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# Heart of Harrow



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## Welcome to the fourth “Building a Better Harrow” – Harrow Council’s newsletter for 20,000 households.

This edition focuses on the four major projects that we have planned for Wealdstone.

We’re putting detail on the designs now – from our plan to move the council offices across the tracks to the middle of Wealdstone, to our vision for a new residential community on the site we’re leaving – Poets’ Corner.

We’ve moved on our masterplan for Byron Quarter too – with bigger and better leisure facilities, investment in our beautiful park and a great future for sport at its heart.

Building a better Harrow isn’t just about buildings. We believe in the power of “place-making”, too. It is possible to “design out” crime and anti-social behaviour – and we’re working together with Wealdstone’s residents and businesses to do just that.

We’re excited about the new public square that will bring the community together and give a true “centre” back to Wealdstone. You can also see how we’ve been keeping some of Harrow’s young people



busy, manufacturing some things that may surprise you!

And although it’s not technically “Wealdstone” – it is nearby. We wanted to tell you, too, about a work that’s lasted years – and is well worth the wait!

A lovingly restored Headstone Manor & Museum has its pomp and glory back – after a huge amount of work from all our teams. Now it’s time to party like it’s 1599 – as the museum celebrates in “Grade I” style at a free Frost Fair on Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th December from noon to 5pm. I hope you can join us.

**Cllr Sachin Shah**  
**Leader of Harrow Council**

## Jobs for Harrow

At Harrow Council, we’re proud of our track record of creating jobs and apprenticeships. It’s one of the strongest in London – particularly in the construction centre.

In the last 18 months, 159 Harrow residents have been helped into construction jobs. In the last 3½ years, 500 young people have been supported into employment and apprenticeships.

As an example of our work – as part of the planning agreement for Harrow Square (the former post sorting office on College Road) – Barratt London has pledged to give local residents a chance on its workforce. To date, 29% of the workforce on the scheme are Harrow residents. They have also provided apprenticeships for electricians, plumbers, carpenters and in ground works.

We promise to continue to deliver local opportunities for young and old as we develop our plans for Wealdstone.

If you are looking for work contact Xcite, the Council’s employment project, at [xcite@harrow.gov.uk](mailto:xcite@harrow.gov.uk) or call 020 8416 8192.



## Poets’ Corner

### Design changes

Since our last consultation event in July we have been working hard refining our plans for Poets’ Corner – the redevelopment of the current Civic Centre site.

We’ve increased the number of family terraced houses on the western edge of the site; redesigned the block closest to the The Bridge to remove the overhang over Marlborough Hill; redistributed parking across the site; and are delivering a phased approach to Phase One of the scheme and the masterplan.

A public consultation event will be held in early 2018 to show the revised proposals, prior to the submission of a planning application.



**People told us they like the roof terrace and the building being open to the public**



## Wealdstone Project

### New designs

Last month we held our third consultation event on our design proposals to move the Civic Centre to Wealdstone. More than 120 people attended the drop-in event to view the designs and tell us what they thought.

People were very enthusiastic about our investment in Wealdstone and the changing nature of the local centre. They told us they really like the idea of the roof terrace, which can be used for weddings, events and public access.

People told us the designs highlighted that this will also be a building for Harrow residents to take part in community activities. They also welcomed the idea of more pleasant streets, including opening the route towards Byron Quarter.

Visit [www.buildingabetterharrow.co.uk](http://www.buildingabetterharrow.co.uk) to see more.



## Wealdstone Square

We're creating a new public space in the centre of Wealdstone to bring the community together.

The plans include more public space for uses such as markets, film screenings, performance and entertainment. An

activity kiosk will help increase footfall for local businesses, along with spaces to sit, landscaping and improvements to the area around the locally listed Holy Trinity Church entrance.

Work is expected to start in spring 2018.

## Wealdstone Youth Workshop

We've brought together a group of local 17- and 18-year-olds - Esther, Marius, Tanya, Leo, Katy, Danica, Kayleigh and Marina - to design and make a range of public furniture for the square.

Funded by the Mayor of London's Regeneration Fund, the group have been working with a designer over two months, to design, prototype and test the furniture.





**‘Looks very impressive – looking forward to 2027’**



## Byron Quarter

Leisure hub for Harrow

Our plans for Byron Quarter are gathering pace. From our consultation events in 2017, people agree with us that the site is tired and the leisure centre needs a revamp to provide brand new sports and leisure facilities – putting the park at their heart this time!

We’re planning sports facilities for our clubs to expand and thrive, along with better public space for community events and recreation. This will be a place where people will really want to live and spend time. New homes, in a mixture of housing types and

tenures, will help us create a vibrant neighbourhood and leisure destination.

We know Harrow residents really care about their parks and Byron Park is no exception. A Friends of Byron Park group is already helping us plan the very best improvements there – so if you want to get involved, drop us a line.

A planning application for the Masterplan will be submitted by the end of this year. Current information on the plans is available at [www.buildingabetterharrow.co.uk](http://www.buildingabetterharrow.co.uk)



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