

To: The Residents of Hanger Hill Garden Estate Houses (and an open letter to Ealing Council, including the Leader, our Ward Representatives and also Dr Rupa Huq, MP.)

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STOP THE PROPOSED GIANT WHEELIE-BIN CHAOS

We have all received notice that Ealing Council proposes to deliver giant wheelie-bins to each of our houses and collect most refuse fortnightly, only from those bins.

Hanger Hill Garden Estate (HHGE) is a conservation area governed by an Article 4 direction, character appraisal, management plan and design guide¹. It is quite clear from the conservation rules and guidelines that, thankfully, residents shall not be permitted to keep the wheelie-bins at the front of the houses. We also have a Residents Association whose objects include the protection of our delightful conservation area².

Most houses on our estate are terraced houses with no side entrances. There is no practical way to move giant wheelie bins from the rear of the houses to the front safely and hygienically on collection day. Indeed, even the houses with side entrances, most side passages are too narrow for the safe and practical storage/movement of giant wheelie bins.

One practical solution would be for wheelie-bin refuse collections to be done from the rear service roads, in accordance with the HHGE management plan. With thought, rear service road collection could be made workable and is better than the impractical front road ideas.

The Council has not yet thought the changes through sufficiently for HHGE. The result will be chaotic when the giant wheelie-bins are imposed on us, unless the matter is reassessed.

Two Simple Things We Residents Can And Should Do To Help Prevent Wheelie-Bin Chaos

1. Request a reassessment of your outside space on the Ealing Council website. If you can, ask to be present when the assessment takes place, so you can show and explain our specific issues to the assessor.
2. Request an assisted collection from Ealing Council. Almost all of us would need help to move giant wheelie bins to the front safely and hygienically on collection day.

Google the underlined words to get straight to each relevant on-line form or write to **Ealing Council, Perceval House, 14/16 Uxbridge Road, Ealing W5 2HL**. If you want our assistance filling in on-line forms or writing, please either e-mail ianlharris@gmail.com or drop a note through our door, 17 Monks Drive. We'll then contact and assist you.

If enough of us act now, the Council will rethink and prevent HHGE wheelie-bin chaos.

¹ https://www.ealing.gov.uk/info/201158/conservation_areas/1025/ealing_conservation_areas/10

² <http://www.hhgera.com/page8.htm>