

# HAMMERSMITH & FULHAM

## LOCAL AGENDA 21 FORUM

*The Borough's independent platform, taking initiatives today to improve our Quality of Life in the 21st Century*

### **Report on activities, April-September 2000**

**1] HAF 21 News** The Forum's newsletter has now commenced publication, to be distributed to organisations and individuals interested in issues covered by Agenda 21 priorities, public libraries and the Hammersmith Information Centre.

**2] Thames Landscape Strategy, Kew-Chelsea section** The Forum has participated fully with WS Atkins which has been commissioned to ascertain public priorities for the River Thames and its environs. We have shared our concerns at the (initial) lack of clarity in the programme's *flexible strategy*. The Forum was represented also at the GLA- convened meeting on Thames Community Involvement.

**3] Your Borough, Your Future** We worked closely with the Borough's officers in preparing for this major event. The Forum funded the filming of a video record of the event. There have been several reports elsewhere on the event. We assessed the outcome of this event and agreed to organise a follow-on event to be titled *Our Borough, Our Future* (see next report).

**4] Mapping exercise** The Forum has now received a summary report of the pilot Mapping exercise it jointly commissioned with Groundwork West London. The exercise covered Conningham Ward. Upon formal publication of the report, the Forum will consider what moves should follow.

**5] Riverwalk clean-up** Members of the Forum participated in this annual exercise.

**6] New Indicators, pedestrians** The Forum has initiated a series of meetings with the Pedestrians Association, Groundwork West London, the DETR and other bodies, intended to assemble data on how performance targets might measure the borough's performance on this activity.

**7] Publicity** The Forum has contributed to the journals of *HAFAD News*, *The Pensioner* and the house magazine of the Hammersmith Hospitals group.

**8] Fair Trade Fortnight** The Forum supported local efforts to raise awareness in the borough of the links between local sustainable development and international equity in trade and development issues.

**9] Recycling Indicators** The Forum previously entered into correspondence with Rod Brown, the Borough's Principal Officer, Environment Programmes concerning various methods by which useful indicators could be determined. We have yet to agree on an indicator that will remain as such for the medium term. Members of the Forum have attended each meeting of the borough's Environment & Regeneration Scrutiny Panel. The Forum has also assisted Cycick in its move to establish a cycle recycling service for the community.

**10] Healthy Living Centres** The Forum, an early partner in this proposed initiative, has maintained close links with the progress of the project. A contact group has been set up.

**11] Web Site** The Forum worked with the Borough and other LA21 groups to determine the format and logic of its website. The site has now been set up at [www.haf21.org.uk](http://www.haf21.org.uk) .

**12] London 21** The Forum maintains close contact with the newly-established company, *London 21* and participated in the launch of its publication *London-Pathways to the Future*.

**13] Information gathering** The Forum's regular Executive Committee meetings continue to invite specialists from various fields to advise and inform it on relevant matters.