

## **Harrow Town Centre update – 18<sup>th</sup> July 2013**

### **St Ann's Road public realm improvement**

The section from Station Road to Havelock Place is complete apart from street furniture and trees which will be planted in November. The next section from Havelock Place to the entrance to St Ann's centre will be completed by 15<sup>th</sup> July.

The majority of the work being undertaken by the contractors between the entrance to St Ann's and St George's shopping centre should be complete by 15<sup>th</sup> November. Remaining work, including completing the security measures recommended by the police to restrict vehicle access, will be carried out in the New Year.

### **Kymerley Road / Clarendon Road public realm improvement**

Council engineers are producing drawings for repaving work in this area and adding additional bus stands requested by TfL.

### **Lowlands Rec urban park**

The planning application for the performance space and café will be determined at planning committee on 10<sup>th</sup> July. The council is looking at using one of its current building contractors to avoid the need for a lengthy tendering process. The program for the work is scheduled to finish early in the New Year, with approximately six weeks of landscaping work to complete the project.

### **New signage**

The implementation of the Legible London signs will follow the work in St Ann's Road and consultants are currently producing the maps that will go on the signs. Further tender prices are being obtained for the real-time signs that will let motorists know which car parks have spaces. The tiles for the bespoke sign have been produced and final details are being worked on with the aim of installing it by Christmas.

### **Events**

The TCM team is planning for a number of events in late summer, having been somewhat restricted by the work in the town centre. Events include a street market in September, and a moving performance for 28<sup>th</sup> September has been specially commissioned by Harrow Arts Centre in conjunction with five other boroughs. Plans are also being made for an exciting event to turn on the lights on the Christmas Tree on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November, with attractions for children and families, and a further market.

### **Development of Harrow Business Improvement District**

The TCM team is continuing to visit local businesses in the proposed BID area to secure feedback on the BID consultation document. Contact is also being made with head offices to ensure they are aware of the proposal. Led by Debenhams, a BID Development Group has been established to provide business input into the formal proposal. The finalized business plan will be put together in early autumn to accompany the BID campaign that leads to the voting period which begins in November. The ballot will close on 12<sup>th</sup> December with the result being announced the next day.