

# **BRAT**

Newsletter – Autumn 2015



## **Brondesbury Residents And Tenants**

### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 7:30PM 18 NOVEMBER 2015, TRICYCLE THEATRE**

BRAT meets six times a year and the AGM is held to elect committee members and set the agenda for the coming year. Please come to the AGM and join BRAT. Membership is open to all residents of those streets and costs just £5 a year. New members are always welcome. In addition to choosing officers this year the AGM will be addressed by Simon Wooley, Chair of the recently established Kilburn Neighbourhood Forum.

### **STREATLEY ROAD SCOUT HUT SITE**

The new owners have just submitted a new Planning Application (15/4517) for this site. It has not been seen by BRAT at the time of writing, but can be viewed on the Planning Department web site ([www.brent.gov.uk/planning](http://www.brent.gov.uk/planning)), where comments can be made.

### **NEW BASEMENTS UNDER HOUSES DIVIDED INTO FLATS**

Planning permission has been granted for a new basement at 37 Streatley Road. BRAT objected to the application and the Planning Committee agreed their policies were inadequate and needed to be supplemented. BRAT has produced a discussion document about this type of development which can be seen on BRAT's web site.

### **DYNE ROAD CAR PARKS DEVELOPMENT**

The council have given planning permission to themselves to build a total of 7 houses (1 detached and 6 semi-detached) on the 2 car parks at the Kilburn High Road end of Dyne Road.

BRAT lobbied against this choice of development and we have a discussion document about this on the BRAT web site. Depending on the precise wording of the Housing Bill currently before Parliament, the Council may have to go back to the drawing board for this scheme because the houses, if built, might have to be immediately sold off because they will be too valuable to be council housing.

### **WILLESDEN LANE INITIATIVE**

#### **RUBBISH COLLECTION:**

The timed collection system seems to be a qualified success – the street is significantly cleaner.

#### **TREE PLANTING:**

Several of the saplings planted in the pavement have died and BRAT has been promised they will be replaced.

## **TRAFFIC CALMING/SPEED TABLES:**

The 4 new speed tables have been built and seem to be slowing traffic slightly. We are still waiting for the pelican crossing (with traffic lights) outside Christchurch School.

## **KILBURN HIGH ROAD - PROPOSED CHANGES**

Brent and Camden councils have been working to develop a transport scheme to help to transform the high street. The objective is to reduce the dominance of traffic on the high road and create a place that people want to visit and spend time in. The new proposals will apparently aim to create a more attractive, comfortable, and safer environment for pedestrians, including widening the pavements.

The proposals are not yet available to view on a website but will be presented at public consultations as follows: 7pm to 9pm on 24 November at Kilburn Library Centre, 12–22 Kilburn High Road and 11am to 3pm on 14 December at the Tricycle Theatre, 269 Kilburn High Road.

## **BIKE PARKING PODS/BURTON ROAD**

There has been a rumour circulating that Brent Council intend to install bike parking shelters in the car parking bays beside Streatley Gardens. The Council have denied this has ever been considered. There are similar proposals elsewhere in the borough and a full consultation takes place before any scheme is implemented.