save-our-police> .

Study investigating the effects of basements:

A student from Newcastle University is seeking information for her dissertation on the implementation of RBKC's 2015 policy on basement construction which introduced some restrictions not imposed in other boroughs. She would like to hear about your experience of a basement being added to either your own or your neighbour's property, over the past decade whether it has been a trouble-free addition or a project resulting in short or longer term problems. RBKC which previously gave this student some work experience are particularly interested in the results which will be shared with them and other amenity societies. To take part please click on the link and follow the survey through to the end where clicking on "finish" will complete your submission. <https://newcastle.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/rbkc-residential-basement-survey>

Kensington & Chelsea Food Bank:

A number of us I know, are concerned about the effects of the Covid-19 crisis on our most vulnerable neighbours. The [Kensington & Chelsea Food Bank](#), which was set up in 2018 with the Trussell Trust has recently been especially hard pressed to supply emergency food and support to all the local people referred to it by GP's and other agencies. It currently serves up to 90 households people a week and is now seeking donations of food and toiletries as well as volunteers and funds. If you would like to learn more please see the GIVE HELP section of the website above or donate directly to the foodbank at **240 Lancaster Road W11 4AH** between 10.00 - 14.00 on Mondays and Thursdays.

Kensington High Street Cycleway:

Whilst Kensington High Street is not immediately adjacent to our Conservation Area it is used by many of us for shopping, transport or cultural activities. The long running campaign to provide or oppose a dedicated cycle lane along the High Street continues as RBKC prepares to review its decision at a meeting on March 17th regarding the replacement of the temporary cycleway taken out before Christmas. Pembridge Association Members who have views on the matter should email: activetravel@rbkc.gov.uk and cllr.elizabeth.campbell@rbkc.gov.uk including their full address with post code. We would be interested to hear from any Members who took part in the recently conducted TfL telephone survey as well as any other comments.



This cartoon, drawn by Peter Pilkington, appeared in the 1979 Newsletter as a warning to property speculators to beware of the power of the Pembridge Association.

Spring Cleaning and our Archive:

Apparently clearing out old papers and sorting photographs has been a very popular lockdown activity!. If you have found any documents about the Conservation Area, photographs of houses, shops and Association gatherings or events or even any of the old printed Pembridge Association Newsletters we would love to see them. With your permission we would like to scan and upload them to the burgeoning archive section of our website or if you no longer want to store them yourself, we can add them to the Pembridge Association archive in the Kensington Central library. We are also interested in speaking to anyone who remembers the founding of the Association, if you were there do let us know.

With our best wishes,

The Executive Committee, the Pembridge Association