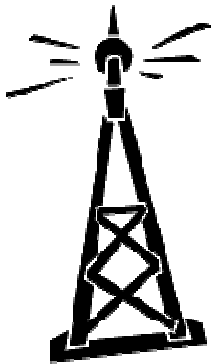


PHONE MAST APPLICATIONS REFUSED

We are pleased to inform residents that two applications for mobile phone masts down Cottimore Lane have been refused by Elmbridge Borough Council Planning officers.



The first application was for a mast on the corner of Terrace Road by Lancaster Court (in Walton North). The second was for a near-identical mast on the corner of Ambleside Avenue, by the Scout Hut near George Froude Park (in Walton Ambleside). Local councillors Andrew Kelly and Rachael Lake (Walton North) delivered newsletters to 300 homes in the immediate vicinity of the two sites, urging residents to send the Council their objections to the applications. Andrew and Rachael believed that the masts would be overly dominant and would harm the visual amenity of our area. Many residents contacted the Council with their concerns.

On 24 October, Elmbridge Planning officers refused both applications on the grounds they would be “within a visually prominent location clearly visible within the wider area”. The officers also stated that given the nearby street lamps and trees are about 8m in height, the 12m phone masts would be an “alien addition that would appear incongruous with the character of the area and the streetscene.” The applicants are allowed to appeal to the Planning Inspectorate in Bristol—we will keep you updated should they do so.

After hearing of the refusals, Andrew said “This is fantastic news. I am really pleased that the applications have been refused and that our area will not be spoilt by these masts. I would like to thank all residents who wrote in to the Council with their objections—every letter or e-mail really mattered.”

Andrew Kelly *Andrew Kelly*

Dates for your diary



• South
Walton &
Ambleside
Police
Panel
Meeting,

Walton Oak School,
Ambleside Avenue — 17
November, starts 7.30pm

- ‘Walton Festival of Light - All Day Christmas Extravaganza’, The Heart — 19 November, 10am to 8pm, procession starts 5.30pm
- Police’s ‘Tea for Older People’, Cromwell Centre, St. John’s —last Thursday of the month, 2pm to 3pm
- Police ‘Meet the Beat’, Walton Hospital—last Wednesday of the month, 2pm to 3pm

FORMER LIBRARY TO BECOME COMMUNITY HUB

On 12 October, Conservative-run Elmbridge Borough Council agreed to plans to transform the former Walton library site into a Community Hub. The main tenant of the new Hub will be the Walton, Weybridge & Hersham Citizens’ Advice Bureau (CAB). The CAB do fantastic work for our community and it is vital they are given a new home, while at the same time protecting the historic former library building.



Other voluntary organisations—such as Elmbridge Rentstart, Home Start Elmbridge, MDHS Household

Services and the Counselling Partnership—have been approached as prospective occupants. Surrey County Council have also shown an

interest, while discussions will take place with Surrey Police for a possible presence.

Local community organisations and groups will be able to book a desk with IT facilities so they can, for example, type up meeting notes or produce a leaflet. They will also be able to book the building for informal meetings and small events.

The provisional time frame sees work starting on site in June 2012, with completion due in January 2013.

SPAR LICENCE APPEAL

Earlier this year, Elmbridge Council refused the Spar in Cottimore Lane an alcohol licence. Spar appeal's was heard by Staines Magistrates' Court on 20 September. The Court allowed the appeal and the Spar is now allowed to sell alcohol again.

Cllr Andrew Kelly said "It is very disappointing that the Court has overruled the decision made by elected councillors, which was supported by the Police and local residents. I very much hope the Spar will live up to the faith the magistrates have put in them."

NEWS IN BRIEF

- This year's Heritage Day on 10 September was another great success—despite the weather not being as good as in previous years! Over £2000 was raised for good causes. Thanks to the many residents who visited Walton Conservatives food and drink stall—it was great to meet you all!
- In early October the new Walton Ambleside notice board was installed on the corner of Cottimore Lane and Cottimore Crescent (by Paton Plumbers). Updated weekly, the notice board advertises local events and information. If you want to advertise in it please contact the Communications Team at Elmbridge Council on 01372 474 387.



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Walton Conservative Councillors hold a surgery on the first Saturday of each month (Farmers Market Day) at the Library from 10 to 12. There is no need to book, so please just turn up on the day.

COMMUNITY CONNECT

A new Elmbridge Borough Council scheme called "Community Connect" has recently been established to allow each councillor to award up to £500 this municipal year (up to May 2012) for any community projects in their area. Councillors can also 'pool' their money if a suitable community project emerges.

The aim of the scheme is to encourage informal community action and applications are encouraged from small groups of residents or "not for profit" organisations that want to make a difference.

For more information or advice please contact the Corporate Police & Partnerships Division at Elmbridge Council on 01372 474 176, or visit www.elmbridge.gov.uk/Council/cconnect.htm. Alternatively, please contact Alan or Andrew.

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- Deliver leaflets
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- Join Walton Conservatives

