New ‘Made in Hayes’ landmark
New ‘Made in Hayes’ landmark feature now being created

The first Hayes Town Centre bulletin, published in spring 2015 announced the council's collaboration with contemporary architects The Decorators to create a new and exciting feature for the town centre associated with the rich musical heritage of Hayes.

Ideas for a disc-shaped canopy to replace the old bandstand were revealed in the summer 2015 bulletin, and people who live and work in Hayes were invited to contribute their memories of the former EMI record company site.

We did look very carefully at the options for whether the current bandstand could be dismantled and resited. The cost of this would be much more than purchasing a new one, which would not have been good value for Hillingdon residents.

We can now update you that the disc and seating are in production ready for unveiling early in the summer. The artist’s impression (right) gives a lifelike representation of how the canopy will provide seating, as well as more playful aspects for younger residents. After dark, uplighters within the paving will highlight the decorative features and create a warm glow.
Spring countdown: Preparing for final phase works

We are now in the final phase of works. To help complete all the highway works as quickly as possible, extra operatives are being deployed. This means that at certain times you will see two highway crews working concurrently within the town centre. Thank you to the many residents and visitors who have continued to shop locally and support the businesses, especially the smaller independent shops, cafés and other services which make up Hayes Town Centre.

Station Road gas main renewal
Excavation for the new road layout in Station Road revealed that a 50m cast iron mains pipe was in a poor condition with evidence of gas leakages. This was highlighted to the National Grid, who made emergency repairs and at the council’s request undertook a full condition survey.

The National Grid’s assessments confirmed the mains pipe was well past its renewal, and so it made sense to take the opportunity to replace the pipe whilst the road closure was already in place. Whilst this has meant delaying the council’s own highway works, the new plastic/steel mains and service connections will greatly improve the reliability of the service, reducing further disruptive gas repairs.

Botwell Lane/Station Road junction completing summer 2017
The main works here will include creating a new roundabout configuration and safer places for pedestrians to cross. There will also be countdown timers to give pedestrians a clear indication of how much time they have to safely cross the road.

The new landmark features will be installed, creating an inviting public space for all age groups to enjoy.

At this stage, the new road configuration will be resurfaced. New benches, bins and cycle stands to match those in Coldharbour Lane, will also be installed as work progresses.

Crown Close improvements from March 2017
New pavements will be created on both sides of the road and this alongside bright street lighting and extensive landscaping (including removing the overgrown shrubbery) will create a much improved safer area for pedestrians to walk and for motorists to take advantage of the new 30 minutes free “Stop and Shop” parking.

Whilst work is underway, northbound bus services will continue to use Crown Close, whereas southbound bus services will be using the new layout through Station Road.

Additional new street lighting from March 2017
Careful budget management has meant that the council can pay for additional town centre improvements. Feedback from the police has confirmed that the new brighter street lighting in Coldharbour Lane has made a considerable difference to community safety. The new street lighting will be extended to include the off-street public car parks serving the town centre.

If you have any queries about the highway improvements please contact:
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Commercial waste

If you run a business, regardless of size, you are legally responsible for ensuring that the waste you create is collected and disposed of correctly. To comply with your legal obligation, you must ensure that all waste is kept secure and safe until it is collected. You must also ensure that the person or company collecting your waste is registered as a licensed waste carrier by the Environment Agency.

The council provides a collection service for businesses and further information can be found on the council’s website at www.hillingdon.gov.uk and search for ‘commercial waste collection’.

Turning trash into cash

Fats, oils and grease cause major problems to the sewerage system. When they are poured down kitchen sinks or foul drains they cause sewer blockages and if they reach rainwater pipes and gullies they can cause pollution in local water courses.

This was the cause of a severe blockage in the mains sewer pipe in Crown Close at the beginning of March. Used cooking oil is often ignored by many businesses when it comes to arranging waste disposal, with some pouring waste oil down the sink, which is illegal, instead of getting it collected and recycled.

Did you know that you can have your used cooking oil collected free of charge? London Oils is an example of one supplier providing a free cooking oil collection for businesses in Hillingdon. If you produce large amounts of cooking oil waste, London Oils are willing to buy this from you on a regular basis. Further information can be found at www.londonoils.co.uk.

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