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Dear Resident

Thank you to all who were able to attend the recent Maida Vale Area Forum and help us make decisions that affect your local area. Your views are important to us, so I'd like to take this opportunity to let you know what we are planning to do in response to your feedback.

If you would like more detail on the workshop discussions and ward budget spending, visit www.westminster.gov.uk/neighbourhoods or call us on the number above.

Energy Efficient Homes

Our Environment Officer, Jake Mathias, presented information on a range of measures to save energy and money in your home. The presentation covered what grants and financial incentives were available, including carbon savings and energy cost savings.

Recycling

The key issues you raised about recycling were communications regarding recycling services and how to make recycling easier, in particular the recycling of electronic and bulky goods. Our plans for 2010 include the reintroduction of a recycling newsletter to better inform you of what can be recycled and how, the redesign of some of our bin stickers to make them easier to read and the installation of more "WEEE" bins (recycling bins for small electrical appliances). Later in the year we will be introducing a mobile civic amenity site which will accept a range of materials including bulky goods for reuse and batteries and textiles for recycling. These initiatives will help make recycling more accessible to more of you.

For full answers to all your questions about recycling services, visit westminster.gov.uk/recycling, email recycling@westminster.gov.uk, telephone 020 76412000 or write to Recycling Team, Waste and Parks, 8th Floor North, 64 Victoria Street, London, SW1E 6QP

Roads and pavements planned works for 2010/11

We sought your views on the planned works programmes in Maida Vale for the forthcoming financial year, 2010/11, and outlined the development of the annual programmes of Planned Highway Maintenance. (These programmes include both Carriageways and Footways and are funded from Capital expenditure.)

Following the Policy & Scrutiny Review of Carriageways and Footways in June 2009, lead by Cllr Bradley, we acknowledged that the process for developing priorities for the annual programmes did not meet with residents' and the public's views.

At the forum we outlined a new 'Value Management' process that takes into consideration more factors than the previous technical assessment for asset management planning. This process was applied in the development and

prioritisation for the proposed 2010/11 programme. You raised concerns about particular 'local' defects which would be picked up from revenue maintenance budgets. No specific concerns were voiced in respect of the new Value Management process or the named streets where works are proposed.

Mayor Transport Policy

Following publication of the Mayor's Transport Strategy in spring this year, we will begin to develop the Local Implementation Plan (LIP). The LIP will set out Westminster's transport needs over a five year period beginning 2011/12.

Key concerns you raised at the forum included: congestion on Edgware Road and Oxford Street, the need to better regulate road works, the lack of electronic real-time information at bus stops, pedestrian safety - particularly at the Kilburn Park Road/Carlton Vale junction, weekend tube closures, air quality, the impact of Crossrail construction and the conduct of some cyclists. We will ensure that such needs are fully considered when the work commences on the development of the Westminster LIP. For more information please contact the LIP team on lip@westminster.gov.uk

£100,000 for your Area – Ward Budget Updates

Harrow Road councillors have recently funded a resident's bright idea project for West London Warriors football team; trips on the floating classroom for local schools and dog socialisation classes.

Little Venice ward have funded a joint police car with Maida Vale ward; trips for local schools; boxing classes and an advocacy service for local older people.

Maida Vale ward have since the last Forum funded a joint police car with Little Venice ward and streetscape improvements on Elgin Parade.

Queen's Park councillors are continuing to fund the community gardening project, welfare benefits advice and the apprenticeships programme. They are also funding a resident's bright idea for resident welcome packs; youth activities via the Queen's Park Bangladesh Association and tree planting on Kilburn Lane.

To find out which electoral ward you are in, visit www.westminster.gov.uk/wardfinder or contact the team.

Your next Maida Vale Area Forum

I look forward to welcoming you to the next forum on Thursday 17th June, from 6.30-8.30pm at the Paddington Academy on Marylands Road. If you would like to raise a topic at the next forum, or for further information, please contact the Area Forums team using the contact details at the top of this letter.



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