

Transcription

"The Elders used to work in all these factories in Brent, and the younger ones they used to go to school. And then they joined businesses.

Brent was industrialised at the time. I remember there was McVitie's biscuit factory, which then became United Biscuits. Ascot Gas Water Heaters factory, in Neasden, where Ikea is now. And if you just look at the Edgware Road there used to be fusion glass, injection moulding, Zeinab - so many factories ...

Smiths in Cricklewood used to employ hundreds of people in two or three shifts. Cricklewood Broadway, for example, Galtymore Irish Club, Erin Irish club, Woolworths, Burtons, you know. And there was an Irish culture in Cricklewood, you know, they came over from Ireland to work and we had a shop in Cricklewood Broadway selling Irish foods."



As an adult, Cllr Tariq Dar has made a significant contribution both to the Pakistani community and the wider Cricklewood community.

The young Tariq came to Cricklewood from the Punjab in 1965. He joined his father and his uncle who had been working in London since the 1950s. Tariq recalled his days at John Kelly Technical College (now Crest Boy's Academy), playing cricket in Gladstone Park, and watching movies at the State Cinema in Kilburn. The cinema had special weekend showings, often on a Sunday, of the hit movies from Pakistan and India. Films were often shown alongside newsreels from home, and the wrestling results were eagerly awaited.