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## WLB CEO Update

*January 2019*

Dear colleague,

**Excited finalists – and the WLB team – are now in countdown to the West London Business Awards 2019 next Friday at Twickenham Stadium.** This also marks the start of our 25th anniversary celebrations. If you are not a finalist but would like to attend for the networking opportunity you are very welcome, but remember today is the deadline for booking your ticket.



**Last Friday, in partnership with the FSB, we convened our second business forum in London Borough of Ealing.** Brexit was front of mind for the businesses present who sent a clear message to MPs Rupa Huq and Steve Pound that parliamentarians need to find consensus with urgency to contain the negative impacts of continued Brexit uncertainty.

Despite these challenges at last week's World Economic Forum in Davos, [London was once again top of the Global Power City Index 2018](#). In West London we can also celebrate the recent news of Boxpark Wembley's opening, Novartis choosing White City for their UK HQ and Starbucks expanding their HQ at Chiswick Park.

**Finally, we are growing our team at WLB with a dedicated post to manage the Park Royal Business Group.** If you know a dynamic individual with a talent for marketing and business engagement please [share this advert](#). Deadline for applications is this Friday!

Andrew Dakers  
**Chief Executive**

## Local news bites



**Boxpark marked the opening of their biggest location to date with a major launch weekend** kicking off with a Rinse FM takeover of the 20,000 sq ft events space, hosting live sets from a specially curated line-up of world-renowned artists and DJs including The Heatwave, Heartless Crew, Redlight and Unknown T. All profits from the night were donated to Boxpark partner charity OnSide Youth Zones, whose vision is to give all young people somewhere safe and inspiring to go in their leisure time.

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**Global pharmaceutical giant Novartis and Coffee giants Starbucks have invested in West London with moves to new sites in the sub-region.** Novartis have signed a deal to make White City Place its new UK headquarters and will initially take 54,000 sq ft of space from March 2019. Meanwhile, Starbucks are moving to a bigger site at Chiswick Park. The multinational will relocate from their 33,000 sq ft home in Building 4 of the 33-acre business park to 54,000 sq ft of office space across the ground and first floor of Building 7, owned by Blackstone.

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## Networking in February

**Join us for the first the first Park Royal Business Group Breakfast Forum of 2019 on Thursday 14 February at The Castle; a hidden gem situated right next to North Acton tube station.** These morning events gather Park Royal businesses to discuss specific issues that affect Park Royal. The February session will focus on HS2 and the design planned for the Old Oak station. [More >>](#)

Policy Watch

Member news

Heathrow expansion gathers momentum as



## **OPDC Supplementary Planning Documents Consultation**

Starts: 10 January 2019

Ends: 22 February 2019

- Draft Planning Obligations SPD
- Draft Passive Energy Performance, Daylight and Overheating in High Density Development SPD
- Draft Waste Management in High Density Development SPD

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## **Hounslow Council Local Plan Reviews**

Hounslow Council is currently working on Local Plan Reviews for the Great West Corridor and West of Borough and getting them prepared for the formal consultation in Spring 2019.

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## **Read WLB's latest consultation responses:**

[WLB response to London Borough of Brent local plan](#)

– Jan 2019

[WLB response to London Borough of Hounslow](#)

[Workplace Parking Levy \(WPL\) consultation](#)

– Jan 2019

**2019: The Year of Cricket**

## **next phase of public consultation takes off**

Heathrow has launched its Airspace and Future Operations consultation and is asking local communities to help shape the airport's plans for its future airspace – both for the existing two runways and as part of the proposed expansion.

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## **Brentford FC and University of West London partner for Emirates FA Cup**

The partnership between Brentford Football Club and the University of West London has been strengthened further with a new arrangement that will see the university featured prominently during The Bees' FA Cup ties.

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## **Smart Currency Quarterly Forecast**

WLB Member Smart Currency Business have just released their latest currency forecasts which detail some of the major banks' currency rate predictions for the next 12 months. The disparities should help highlight the importance of risk



**West London Business Member Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC) will take centre stage** in 2019's sporting calendar as the historic Lord's ground plays host to an array of top-flight international action.

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## Hounslow Festival of Business Expo 2019



**Businesses across Hounslow can make an exhibition of themselves at the Hounslow Festival of Business next month.**

Now into its third year, the expo will see hundreds of small and bigger businesses showcase their companies and organisations via a VIP business breakfast, exhibition, business advice clinics and speed networking sessions.

**Taking place on Thursday 28 February at Hilton Syon Park**, you can be a part of one of the largest business expo's on the local calendar through exhibiting, sponsorship or advertising.

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management – especially in these uncertain times.

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### **West Thames College offering professional short courses**

West Thames College (WTC) is offering professional short courses ideal for people working in small to medium-sized organisations and will assist working professionals to develop their skills in key areas.

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WTC also offers [Conference and Event hire options](#).

### **Maximising Innovation with Intellectual Property and Free IP Audit Masterclass**

Brunel University London will host a free masterclass to hear about what intellectual property (IP) can do for your business on Tuesday 12 February.

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