

# CHIPPING BARNET RESIDENTS' FORUM

## MEETING HELD ON 23 FEBRUARY 2010 ACTION NOTES

held at: North London Business Park, Oakleigh Road South, N11 1NP

\*Chairman: Councillor Bridget Perry      Vice-Chairman: \*Councillor Kate Salinger

\*Denotes Councillor Present

	<b>Issue Raised</b>	<b>Response</b>	<b>Update (and by whom)</b>
1	<p><u>Petition</u></p> <p>Traffic calming measures in Chase Way</p> <p>The lead petitioner/residents have been invited to address the forum with a view to taking forward their request. The invite has been accepted.</p> <p>At the meeting, Mr Hope said that traffic calming measures had been introduced in the past and then taken out.</p> <p>Mr Shuttleworth thanked the petitioners for bringing this issue to the forum and said that this was an issue of getting non-essential traffic off the road and onto the main roads. He said that Chase Way was not wide enough to accommodate cars passing and has resulted in his personal experience of six smashes into his car and various damage to wing mirrors. He said that there was a secondary and primary school located in the road and that problems were created with the siting of Asda at the end of the road. He called for zero tolerance on speeding vehicles and that there should be a review of not only Chase Way, but of the surrounding roads.</p>	<p>At the meeting Mrs Bushnell presented the petition on behalf of her neighbours with residents raising concerns that there has been a great deal of evidence collated and representations made to the Council since 2004 and residents were now asking for a conclusion.</p> <p>Paul Bragg confirmed that the Council was already working towards a resolution to the call for traffic calming measures.</p>	<p><b>Neil Richardson to report back on progress</b></p>

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2	<p><u>Petition</u></p> <p>Request for a CPZ and 20mph speed limit to be implemented in Puller Road</p> <p>The lead petitioner/residents have been invited to address the forum with a view to taking forward their request. The invite has been accepted.</p>	<p>At the meeting Jill Stocker presented the petition on behalf of her neighbours requesting traffic calming measures and the introduction of a controlled parking zone.</p> <p>Paul Bragg confirmed that the council had received numerous representations over time from residents with the main concerns being:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Non residents such as people who work and visit the local shops and businesses park in these roads all day as these are the only roads that are uncontrolled and are in close proximity to the High Street.</li> <li>• Demand for resident parking is high. The roads are always heavily parked on both sides and residents are unable to find a place to park in close proximity to their homes.</li> <li>• Due to the narrowness of</li> </ul>	<p><b>Neil Richardson to report back on the outcome of the survey</b></p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the road, vehicles park on the footways, causing obstructions to pedestrians.</li> <li>• Some have highlighted speed as being a problem in these roads due to the one-way system in place.</li> </ul> <p>A response to these and other concerns were outlined in the issues sheet circulated at the meeting.</p> <p>Paul Bragg said that a survey would be carried out which should clarify the situation regarding the traffic issues, and in particular the split view of residents about the call for the introduction of a CPZ.</p> <p>Several residents (including the Chairman) gave their views as to the situation in the area. One</p>	
		<p>resident made an observation that in neighbouring CPZ areas, there were parking spaces available and that they would be happy to pay for a space. Paul Bragg said that if the review concluded that spaces were not used, there was a possibility that these could be changed to a different type of parking bay.</p>	

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3	<p><u>Linden Groves</u></p> <p>At the last Residents Forum the council representative told the meeting that she would contact me within a week to arrange a meeting or phone call to discuss a way forward to get the derelict land reopened as allotments. I have been surprised therefore not to have had a reply to my emails trying to get this meeting set up. Is the lack of communication a (welcome) indication that the council is willing and able to get this project completed without our help? If so, what progress has the council made?</p>	<p><b>Response:</b> Lynn Bishop has responded to Ms Groves updating her on the current position.</p> <p>At the meeting Linden Groves welcomed the news but said that she was still sceptical and would like clarification of resourcing issues. The Chairman said that it was understood that an officer had been allocated to the project to take this forward and that this officer would be contacting Ms Groves.</p> <p>Ms Groves confirmed that there were now around 40 names on the waiting list for an allotment on the derelict land.</p>	
4	<p><u>Mr Daniel Hope</u></p> <p>1. As I and Her Majesty's Shadow spokesman on local government share the belief that "Residents have a right to know how their council tax is being spent." With reference to <a href="http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/7259289/Councils-afraid-to-say-how-much-they-pay-chiefs.html">http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/7259289/Councils-afraid-to-say-how-much-they-pay-chiefs.html</a> can the Council please detail, the names and salaries, as well as pensions, perks and pay-offs of all employees of Barnet Council over £150,000. Need to check if we have a current policy on this, I believe that some information is in the public domain. .</p>	<p><b>Response: Margaret Martinus</b></p> <p>Information concerning details of Officer Salaries has been published in the Council's Annual Finance and Performance Report 2008-09. The Council has published this information voluntarily. It is currently under no legal obligation to do so.</p> <p>At the meeting Mr Hope said that he was disappointed at the lack of information within the response.</p>	
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5	<p><u>Mr Daniel Hope</u></p> <p>Requested an update on the Council's withdrawal from the Local Government Association</p>	<p><b>Response: Margaret Martinus</b></p> <p>The Council is still in the notice period. However, discussions with the LGA cost reductions are still in progress. At the meeting Mr Hope said that he had understood that the council had reversed its decision to withdraw and he asked for confirmation of this.</p>	<p><b>Update on the latest position regarding membership of the LGA</b></p> <p>The Council is still in the notice period and in discussion with the LGA. An option open to the Council is to remain under notice for a further 12 months to monitor progress made by the LGA Group.</p>

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6	<p><u>Mr Daniel Hope</u></p> <p>1. What legal advice has the Council received on its proposal to change its previously sex/race/religion etc blind planning policies to now positively discriminate on grounds of sex, race and / or religion etc when making planning decisions by incorporating "equalities factors which reflect Barnet's richly diverse communities." as a material consideration ? Has the Council taken legal advice?</p> <p>2. What advice from the Mayor of London has the Council received on its proposal to change its previously sex/race/religion etc blind planning policies to now positively discriminate on grounds of sex, race and / or religion etc when making planning decisions by incorporating "equalities factors which reflect Barnet's richly diverse communities." as a material consideration ? Is it in accordance with the London Plan? Has the Council consulted the Mayor of London?</p> <p>3. What advice from the Secretary of State has the Council received on its proposal to change its previously sex/race/religion etc blind planning policies to now positively discriminate on grounds of sex, race and / or religion etc when making planning decisions by incorporating "equalities factors which reflect Barnet's richly diverse communities." as a material consideration ? Is in accordance with National Planning Guidance / Statements ? Has the Secretary of State been consulted ?</p>	<p>At the meeting Martin Cowie confirmed that the design guidance was currently out to consultation and all views would be considered. Consultation would close on 12 March 2010. Planners had regards to each and every case but not at the expense and impact on neighbouring amenities e.g space for wheelchairs/special equipment. The council wanted planning policy to be reflective of the local community.</p> <p>Mr Hope reiterated his concerns and said that he would like clarification on how this would take effect.</p>	<p><b>Martin Cowie to report on the outcome of the consultation</b></p>

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	<p>4. What advice from the The Equality and Human Rights Commission has the Council received on it's proposal to change it's previously sex/race/religion etc blind planning policies to now positively discriminate on grounds of sex, race and / or religion etc when making planning decisions by incorporating equalities factors which reflect Barnet's richly diverse communities." as a material consideration " ? Is it in accordance with Race Relations and Equalities Law ? Has the Commission been consulted ?</p>		
7	<p><u>Mrs Massey</u></p> <p>Has any progress been made with the transfer of powers from the Council to the local police for dealing with street littering/dog fouling and other minor offences?</p> <p>At the meeting Mrs Massey welcomed the progress made so far and noted that the council would be recommending that the police took over these powers.</p>	<p><b>Response: Lynn Bishop</b></p> <p>A report considering the delegation of authority to Police and Police Community Support Officers to issue Fixed Penalty Notices for litter, dog fouling and graffiti is being prepared. It is anticipated that this will be ready for Cabinet to consider on the 12 April 2010.</p>	

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8	<p><u>Mr David Howard</u></p> <p>How much money will Barnet have to pay in the next financial year for the Carbon Reduction Commitment?</p> <p>What steps is the borough taking to implement measures that will reduce that sum?</p> <p>At the meeting Mr Howard said that he was concerned about the £600K budget as other local authorities were looking at £200K - £400K. He said that this tax would only reduce if carbon reduction was achieved. He felt that poor boroughs were doing better and that Barnet should be taking a lead.</p> <p>Mrs Nash also raised a concern that Barnet was not being represented in an event to take place at Chipping Barnet Library to promote everything to do with energy consumption and reduction. She asked why the council were not engaged with this event.</p> <p>Mrs Miller referred to a letter she had received before Christmas regarding wall insulation. She asked for an update.</p> <p>Mr Ashwood said that the boilers on his estate were too small and residents have been told to run them 24 hours per day. He asked for a response to this.</p>	<p><b>Response: Nigel Bell</b></p> <p>The Council estimates that it will have to budget to purchase £600K of carbon allowances next year, although there will be a recycling payment made to the Council, it is not clear as to the value of this payment which is dependant on a number of factors including its position in the CRC performance league table.</p> <p>The Council has managed an Energy Efficacy Investment Programme which operates as an "Energy Bank" providing funding for energy saving schemes in its buildings. The Council is currently considering its sustainability policy options going forward which will also reflect its approach to its investment in energy efficiency and the early CRC metrics.</p>	<p><b>Action: Lynn Bishop to respond on the council's lack of engagement with the upcoming event at Chipping Barnet Library</b></p> <p>Work on assessing the Councils liability under the CRC is still ongoing although we do anticipate that it should be lower than the £600K initial estimate. The size of the Council's liability under the CRC is a reflection of many factors, not least of which is the size of its operations reflecting that the 2008 estimate that the borough possesses the second highest population of the 33 London boroughs. Barnet Homes plan to insulate over 2000 homes across the borough. The programme is 2 years (2009 to 2010 to 2010 to 2011) Barnet Homes will also be claiming back CERT funding on all leasehold properties insulated. The benefits includes – reduction in fuel costs and carbon emissions. The work will also improve Barnet Homes' overall SAP rating figures.</p>



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			<p>There is no communal heating or hot water in Dollis Valley Way consisting of Garrowsfield, Meadow Way, Rossiterfields, Millbridge, Crocusfield &amp; The Ridge.</p> <p>All of the above have individual domestic low pressure hot water services consisting of a MST and open vented hot water vessel. With regards to concerns about the inadequate size of the boilers, the boilers installed all meet regulation and are serviced annually.</p> <p>If there is a specific address with a problem to do with the boiler, please contact our Gas Maanger, Mamta Malhotra on tel. 020 359 5220 to report the problem.</p> <p>With regards to wall insulation on the Dollis Valley Estate unfortunately Barnet Homes is not able to carry out CWI works as there is no cavity in the building. In addition, we are not able to carry out overcladding works again due to the construction of the building.</p>

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			With regards to Miss Miller's receipt of a letter regarding wall insulation, the property has had a visual survey. However, if no further correspondence was received then that would indicate that the property was not suitable to insulate or it has already been insulated.
9	<p><u>Mr Ashwood</u></p> <p>Would like an explanation as to why various areas within the borough were treated less favourably when it came to road gritting during the recent severe weather conditions.</p> <p>Additionally, he is complaining about the current standard of work in repairing pot holes. It is his view that the current measures were of a substandard nature and would require further repairs sooner rather than later.</p>	<p><b>Response: Lynn Bishop</b></p> <p>Due to the national shortage of salt, central government took control of all salt supplies and requested all London Boroughs to restrict gritting operations to a minimal network, known as the Resilience Network. Allocation of salt to the London boroughs was on the basis of the amount required to grit the Resilience Network only and hence the Borough would have run out of salt if ignored the request and continued to grit a wider network.</p>	<p>Link to website: Chipping Barnet Area Environment Sub Committee meeting 24 March 2010</p> <p><a href="http://committeepapers.barnet.gov.uk/democracy/meetings/meetingdetail.asp?MeetingID=5343">http://committeepapers.barnet.gov.uk/democracy/meetings/meetingdetail.asp?MeetingID=5343</a></p>
		<p>Due to the sheer volume of pot holes it has been necessary to employ additional resources dedicated to dealing with potholes. In order to ensure that the potholes were made safe as quickly as possible some of the potholes have been filled on a temporary basis. It is likely that those roads with a number of pot holes will need to be resurfaced in the near future and it would not have been a good use of resources to carry out a more expensive permanent repair in those roads.</p>	

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10	<p><u>Mr Ashwood</u></p> <p>Requested clarity on whose responsibility it was to maintain the sewers in the Crocusfield area. He has been in contact with Thames Water regarding constant overflowing and pollution over a number of years, and he has been told that the sewers came within the remit of Barnet Council.</p> <p>At the meeting Mrs Nash said that there had been delays on the proposed regeneration of the Dollis Valley which has led to there being no long term plans for the estate. She said that the situation was unacceptable for residents who lived on that estate.</p>	<p><b>Response: Lynn Bishop</b></p> <p>Highway drainage engineers have been in discussions with David Harding, Asset Condition Consultant for Thames Water. He had identified that an outline solution has been developed, however this was held in abeyance as TW understood that Barnet had plans to redevelop the Estate. Recent discussions have led to TW offering to meet and discuss the short and long terms plans for the estate in order for an action plan to be developed. This will be led by the Barnet Homes Asset Management team.</p> <p>At the meeting Paul Bragg confirmed that Thames Water had a solution to the ongoing problems and that there would also have to be discussions regarding the long term plans for the estate.</p>	
11	<p><u>Mr Ashwood</u></p> <p>At an extraordinary meeting of the Council on 3 November 2009 it was agreed to adopt new executive arrangements. Mr Ashwood wishes to know what response there has been from the public regarding this decision.</p> <p>At the meeting Mr Hope clarified the changes to the current arrangements and he said that</p> <p>Wanted to see a referendum held in Barnet as to whether or not the borough should have an elected Mayor.</p>	<p><b>Response: Acting Democratic Services Manager</b></p> <p>The report to 3 November 2009 Council regarding the adoption of new executive arrangements (which will be implemented later this year) did not seek the views of the general public as the council was required, by legislation, to pass a resolution at a specially convened meeting.</p> <p>There will be further consideration of this issue at the upcoming meeting of the Special Committee (Constitution Review) taking place in March. The agenda and reports for this meeting will be published and this is a public meeting</p>	

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12	<p><u>Councillor Kate Salinger</u></p> <p>Raised a question as to whether the Barnet Archive facility was moving and whether it would be fully accessible to Barnet's residents.</p> <p>At the meeting, Councillor Salinger said that she was happy with the response but wished to know why the move was being considered.</p> <p><b>Post Meeting:</b> Hugh Petrie responded to the supplementary question by saying that there were several key reasons why a move was being investigated. The present collection was not well connected with public transport, had restricted opening hours and limited materials online. This did not make the most of the resources available and a potential integration into a large library would help to improve access, reach new service users and better display and promote</p> <p>the collection. Much of the collection could be available as part of a reference library environment and there would be improved online access. Co-locating would provide a better service at lower cost.</p>	<p><b>Response: Hugh Petrie/Barnet Archives</b></p> <p>The Council has yet to agree whether the archives will be moved from its present location. New locations are under investigation, and will be fully accessible to the public. The physical move of archive materials would be carried out by professional removers.</p>	<p><b>Response from Hugh Petrie on why a move was being considered</b></p> <p>There are several key reasons why a move of the site is being investigated. The collection at present is not well connected with public transport, with restricted opening hours and a limited collection of materials available online. This makes access to the collection more challenging and does not make the most of the available resources. A potential integration of the service into a large library will provide longer opening hours to improve access, help reach out to new service users and better display and promote the collection. Much of the collection could be made available to the public as part of a reference library environment, whilst increasing our programme of digitisation of materials will improve online access. Co-locating into a better, more accessible site will allow the council to provide a better service at a lower cost.</p>

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13	<p><u>Mrs Massey</u> Has Property Services department had any further recent contact with the owner of the market, and if so what was the outcome?"</p>	<p><b>Response: George Church/Property Services</b> A site meeting on the Barnet Market St Albans road site has been held to discuss the problems with the current condition of the market site. Officers made it clear to the owner of the market that the current surfacing is unsuitable and there is a conflict of people and vehicles near the entrance to the market. The offer of the Council lending the cost of putting a temporary surface down was repeated and the owner was reminded of a more competitive surfacing quotation which had been obtained by the Council. Reference was also made to the fact that Statutory Powers under Environmental Health legislation could be used, if appropriate action was not taken by the owner.</p> <p>As the meeting has not generated a response from the owner, she is being written to setting out what officers said at the meeting. If no further action is obtained, the Council will give consideration to the use of its statutory powers to improve matters for the public.</p> <p>As the market no longer occupies Council land , the lead officer concerning the market is Pam Wharfe, Head of Housing and Environmental Health.</p>	

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14	<p>Mr Dix</p> <p>1. On 7 April 2009 the owners of 7-11 Victoria Road New Barnet gained planning permission to build a Tesco Express on the site following an appeal to the Planning Inspectorate. Ten months later they have not commenced work on the site and the properties are in a dangerous condition. Can Barnet Council state if Tesco or their agents have initiated the development process by submitting any or all of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• details of the levels of the building, roads and footpaths in relation to adjoining land and highways;</li> <li>• samples of the materials to be used in the construction of the external surfaces of the building;</li> </ul> <p>an initial design stage assessment by an accredited assessor for the Code for Sustainable Homes and an accompanying interim certificate stating that each dwelling has been designed to achieve Level 3 of the Code;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a Construction Method Statement;</li> <li>• a signed and completed planning obligation concerning the provision of the new loading bay in Albert Road and a zebra crossing in Victoria Road.</li> </ul> <p>2. Even though the planning consent allows a period of up to three years before work must commence, what powers does Barnet Council have to force Tesco to improve or smarten up this dreadful eyesore in the interim.</p>	<p><b>Response: Martin Cowie</b></p> <p>He was unaware of the detail within Mr Dix's question regarding whether Tesco had initiated the development process, and he undertook to investigate and feed back.</p> <p>In respect of the photos submitted to the forum regarding the 'eyesore', Martin Cowie agreed that the site was indeed an eyesore and he undertook to see what action could be taken.</p>	<p><b>Martin Cowie to feed back on details of submissions and possible interim action</b></p>

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15	<p><u>Updated Response to Mr Bernstein (Issue 11)</u>            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 Councillor Salinger said that residents would be most</p> <p>disappointed with the response and that research showed that there was speeding traffic. She also referred to the traffic signals which she said were not working. Councillor Salinger asked officers to put pressure on TfL regarding the signals and to monitor Holyfield and St Johns Avenues</p>	<p><b>At the last meeting</b> Lynn Bishop referred to Mr Bernstein's questions from the previous 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.</p> <p><b>Further Update</b>            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 Hollyfield Avenue, St John's Avenue and Hillside Avenue: the lengths of road for Holyfield and St Johns Avenue are 130m &amp; 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 optimally at the Colney Hatch Lane/Friern Barnet Lane junction to minimise the occurrence of rat running .</p>	<p><b>Response from Paul Bragg re: Traffic signals and monitoring Holyfield and St Johns Avenues</b></p>



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16	<p><u>Updated Response to Ms Spindlow (Issue 1)</u></p> <p>The North London Waste Disposal site proposal at the former Friern Barnet sewage works.</p> <p>What sort of waste disposal is being proposed at this site?</p> <p>What will the noise and smell pollution be like?</p> <p>Where will the access be to this site for all vehicles including staff, and will this access be safeguarded so that no alternative access can be opened up later by, for example Hollickwood park/Sydney road?</p> <p>What is the correct consultation process required with the public and is it being strictly adhered too?</p> <p>What is being done to inform the residents of Coppetts and the 'Freehold' that this is happening, and could really affect them?</p> <p><b>CONCERNS:</b> How can we be sure that access to this site will not come through our side roads? Particularly Hampden road, Pembroke road, Cromwell road and Sydney road. Which are already rat runs.</p>	<p><b>Updated Written Response:</b></p> <p>The position regarding the land transfer is that Contracts were exchanged with NLWA on the 17<sup>th</sup> December 2009. Completion of the sale will occur on or before 30/10/2010 subject to the Dept of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) consent being achieved by NLWA for their business case, and a satisfactory resolution to the costs of remediation being agreed.</p> <p>The council has been in contact with the NLWA about developing a comprehensive consultation strategy for the emerging proposals to ensure that the local community is kept informed of progress in the matter and is properly engaged. The NLWA is currently preparing an information leaflet for residents providing details of the project which is will send out shortly.</p>	

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17	<p><u>Updated Response to Mr Hope (Issue 7)</u></p> <p>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</p>	<p>It is intended to carry out a full review of the Winter Maintenance Service and this will include responding to lessons learned and addressing any new National and Local guidelines</p>	
18	<p><u>Updated Response to Mr Dix (Issue 15)</u></p> <p>Referring to town centres floorspace</p>	<p><b>Response: Martin Cowie</b> A meeting has been arranged with Mr Dix.</p>	
19	<p><u>Ms Cavanagh (not attending the meeting)</u></p> <p>. The workmen have created a pathway down the slope to the road opposite the end of Falkland Avenue. This suggests that the site is not properly fenced at that end. Should young people decide to enter it could be extremely dangerous. I have mentioned this to the local Community Police.</p> <p>2. Failure to manage the 'green screen' of trees and shrubs on the site perimeter has resulted trees dying or choking with ivy. The internal road has been pushed closer to the edge of the slope so that the site is increasingly exposed to the road with greater intrusion of dust and noise pollution. In addition the slope itself is littered with rubbish, concrete slabs and a fallen skip. This is very unsightly for neighbours and for the many folk who use the Recreation ground opposite the site.</p>		<p><b>Lynn Bishop to provide a written response direct to Ms Cavanagh</b></p>

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	<p>3. The site is still being used before the legal time in the mornings - e.g. lorry movement and noise at 6.30 a.m. the Friday before last.</p> <p>I do realise that we have to have such disposal sites but do think that there should be a requirement for the owners to find ways to limit the impact on the residents close by. Instead things have worsened considerably over the last two years.</p>		
20	<p>Mr Goldberg requested that two new disabled parking bays be located centrally in Whetstone High Road, near to Waitrose</p>		<p><b>Paul Bragg</b>  Following the request for two additional disabled parking places to be provided in a central position in Whetstone Town Centre, the Council has proposed two disabled parking spaces side by side, in the vicinity of Waitrose. At the present time, and in accordance with usual procedures, the proposal is in the public domain in the form of a statutory consultation, where the public can comment or object to the proposal if they so wish. The consultation takes the form of notices outlining the proposal being erected on-street in the vicinity of the proposed bay locations, and in the local Press</p>

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			newspaper. The consultation commenced on 27 <sup>th</sup> May 2010 and ends on 17 <sup>th</sup> June 2010. The Council are obliged to consider any objections received in the consultation period, before deciding whether or not to introduce the disabled parking places as proposed.
21	Mr and Mrs Wheeler raised a concern about the location of the replacement lamp posts in Chase Way. The new locations would mean that the notices would be less prominent.	Paul Bragg said that if any notices were not prominent enough, new signs would be displayed on free standing posts instead of on the lamp posts.	
22	Mr Shuttleworth raised the issue of the recent fire at the Brunswick Park Health Centre, asking what was the future of the site, particularly as they was the Osidge Library nearby.	In response, Martin Cowie said that it would be hoped that a forum would be held to gauge the views of local residents.	<b>Craig Cooper to feed back</b> The Council are currently considering an option to work in partnership with Barnet PCT to provide a new Brunswick Park Community Hub. This will include a new library, health centre , children's centre and new public open space. The site of the existing library and former health centre is included within the new proposals.
23	Mrs Miller was concerned that she was not consulted about the New Barnet Strategy and had only found out about the consultation through the Save New Barnet Scheme		<b>Martin Cowie to check what streets were covered by the consultation.</b>

	Issue Raised	Response	Update (and by whom)
24	<p>Mrs Nash and Mr Dix raised the issue of the Ad Hoc Scrutiny Panel into the utilities failure during the cold weather spell. They both said that there had been little or no opportunities to speak and that it was the duty of the Council to have support systems in place during times of emergency.</p>	<p>At the meeting it was confirmed that only two people were permitted to speak at the panel and that other people had been encouraged to write in with their views.</p>	
25	<p>Ms Pam Edwards was disappointed in the response from the last forum about the costs for accommodating community events, in particular the Barnet High Street Fair and the East Barnet Festival. She asked for a breakdown in the costs to understand how the figures were arrived at.</p> <p>Mrs Nash said that the charges being made by the Council would make the Big Lunch impossible to put on.</p>		<p><b>Paul Bragg</b>  For the East Barnet Festival it has been agreed to charge the same amount of £363.00 for arranging the relevant on-street restrictions, as last year.</p> <p>The Council has been in contact with Mrs Edwards, the organiser of the event, and she has been made aware of the cost for traffic/parking restrictions for the 2010 event.</p> <p>For information the breakdown is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Lamination and erection of street notices: <b><u>£48.96</u></b></li> <li>▪ Provision of, erection on-street of, and removal of coning, red warning signs and yellow warning signs: <b><u>£314.64</u></b></li> </ul>

	<b>Issue Raised</b>	<b>Response</b>	<b>Update (and by whom)</b>
			<p>The charge outlined above does not include any administration or officer time charges, and only covers the contractor costs in carrying out the work.</p> <p>The arrangements for the waiting restrictions for the East Barnet Festival 2/4 July 2010 have been completed and Pam Edwards has been advised that the cost will be the same as last year i.e. £363.00.</p> <p>I have already spoken to Mrs Edwards who has agreed to the cost and will be sending a cheque for this amount in due course.</p>
26	Mr Hope said that he was still awaiting a response to his questions on page 11 of the last forum		<b>Lynn Bishop to supply Mr Hope with a written response to his questions</b>
	<b>DATES AND VENUES OF THE NEXT MEETING</b>	15 June 2010 at Chipping Barnet Library	

The meeting finished at 8.45 pm

Officers Present:

Paul Bragg

Lead Officer – 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 55 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**

22 June 2010

6 July 2010

28 July 2010

**Chipping Barnet**

22 June 2010

6 July 2010

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***Public requests to speak at Area Planning Sub-Committees on planning applications***

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***Public requests to speak at Area Planning Sub-Committees on matters other than planning applications***

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***Public requests to ask questions at Area Planning Sub-Committees***

Any request to ask a question (exact wording) on the work of the Sub-Committee must be received by the Democratic Services Manager by 10.00am on the 7<sup>th</sup> working day before the day of the meeting.

• **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:**

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**Finchley & Golders Green**

24 June 2010

**Chipping Barnet**

**Hendon**

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***Public requests to speak at Area Environment Sub-Committees***

Written requests to speak on issues on the agenda must be received by the Democratic Services Manager by 10.00am on the 2<sup>nd</sup> working day before the day of the meeting.

***Public requests to ask questions at Area Environment Sub-Committees***

Any request to ask a question (exact wording) on environmental matters must be received by the Democratic Services Manager by 10.00am on the 7<sup>th</sup> working day before the day of the meeting.

**PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

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

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

***Public requests to speak at Planning & Environment Committee***

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**Public requests to speak at Planning & Environment Committee on matters other than planning matters**

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***Public requests to ask questions at Planning & Environment Committee***

Any request to ask a question (exact wording) on the work of the Committee must be received by the Democratic Services Manager by 10.00am on the 7<sup>th</sup> working day before the day of the meeting.

**Forthcoming meetings:**

1 and 29 July 2010