

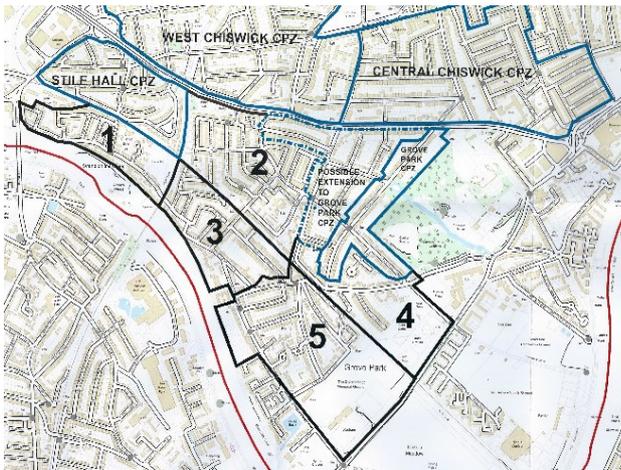
# Signals

Spring 2017 edition

**Summer Party**  
Saturday 8 July 2017, 7 p.m. in the Vicarge gardens of  
St Paul's Church, 64 Grove Park Road

## The Chairman's Foreword

The introduction in the next three months of a CPZ in Zone 1 - Kew Bridge to Kew Railway Bridge - has caused considerable concern among many members whether directly or indirectly affected. The initial informal consultation covered a wide area comprising Zones 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5. Zones 2, 3, 4 & 5 opted out and those who had responded in Zone 1 voted by a majority (73% to 27%) for the introduction of a CPZ.



There followed a statutory consultation directed exclusively to Zone 1 as a CPZ had become more likely because of the new BFC stadium in Lionel Road and the other major developments around Capital Interchange Way and Chiswick Roundabout combined with the increase in commuter holiday and construction traffic already benefitting from the free parking in the area.

Following its introduction there will be parking migration - Zone 1 residents included - to Zones 2 & 3 when commuters and holiday makers can no longer park close to Kew Bridge station and move closer to Chiswick station and the surrounding roads.

Post implementation there will be a six-month review when proposals for amendments can be considered. To support the arguments there needs to be a wide measure of agreement among those affected supported by evidence collected during that six months. Once the CPZ is in operation SoGA will introduce a dedicated email address ([cpz.soga@gmail.com](mailto:cpz.soga@gmail.com)) to receive suggestions and which will be open and copied to all who respond. SoGA will then draw up a list of those amendments

that address the perceived short-comings in the plan that meet that criteria and forward them to Hounslow at the end of the review process. It will not be possible to please everyone but we will do our best to find the least-worst answers.

In February 2010 a LBH Planning Committee agenda stated: **The council's current parking policy does not permit residents to park across driveways during the operational times of the CPZ. This is because enforcement difficulties arise from such a scheme and they can create tension between neighbours e.g. a neighbour may choose to park partly across your driveway even though he/she should not.**

### Port of London Authority update

At a public meeting held on 7 February, the Port of London Authority (PLA) announced the launch of a free app - PLA Tidal Thames - (App Store for Apple devices and Google Play for Androids) which will give recreational users of the river information regarding tides, water flow and general cleanliness of the water, as well as other useful data such as any current Notices to Mariners.

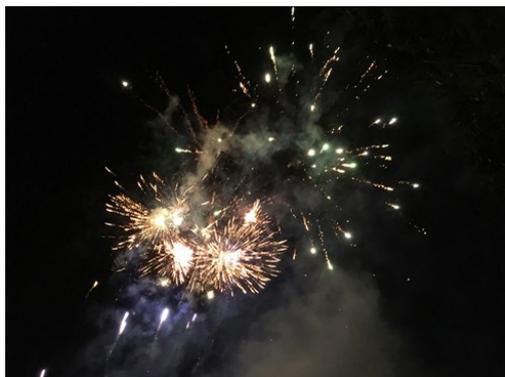
The PLA is working to improve water and air quality along the tidal Thames, but, apart from other things, there are still problems concerning the discharge of sewage from houseboats in spite of the implementation of a bye-law in early 2015 making this illegal. Work on the Tideway Tunnel (or Super Sewer) has begun and is due to continue until 2021 when testing and commissioning will commence and continue until 2023.

Tree management and revetment repairs on the Surrey bank of the river are in most parts the responsibility of the PLA, but it has no jurisdiction over the north side (e.g. Strand on the Green) which falls to Hounslow Council (i.e. Hounslow Highways). PLA will continue dredging to overcome the shoaling that occurs on the south side of Kew Bridge; this shoaling is apparently not caused by houseboats moored nearby, but according to historical records has always occurred periodically.

Further, PLA is still in negotiation with St. George regarding the removal of the pontoon and associated signage west of Kew Bridge.

## Summary Party 2017

**Saturday 8 July 2017, from 7pm**  
**St Paul's Church Vicarage Gardens**



**Live music provided by the Ukaye Ukes**  
**Spitting Pig Hog Roast (with veggie options)**  
**'Balloon' raffle**  
**Fireworks**

This year's party will be held again in the vicarage garden at St Paul's Church. We are looking forward to enthusiastic member support again both by attendance at the party and in terms of volunteers to help. If you are able to help please contact Chris Hodgkinson on [clh@hodgkinson.com](mailto:clh@hodgkinson.com) who will pass on your details to the Party Organiser.



Live music will be provided by The Ukaye Ukes; Kap and Bill. Between them and their own backing tracks, they play music from all eras, from contemporary artists to Motown to hits from 50's and 60's. Do not underestimate the Ukele!

Tickets will be on sale from mid-May from the SOGA Membership Secretary: [clh@hodgkinson.com](mailto:clh@hodgkinson.com).

**Advance tickets:** £20 pp / £10 pp 12 – 18 years / £5 pp 8 – 11 years. **On the night:** £25 members/non-members/guests.

For updates please keep an eye on the SoGA website. We hope to see you there!

## The Recreation Ground

Late in 2016 we managed to obtain a grant of £500 from a local charity "Inspire Hounslow" towards the cost of buying a second model car or springer for installation in the playground at the Recreation Ground. We committed SoGA to contributing towards the cost of purchase which was £700 plus VAT plus delivery.



At the time, we had an estimated cost for installation but on health and safety advice from Hounslow Council unfortunately it now appears that the cost of installation will be greater than anticipated for something so simple. We have therefore not yet ordered the car and are trying to persuade Carillion to include the installation cost in their maintenance budget.



## Proposal for a Walkway to Kew Railway Bridge

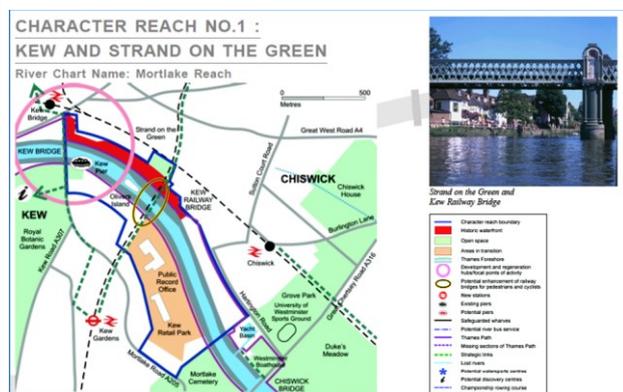
With the increasing traffic and congestion along Chiswick High Road heading towards Kew Bridge, several residents have raised the question why don't we have a pedestrian and cycle crossing along Kew Rail Bridge, going from Chiswick around Gunnersbury Station through Strand on the Green and down to Kew.

Barnes Bridge already enjoys this facility which allows residents along Chiswick riverside to get to Barnes via the pedestrian and cycle crossing. The

Thames Strategy - Kew to Chelsea document (June 2002 pg. 174) highlights this potential enhancement and benefits.

We strongly believe this will decongest the roads and the tubes during the rush hour as more people will be inclined to walk or cycle across the bridge to avoid the traffic and we also believe this will alleviate the air pollution the area is now currently experiencing. We do understand that there are (and there will be) many stakeholders involved in a proposal for a project like this but we would like to initiate the dialogue and identify all parties on both sides of the river who will be either affected or benefit from this proposal.

To join this campaign and lend your voice to the debate please contact us on [soga.kew@gmail.com](mailto:soga.kew@gmail.com).



### New Parliamentary Constituency Boundaries

The Boundary Commission was tasked with reviewing constituencies in order to reduce the number of UK constituencies from 650 to 600 and to average the number of voters across constituencies. The changes are intended to be in place in 2018, well ahead of the general election in 2020. The expected effect on London is to reduce the number of constituencies from 73 to 68.

The initial proposals came out in September 2016 with a 12 week consultation. On 28 February 2017 all the consultation responses were published with a 4 week secondary consultation period to 27 March.

The proposals for Chiswick are to bring all the Chiswick wards together into a Brentford and Chiswick constituency. In practice this would mean:

- Southfield ward moving from Ealing Central and Acton to Brentford and Chiswick

- Northfield ward moving from Ealing Southall to Brentford and Chiswick
- Hounslow Central, Hounslow South and Hounslow Heath wards moving to Feltham and Hounslow constituency.

A total of 33 residents have posted comments on the Boundary Commission website with the majority being in favour of the proposals.

Ruth Cadbury has rejected these proposals and supports the Labour party's counterproposals which would split Chiswick. Part of Chiswick High Road would be in a proposed Hounslow and Brentford constituency and part would be in Ealing and Acton with the boundary line running along Turnham Green Terrace and down Devonshire Road. Chiswick Riverside and Homefields wards would move into the Hounslow and Brentford constituency.

More information and details of the consultation and responses can be found on the Boundary Commission website at:

<http://boundarycommissionforengland.independent.gov.uk/2018-review/>

### So much for recycling, Hounslow!

A few weeks ago, Hounslow Council sent out letters to residents living in houses without gardens and/or side returns and to residents in flats above shops, stating that the current system of collecting rubbish in purple bags and recycling in clear bags has come to an end. Instead, all rubbish and recycling must be placed into purple bags alone. The excuse given by Hounslow is that some residents struggled to use the system properly, i.e. placing non-recyclable materials into clear bags. This decision is particularly disappointing to residents who are avid recyclers and goes against almost every council's recent policies trying to encourage recycling.

### Steam Packet Steps Mooring Application

The PLA's Licensing Committee has met and agreed with the Officer's recommendation that a determination of this application should be deferred until evidence that the scheme has obtained planning permission is provided. Whilst the proposal raised few issues in terms of the PLA's statutory duties the representations demonstrated that there was considerable concern over issues

germane to consideration under the Town and Country Planning Acts. The Committee considered that these should be appropriately considered by the Local Planning Authority prior to any formal determination by the PLA.

### Riverside Crime Statistics

CRIME	MONTH	PERIOD 2016	PERIOD 2015
Burglary	September	17	7
	October	3	3
	November	15	6
	December	9	10
Theft of Motor Vehicle	September	2	3
	October	6	2
	November	8	2
	December	3	2
Theft From Motor Vehicle	September	4	14
	October	5	9
	November	13	6
	December	3	12
Theft of Pedal Cycles	September	2	3
	October	2	2
	November	2	1
	December	7	5
Criminal Damage to Motor Vehicles	September	4	1
	October	4	2
	November	2	0
	December	2	4

Astonishingly despite constant warnings by the police about security many of the crimes occurred as a result of premises not being secured. People leaving French doors, patio windows and back gates/doors not just unlocked but open! Please can everyone be more aware of the need to check and double check that you have properly secured your property when you leave it and at night.

### SoGA website and forum



If you have not already done so, please visit our website at [www.strandonthegreen.org.uk](http://www.strandonthegreen.org.uk), which is updated with news items on a weekly basis. We also have a forum which we would encourage members to use – to access the forum you will need to create a username and password. Please use the following link to register:  
<http://www.strandonthegreen.org.uk/component/users/?view=registration>

### River panorama sign - please vote for us!

SoGA (in conjunction with the West London River Group) has applied for a "Tesco Bags of Help" grant to provide a new panoramic riverside sign which would be installed at the Kew Bridge end of SotG and be designed to show sites/birds/buildings etc. of interest as per the photograph below in Furnival Gardens at Hammersmith.

In order to achieve the "Tesco Bags of Help" grant worth between £1,000 and £5,000 it is necessary for members to make a purchase of any value and get a token at one of the participating Tesco stores during March and April 2017 - the more votes and tokens the larger the grant. Please check our website for participating stores.



An example of the style of signage we are aiming for

SoGA thanks the Grove Park Group for promoting this campaign in their Spring 2017 newsletter.

### Support Chiswick RNLI

Please support the second busiest lifeboat station in the country. On 25 April at 7.30 pm at the George IV pub on Chiswick High Road, there is a RNLI fund raising lecture on the iconic Cold War Vulcan bomber XH 558, that was finally decommissioned in 2015. Anyone who has ever heard the distinctive roar of it Olympus engines will never forget it.

The speaker is the Chairman of 'Vulcan to the Skies Trust' John Sharman, who financed the NATS buyout and the Millenium Wheel and is a former Chairman of Aer Lingus. In addition to questions about the Vulcan and its future, John will be happy to answer any other aviation related questions.

Tickets may be obtained at [www.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk) and cost £10, or £12 on the door.

### Albany Court Update

There have been numerous incidents at this new development along Spring Grove resulting from short term lets (via bookings.com) and drug dealing. Police have been called on a couple of occasions to manage unruly behaviour very late at night. The residents of Spring Grove have made several complaints to the council and the police specifically relating to the fact that the development's planning permission allows for only long term lets.

The latest news we have is that the owners of the development now agree that the running of these flats on short lets is unmanageable and we have been led to believe that they are now going to rent the flats out to long term tenants.

We are watching this space.

### Litter and street cleaning update

Whilst the litter situation seems to have improved recently there is a lot of room for further supervision of the effectiveness of street cleansing and litter collection in the area. Whilst the bins are being emptied – the bags holding the contents are being left on the street next to the emptied bins for days without being collected. This of course results in fox attacks and the bin bag contents being strewn across roads and pavements.

The council is aware of this and is trying to improve the situation but if you see this happening please report it via the Hounslow Highways website – apparently their response to complaints via the website (<http://www.hounslowhighways.org/38-interactive-enquiries-map.html>) is good.

There is also a schedule available on the website of when street cleansing is meant to occur on each street. It should take place in every street every other week at the very least. The council terms them as Week One and Week Two.

The next Week One starts on 27 March and the next Week Two starts on 3 April, alternating thereafter if you want to keep a check on your road.

The following roads are inspected/cleansed on a **Monday in Week One**: Spring Grove / Hearne Road / Pymont Road / Meade Close / Geraldine Road / Waldeck Road / Thames Road / Post Office Alley / Strand on the Green / Footpath between Thames

Road and Strand on the Green alongside the Bell & Crown / Alley to river alongside the Homes of Rest.

And on a **Tuesday in Week One**: Riverview Road / Riverview Grove

The following roads are inspected/cleansed on a **Monday in Week Two**: Thames Road / Loraine Road / Footpath from Herbert to Ernest Gardens / Ernest Gardens / Herbert Gardens / Magnolia Road / Brooks Lane / Oliver Close / Strand on the Green / Ship Alley / Alley to river alongside the Homes of Rest / Post Office Alley / Footpath between Thames Road and Strand on the Green alongside the Bell & Crown.

We hope this helps you to keep tabs on what is happening in your road so you can keep the council informed of any failures with respect to the schedule.

### Graffiti



Have you noticed recently there is graffiti almost everywhere around Strand on the Green and Thames Road, from under Kew Bridge, on the arch doors, on telecommunication boxes and on the walls of the Kew Railway Bridge. The SoGA committee continues to report new graffiti when we see it but we would also encourage members to report graffiti on the Hounslow Highways website at: <http://www.hounslowhighways.org/38-contact-us.html>

### Lost alleys and signs

Over the years, we have lost some alleys that historically connected Back Lane (know now as Thames Road) to the Strand towpath. Today we have Post Office Alley and Ship Alley but have you ever wondered about the name of other two remaining alleys – the one at the side of the Bell & Crown and the other at the side of the Hopkin Morris Homes of Rest? Recently we were reviewing the SoGA archives and we discovered that the alley

at the side of the Bell & Crown pub was historically known as (rather appropriately) BELL ALLEY. The other alley was known as GROVE ROW. We contacted LBH to see if they would agree to install new signage and surprisingly they have agreed. So look out for the new signs over the next few weeks.



Cottages on Grove Row in the 19<sup>th</sup> century (now the site of the Bull's Head car park)

### Rubbish and Recycling

It would appear that so far we have been spared the hideous blue, red and green crates that were threatened for delivery in January. As we understand it, the final decision either way has not been made. The recycling that we have at the moment seems to work well and we see no reason for fixing something that is not broken.

If you would like to support the campaign against changing the current recycling receptacles please contact Councillor Steve Curran ([Steve.Curran@hounslow.gov.uk](mailto:Steve.Curran@hounslow.gov.uk)) with your views and input.

### Then and now...

We have been adding lots of old images of Strand on the Green to our website. We realize that some members may not have access to the website so we thought we'd start including some "then and now" images in editions of *Signals*.



Kew Bridge end of Strand on the Green c.1955



Kew Bridge end of Strand on the Green in March 2017

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