

TWICKENHAM ELECTRICITY WORKS

UPDATE 15.02.06

Dear Residents

There was a bit of action early yesterday morning as Harrison Demolition trucks appeared on the site again and started drilling holes around the foundations of the buildings. This is a known ploy to get explosives in place.

A resident of Hamilton who had tried to get hold of a council officer contacted me. I tried to contact the council, Ruth Thomson contacted Cllr Orchard and the police, and we also put quick letters on the Twickenham-online Vox Pops to alert any interested parties. Soon there was a group of people on the site questioning the man from Harrison's, including the council planning enforcement officer. (see front page story on www.twickenham-online.co.uk)

Eventually Connor Corrigan, our case planning officer rang me and sent me this quote from the developer:

Dear Connor

I am writing to assure the Council that we are NOT in the process of demolishing the buildings at the above site. However, we are removing some old oil tanks and digging a couple of trial pits. We are also reviewing the implications of removing the existing asbestos roof.

We are proposing to mount an information board at the entrance to the site, to keep local residents informed of developments.

I hope this clarifies the matter satisfactorily.

And later the planning enforcement officer, who visited the site this morning in response to neighbours emails, verified this.

I have also been told that there are going to be JCB's coming onto the site in order to remove the old oil tanks which is also a worry.

We must all be vigilant and it would be useful to know if there is anyone around in the daytime with a digital camera that can take photos of any suspicious activities.

Also if you have received this through your door and you have an email address, it would be much appreciated if I could have it as it saves time. If you haven't don't worry.

Please contact me if you see anything untoward or can offer advice.

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