CHIPPING BARNET RESIDENTS' FORUM

MEETING HELD ON 12 JANUARY 2010 ACTION NOTES

held at: Coppetts Wood Primary School, Coppetts Road, Friern Barnet, N10 1JS

*Chairman: Councillor Bridget Perry Vice-Chairman: *Councillor Kate Salinger *Denotes Councillor Present

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property of the second	There ensued considerable dialogue and questions and answers at the meeting, in particular as to the access routes and the need to ensure minimal adverse impact to local residents. Residents were aware that their views should be taken into account during the consultation period, but they raised concerns that they had not been contacted by Haringey and that the information they had came only from word of mouth. Mr Christianson said that there was a great deal of information on the Haringey website which answered many of the issues raised by residents. However, he said that all relevant documentation should be in one place for ease of access. Residents asked for assurances that there would be no incineration plant on the site.	Developers will be required to ensure that their proposals are in compliance with both local policies and the policies contained in the North London Waste Plan with regard to design, traffic assessments, visual impact and environmental impact. The precise nature of a potential waste management facility at Friern Barnet Sewage works is not yet known, however issues concerning noise and smell pollution and vehicular access would be considered carefully and assessed as part of any planning application submitted to the borough of Haringey for that site. The North London Waste Plan must be prepared in accordance with strict national guidelines and the required consultation process is being adhered to. Future planning applications proposing waste management facilities will also be subject to statutory public consultation in their respective areas. At the meeting, Councillor Salinger outlined the timetable for consultation; Lynn Bishop confirmed that the Council's timetable would work in parallel to the planning application to be submitted by the NLWA to Haringey Council who were the planning authority. She added that there would be a traffic assessment carried out.	

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		Councillor Salinger also outlined the recent meeting history which included a consultation exercise at Hendon Town Hall in November 09 and a subsequent meeting to which residents' groups were invited that took place on 7 December 09. She said that endeavours were underway to get NLWA to hold an exhibition at Hollickwood School, possibly during February half term. In respect of the precise nature of the facility, Martin Cowie said that this remained unclear, however he confirmed that this would not involve incineration.	
2	Mr John Dix 1. How many responses has the Council received to the Local Development Framework consultation and how many of those responses are specifically related to proposals for New Barnet? At the meeting, Mr Dix said that a total of 271 representations had been made to the council in respect of North Barnet specifically and that Councillors should note the level of concern existing within that local community. 2. Why is the consultation period on proposed new play equipment for various parks in Barnet so short – started 23 December, closes 8 January. Which schools and youth groups have already been consulted?	Written Response: Lynn Bishop/Children's Service There has been considerable consultation with Schools and Youth groups in Barnet in various different phases. Phase one: July / August General play consultation asking children and young people in the borough what they like to do when they play? This was a broad consultation topic with specific groups and general children in parks consulted:	Lynn Bishop to feed back on the Danegrove School consultation It was confirmed that questionnaires were sent to Danegrove School

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At the meeting, Mr Dix thanked officers for a comprehensive response and said that in respect of Phase II, he understood that Danegrove School was not consulted and that Phase III had an extremely short consultation date over the Christmas period. He added that the target schools were for the 8-13 year olds and little for older children. He was concerned at the lack of consultation both in the East Barnet area, and that the whole process did not include older children.	IPOP disability group BOBBY Panel 8 - 13 National Play day (600 Children) Greentops Centre AJ's Centre Busy Bee's Online consultation through Play- London was sent out across the Children's Workforce - (96 children responded)	
Ormarom.	Phase two: September - November Questionnaires (attached) sent out to the closest schools in vicinity to the parks: (over 1500 children responded to this phase)	
	St John CoE Primary Mill Hill High Holy Trinity Sunnyfield Primary Bishop Douglas St John Colindale Primary Cromer Road Dollis Juniors The Hyde Monkfrith School Church Farm Youth Centre Dangrove The Fairway Church Farm Youth Centre Barnfield Primary	
	Phase three: November - December The designs were taken out to be consulted on with children and young people in the various areas close to the parks once designers had an idea of what young people wanted from phase 1 & 2.	

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	Over this period 11 consultations happened in various different ways - some happened in parks and some happened in youth groups and schools. Some young people put their views on film and some gave their opinion on the type of equipment the liked or disliked. Phase four: January - April In the final part of the consultation we will be keeping children and young people informed of the building process through regular updates and hopefully some site visits. The list of schools / groups consulted: St Johns Primary - KS2: Bethune Park Holy Trinity - KS3: Cherry Tree Woods Church Farm Youth Group - KS3: Oakhill Park Sunnyfields Primary - KS2: Sunny Hill Park All Saints Church Group - KS2/3: Swan Lane Open Space All Sorts Youth Club - KS2 (disability group): Tudor Sports Ground West Hendon Youth Centre (NON ATTENDANCE): York Park Mill Hill High - KS3: Stoneyfields	
	Play Rangers - KS2/KS3/Parents: Mill Hill Park, Silkstream & Colindale (yet to receive materials from consultation till tomorrow morning) We also consulted with the Bobby Panel KS2 / KS3 and an IPOP group at the greentops centre before the summer	

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		At the meeting Lynn Bishop confirmed that the East Barnet Residents Association had been consulted and that Children's Services had been disappointed that they had not reached as many older children and key groups as they might during the process outlined in the written response. At this point her service picked up on this issue and had worked hard to deliver schemes despite tight timescales. Every single 'Friends of Parks' groups were consulted, and she undertook to find out how Danegrove were engaged in the process. She confirmed that there were proposals for tangible pieces of equipment for 11-13 year olds particularly in Oakhill Park.	
3	Con Monday 7th December, 2009 at 19.47pm a wide oversized load vehicle got stuck twice in Fordham Road. This was the second large vehicle to go past within 10 minutes. It was carrying a crane and I was informed by the driver that he was sent up this road by the police and the council. I would like to know if this is so and why? Did the vehicle have the correct permits to move up this road? Why was it not accompanied?	Written Response: Lisa Wright (Principal Engineer) Fordham Road is not the route agreed in the Construction Management Plan for construction traffic. Vehicles should be entering via Northfield Road and exiting via Castleford Road and then Grove Road back to Mount Pleasant. If vehicles are using other roads to access the site then Planning Enforcement will take enforcement action as it would be a breach of the Construction Management Plan	
	Fordham Road narrows off in parts and unless vehicles park half on the pavement even standard lorries have problems. On occasion, we have had traffic wardens/parking officers issuing tickets to residents for parking on the pavement even though they do it to assist the movement of traffic but in this instance it seems acceptable to the council because it is a convenient way to get these oversized vehicles out of the area.	Planning condition. Linda has spoken to Richard Jones of Mace Group to confirm what happen on the 7 th Dec. There was a road closure on Northfield Road/Castlewood Road on the 7/8/9 Dec to allow bridge works to be undertaken. Therefore the police advised the developer to use Fordham Road to allow the long vehicles to make the delivery of the bridge materials. There have been the odd occasion when	

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	This is an absolute disgrace and a case of double standards. We were assured that these small roads would not have to take this traffic. We already have pot holes	drivers have used the wrong route but Richard Jones has confirmed that they regularly advise drivers of the recommended route (above) for construction vehicles	
	they have completed up Fordham	Written Response: Marion Hardy	
	Road and have still yet to be repaired. When will the roads be repaired? Can you please clarify the situation regarding JCOSS lorry traffic	An Inspector carried out an inspection in November and any defects that were identified as being within intervention level have since been repaired. However, the current weather conditions are resulting in increased reports of potholes and every effort is being made to attend and repair these as soon as possible. At the meeting it was confirmed that the Travel co-ordinator had spoken with Mrs Miller.	
4	What has been learnt by Barnet Council in respect to the failure of the Utilities in the East Barnet's area from 20/12/09 to date with no solution yet?	Written Response: Lynn Bishop The East Barnet Gas incident was a utilities incident led by National Grid. The council was involved offering support and assistance and a debrief of the incident is to take place to identify areas of the response which worked well and areas that could be improved.	Lynn Bishop undertook to contact the National Grid to clarify the issue of compensation to those residents affected by the outage A public meeting has been held with the Utilities to review the incident and to discuss lessons learned. A report is expected and will be circulated as soon as it is possible.

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	 What strategy/s will be put in place to safeguard all people living &/or working in Barnet against disasters or crisis How will the Utilities - water, gas, electricity etc work with the residents and the council What happened to the Logistic Dept which is suppose to be in place Who is responsible for Barnet Homes and their Contractors - Village Heating & Connaught? Why was the Safer Neighbourhoods Watch group not in operation during this time to help the elderly and disabled? 	If an emergency is declared in the borough the council works with its partners to carry out its role as defined in the major incident procedure manual which is produced by the London Emergency Services Liaison Panel and also has a borough generic emergency plan providing a council structure for a major incident response. This response includes the council attending tactical meetings with the emergency services and utilities companies when the incident is a utility incident. During the gas incident, National Grid, the Safer Neighbourhood Teams, the Red	
	At the meeting Mr Howard put forward the view that some of the utilities do not install their equipment deep enough under the soil, leading to these failures. He said that the council should make	Cross and the council worked together to door knock areas to identify those who had been affected by a loss of gas and required heaters, hot plates or additional help.	
	representations to the utilities in respect of poor workmanship being at the expense of tax payers.	At the meeting Lynn Bishop said that officers were working through the lessons learned. She said that this had been a National Grid incident, and that the council had worked with them to address the issues. She outlined the function of the Emergency Control Team.	
5	Philip Fletcher 1) Who is responsible for the planning and installation of cycling facilities such as bike racks and cycle lanes? 2) How many cycle racks are to be installed and where?	Response: Jane Shipman This is undertaken by the Environment and Operations Directorate. The individuals and teams involved will depend on the particular work. For more information you can contact the Highway Strategy team (contact - Jane Shipman 020 8359 3056)	

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		It is anticipated that about 25 cycle stands will be installed in 2009/10 on the highway. Other provision may be made at schools and other premises that are not included here.	
		Stands are being installed at locations of identified need. This may be in response to requests for provision at specific locations or through inspection in conjunction with other works. In 2009/10 stands have been provided in Temple Fortune and East Finchley, and additional stands are planned in North Finchley. Other locations are also being considered.	
6.	Pam Edwards (Hon Sec Barnet Arts Council)	Written response: Lynn Bishop BARNET HIGH STREET XMAS	Lynn undertook to include The Big
	Can a reduced charge be	PARTY DECEMBER 2009	Lunch within her report.
	introduced for the closure of roads or for coning for events organised by charities or local community groups?	The Council's on-street cost for arranging this road closure and diversion which included erecting street notices red warning notices	She also undertook to approach the Arts Council to see if
	The previous charges of £178 are expected to rise to £1178 for closure of Barnet High Street for Barnet Christmas Street Fair and to £526 for coning of Parkside Gardens during East Barnet Festival. Both events are very popular, involving many local	and yellow restrictions signs together with the cost to supply diversion traffic signs etc, for 2009 amounted to £1187.97 However, for 2009 the Council were prepared to make a gesture and charge 15% of our on-street costs which amounted to £178.20.	Grants were available and to investigate possible funding from the arts budget This issue is still being investigated
	groups and offering entertainment to a large cross section of the public.	Should the event take place in 2010 the Council may have to reconsider its on-street cost to the	
	There are proposals that everyone in the UK hold a street party on Sunday 18th July as part of The	organisers to be more in line with our actual cost for making these arrangements.	

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Big Lunch 2010 and we would anticipate that a number of groups will apply to the Borough Council-see www.thebiglunch.com Can the anticipated charges for that service now be confirmed? Mr Massey spoke on behalf of Ms Edwards as she was not at the meeting. He outlined the historical charges made by the council and that these had been fine. Now, Barnet say that costs have to be recovered, resulting in a rise this year from £178 to £1178.	EAST BARNET FESTIVAL JULY 2009 The Council's on-street cost for arranging the no waiting signage and coning restrictions for the event in 2009 amounted to £526.00. However for the event in 2009 the Council reduced these charges to £363.00. which was the amount paid by the organisers. THE BIG LUNCH 2010 The Council's Fees and Charges for 2010/11 have not as yet been determined but these charges should be available towards the end of the current financial year. These fees and charges would include the cost of arranging road closures such as the Barnet Xmas Party, waiting restrictions such as the East Barnet Festival and street parties.	
They don't want uncertainty and want to know the costs in advance. The two established events are community events and organised and run by volunteers. The East Barnet Festival has an income around £20,000 with expenses of around £30,000 and they need to raise funds to cover the difference The High Barnet event collects around £2,000 for charity and if they have to spend £1,000, this would make the event unviable.	At the meeting Lynn Bishop confirmed that it was now critical to recoup costs and that these two events were not the only ones taking place across the borough. She is drafting a report regarding community links, in particular costs and how the council could provide support. She said that she would get direction within the next couple of months	
Suggests the council apply for funds from the Arts Budget.		

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7	Mr Hope 1. How much does Barnet Council pay for it's salt for spreading on roads, see	At the meeting a series of questions were raised with the following responses:	Lynn Bishop to provide a direct written response to Mr Hope's questions
	http://www.bbc.co.uk/blogs/opens ecrets/2009/12/the price of salt. html 2. How many grit bins are there in the Chipping Barnet area? When were these locations last reviewed? 3. How frequently over the recent snowfall were the bins checked and replenished in the Chipping Barnet area? 4. How much salt did the Council place in grit bins / was available for use by the public, or at other locations for public use in the Chipping Barnet area? How much grit has the Council made available to the public in grit bins over the recent snowfall? What area would that effectively cover? 5. What roads has the Council been gritting? How frequently are the roads gritted?	(a) There are a total of 320 bins throughout the borough with 99 in the Chipping Barnet/New Barnet area, and 38 in town centres. The siting of bins can be found on the council's web page. (b) Playgrounds did not come within the remit of the Highways section and are dealt with by the school caretakers. (c) Initially the primary road network was gritted and then this was restricted to a smaller network due to the level of grit supplies. Colney Hatch Lane fell within the remit of Haringey in terms of gritting. (d) It was intended to call in all grit bins after the winter period and to relocate in time for next winter. A number of criteria will be used in respect of relocation, however the council would appreciate residents identifying any areas	
	6. I raise this matter again having done so in 2003 and nothing has changed. Why does the Council seemingly make no effort at all to deal with the steep roads of Osidge Lane, Hampden Square and Parkside Gardens which carry bus routes that people desperately rely on? People were risking their safety with access to no grit or salt helping cars turning back from an impassable Osidge Lane. Does the Council not monitor its CCTV? Every time there is snow the buses are abandoned and the routes	they felt were dangerous.	It is intended to carry out a full review of the Winter Maintenance Service and this will include responding to lessons learnted and addressing any new National and Local guidelines

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	curtailed why does the Council not respond to this and take special measures regarding these hills? What discussions has Barnet Council had with Enfield Council if it is incapable of managing this itself? 7. The Council has abandoned any attempt to clear the pavements. What advice is / does the Council give to residents with dangerously iced pavements outside of their house? Does the Council encourage and / or permit residents to clear / salt the pavements outside of their house? Or on the crossovers outside their house? 8. Has the Council issued any warnings / advice about walking on the heavily iced pavements? Does the Council recommend people walk on clear, gritted roads (where available!) or risk falling over on the pavements? Or has the position reverted to that given by former Councillor Anne Jarvis to this forum in 2001 that people should not leave their homes?		
8.	What is the Council's position. Mr Howard	Response: Martin Cowie	
	1) a) - Has ASDA made any formal or informal approaches to Barnet Council at either officer or councillor level relating in any way to its planned development of the former Gasworks site in New Barnet.	The planning authority is aware of only one approach by Asda enquiring specifically into progress with the town centre framework in November of last	

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8	b) - Has Tesco made any formal or informal approaches to Barnet Council at either officer or councillor level relating in any way to its two planned developments in New Barnet. c) - If the answer to either is "yes", please can you give us full details of a) the approaches and b) the Council's responses?	year. An update was provided by officers explaining that options were being prepared and that a drat framework would be subject to public consultation in the New Year.	
	 2). When is the GVA Grimley report on New Barnet Town Centre going to Cabinet and then out to public consultation? 3). We understand that officers have agreed to meet residents in Chipping Barnet and also that Cllr Freer while he was Leader made promises to the traders of Chipping Barnet to improve the area. a). What are the proposals? b). What are the implications for New Barnet? c). Are there any proposals to meet the residents of New Barnet? 	At the meeting Martin Cowie said that it was the intention to go out to consultation in February and he hoped to have a specific dated within the near future. Lynn bishop said that it was intended for Chipping Barnet to be a prototype, with roll out subsequently to other town centres. The intention was to encourage traders to work together, with the council facilitating.	
	4). a) How many Grit Bins are there in the New, East and Chipping Barnet Areas? b) Where are they? c) When were the locations last reviewed? d). Have they been coordinated with the revised lorry gritting schedule? e) How frequently were they checked and refilled over the past 6 weeks? f) Was any grit put in other places for use by the public where there are no bins		

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9	Mr Newton "The Decisions of Council's	Response: Lucy Shomali	
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	(Protection, Enhancement and Growth) underpins the future	the core strategy in place first.	
	Local Development Framework and its core strategies when it replaces the Unitary Development Plan. 2. The process to develop the Three Strands Approach and PEG be formalized through the Local Development Framework statutory process, coordinated through a	At the meeting Lynn Bishop undertook to carry this issue forward and added that it was paramount to ensure that any new allotment was successful and sustainable. She was not aware that there were any other identified uses for the land, and she undertook to work with Linden Groves.	

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	member steering panel led by the Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Development.		,
	Please would officers advise how the decision concerning the issuing of 'On Street' parking permits is being addressed and taken forward within the Local Development Framework and the "Core Strategy - Direction of Travel" document in particular		
10	Linden Groves There are now 35 people on the waiting list for the proposed		Lynn Bishop to report on any progress
	allotments at Trott Road so I would like to know what progress the council made in making it possible to reopen the site.		Linden Groves has been contacted and it is hoped that resources will be made available the first week in March
	It was reported that the waiting list for this site had grown to around 50 people.		2010 to commence this project.
11	Mr Bernstein During the recent icy weather there have been up to six traffic collisions per day at the junction of Hollyfield Avenue and Hillside Avenue (including a council gritting lorry). This highlights the urgency of the concerns of our Residents' Group on traffic flows through surrounding streets. Has there been any progress with Highway officers looking into the question raised at the previous meeting on 24 November? We are particularly concerned that their investigation should mirror the traffic data collected by residents.	At the meeting Lynn Bishop referred to Mr Bernstein's questions from the last meeting and said that dialogue would last a maximum of three months. She noted the news that there had been six collisions per day and she undertook to liaise with the police regarding their accident records.	The Council has previously - in 2008, investigated speeding concerns and the possibility of introducing traffic measures, but no measures were subsequently proposed. It was felt that closing off Hillside Avenue's access to Colney Hatch Lane would not be acceptable as it would restrict movement for the residents of

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			Hollyfield Avenue, St John's Avenue and Hillside Avenue: the lengths of road for Holyfield and St Johns Avenue are 130m & 139m respectively, and are therefore unlikely to suffer speeding due to their relatively short lengths, although 'rat running' by its nature can give an impression of speeding. Under current assessment criteria there is no justification for introducing measures, as the unfortunate incidents referred to can be considered to be primarily as a result of unusual weather conditions and cannot automatically be attributed to the existing road layout or normal motorist behaviour. However, Officers will investigate to ensure that the signals are operating optimaly at the Colney Hatch Lane/Friern Barnet Lane junction to minimise the occurannce of rat
12	Mr Massey Asked for feedback on the High Barnet Controlled Parking Zone review.	Lynn Bishop undertook to investigate and feed back.	running . Lynn Bishop to feed back on the High Barnet CPZ review The results of the consultation are anticipated to be
			available in 2-3 weeks and that it is expected that these will be discussed at the next Chipping Barnet Town Centre Project Board

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13	Mr Massey Asked for feedback on the Free after Three scheme	This scheme was a three week experiment over the Christmas period and it was hoped that this prototype might in time lead on to other initiatives.	Lynn Bishop to feed back on the scheme
14	Mr Massey Referred to the delegation of enforcement powers to the Police and welcomed the recent update posted in the action sheets.	At the meeting Lynn Bishop said that the Council is currently agreeing the delegation of powers to the Police to issue Fixed Penalty Notices for littering and dog fouling. The Police have always had the power to prosecute offenders for such offences.	
15	Mr Dix Referred to the response received from Martin Cowie in respect of town centres floorspace, and said that he was not happy with the response. As a general comment, it was his view that the working of the council remained unclear to most people and that this should and could be made easier, including the use of plan English.	Martin Cowie informed Mr Dix that it was intended to identify dates within the next two weeks.	
	DATES AND VENUES OF THE NEXT MEETING	23 February 2010	North London Business Park Oakleigh Road South London N11 1NP Conference Room 1, Building 2

The meeting finished at 8.15 pm

Officers Present:

Lynn Bishop Lead Officer – Environment and Operations

Mervyn Bartlett Environment and Operations

Martin Cowie Head of Planning and Development Management

Pauline Bagley Democratic Services

Councillor Barry Rawlings was also present

In addition, there were approximately 30 members of the public.

FORTHCOMING PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE AND SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS

(meetings usually start at 7.00pm)

AREA PLANNING SUB-COMMITTEE: - ALL TO BE HELD AT HENDON TOWN HALL, THE BURROUGHS, NW4 4BG

Chipping Barnet

Democratic Services Contact: Pauline Bagley, Tel: 020 8359 2023

Hendon

Democratic Services Contact: Paul Frost, Tel: 020 8359 2205

Finchley and Golders Green

Democratic Services Contact: Stephanie Chaikin, Tel: 020 8359 2019

Forthcoming meetings:

 Finchley & Golders Green
 Chipping Barnet
 Hendon

 9 March 2010
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 9 March 2010

 7 & 29 April 2010
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AREA ENVIRONMENT SUB-COMMITTEES:

Venue: Hendon Town Hall, the Burroughs, NW4 4BG

Chipping Barnet

Democratic Services Contact: Stephanie Chaikin, Tel: 020 8359 2019

Finchley & Golders Green

Democratic Services Contact: Nick Musgrove, Tel: 020 8359 2024

Hendon

Democratic Services Contact: Jonathan Regal, Tel: 020 8359 2012

Forthcoming meetings:

Finchley & Golders Green	Chipping Barnet	Hendon
24 February 2010	24 February 2010	24 February 2010

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PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Venue: Hendon Town Hall, The Burroughs, NW4 4BG

Democratic Services Contact: Maria Lugangira (tel: 020 8359 2761)

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Forthcoming meetings:

18 March 2010, 14 April 2010, 4 May 2010