

HENDON RESIDENTS FORUM

25 November 2009

Barnet Multicultural, Centre, West Hendon Algernon Road, London, NW4 3TA

ISSUES TO BE CONSIDERED

	Issue Raised	Response
1.	Budget Options Consultation	The council is currently preparing its budget for 2010/11 and would like to consult with residents on which budget options they feel are their priorities. The forum will include a presentation on the budget simulation tool that we would like residents to use to let us know their views.
2.	Core Strategy - Direction of Travel	The Core Strategy of the new Local Development Framework is open for consultation. The forum will include a presentation from Planning on the Core Strategy and how residents can get involved. If you would like more information on the Core Strategy and the consultation period, please see the homepage of the council's website www.barnet.gov.uk where there is a link to more information.
3.	<p>Our Neighbourhood Panel working with the Community Police have identified a problem with bike riding on the pavement in Burnt Oak. The Police have been helpful in stopping some cyclists and warning them of the offence. It would be beneficial to all concerned if official Barnet notices can be displayed in the area warning of the potential dangers and the law covering this breach.</p> <p>Mr Bill Basham</p>	<p>Power of a constable in uniform to give a person a fixed penalty notice under section 54 of the Road Traffic Offenders Act 1988 (fixed penalty notices) in respect of an offence under section 72 of the highway Act 1835 (riding on a footway) committed by cycling.</p> <p>Paul Lamb Paul.Lamb@barnet.gov.uk</p> <p>The Council's current focus is to de-clutter footways by designing out unnecessary signage to deliver a cleaner street scene.</p> <p>Lynn Bishop Lynn.Bishop@barnet.gov.uk</p>
4.	<p>Now that the new school is up and running we know we will need our CPZ extended into the evenings and also the weekends. The School is already open on Saturday mornings and we know the School intends to open on Sundays. In new year they Madrasa will take place in the evenings as well.</p> <p>Judy Shepherd</p>	<p>Any decision taken to extend the hours of operation of the CPZ would only take place should sufficient support from the community show there was a will for the Council to investigate. Subsequent actions would be based on actual experience of parking difficulties taking into account the times and days of the problems.</p> <p>Neil Richardson Neil.Richardson@barnet.gov.uk</p>

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5.	<p>We need new road signage. Cars for the new school shoot out of Dartmouth Road into Montagu Road without looking. There have been several near misses. We need some sort of slow down sign and also nearer the school something like "no horns - residential area."</p> <p>Judy Shepherd</p>	<p>Officers are happy to investigate concerns regarding adequate signing and will report to the next Forum the outcome of their investigation.</p> <p>Neil Richardson Neil.Richardson@barnet.gov.uk</p>
6.	<p>Fire Risk Assessments have or are being carried out on Barnet's tall buildings. In the past the fire service has not been able to reach above the 5th floor of Franklin House due to poor water pressure. Has this problem now been resolved?</p> <p>Geoff Johnson Chair Woolmead Avenue & Welsh Harp Area Residents Association</p>	<p>Barnet Homes have discussed with LFB who have confirmed that there is not a problem at Franklin House that they are aware of as pressure comes from the fire engines, not the building.</p> <p>Paul Shipway Paul.Shipway@barnet.gov.uk</p>
7.	<p>How many residents and where in the Welsh Harp Area have been notified about the Woodfield Nursery planning application.</p> <p>Geoff Johnson Chair Woolmead Avenue & Welsh Harp Area Residents Association</p>	<p>Nearly 400 properties have been consulted in accordance with the statutory regulations, the majority of which are within the London Borough of Brent.</p> <p>In addition, all relevant statutory bodies and local organisations have also been consulted. The consultation period expires 30 November 2009.</p> <p>Peter Alsop Peter.Alsop@barnet.gov.uk</p>

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8. a)	<p>When is Barnet Council going to implement the traffic calming measures asked for by local councillors for Cool Oak Lane NW9</p>	<p>Officers have undertaken a detailed investigation at this location including assessments of speed, road layout and road profile - camber and alignment. Working within budget availability it had originally been anticipated that Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS) warning of the bend in the road would be a suitable first stage option. However, through the detailed investigation Officers are of the opinion that although there is no doubt the introduction of VAS would have a positive impact, there are concerns regarding the road profile in contributing to accidents. Although no firm timescale can be given at the time of writing as to when improvements might be implemented officers are currently looking into the details of a preferred design solution intended to significantly reduce the likelihood of accidents which would include reprofiling the road camber and introduction of high containment kerbing and high friction surfacing.</p> <p>The costs to achieve this are likely to be significant but officers are actively exploring this aspect and can assure residents that this is being treated as a priority and the concerns taken seriously.</p>
b)	<p>Could we please have KEEP CLEAR signs painted at the junction of Cool Oak Lane & Woolmead Ave NW9 due to problems driving out of Woolmead Ave at peak times.</p>	<p>Officers are aware this proposal has been rejected in the past, however this decision will be reviewed as part of the Cool Oak Lane study detailed above</p>
c)	<p>Could we please have a CROSS NOW light incorporated into the traffic lights at the junction of West Hendon Broadway & Cool Oak Lane NW9 before a resident gets killed attempting to cross the road</p>	<p>Officers are currently improving dropped kerb provision in the area, including Cool Oak Lane at its junction with the A5 to promote pedestrian safety in the area under.</p>
	<p>Geoff Johnson Chair Woolmead Avenue & Welsh Harp Area Residents Association</p>	<p>Consideration has been given to whether it is feasible to introduce a 'green man' phase, but at present there are no plans to do so. The signals at the junction are key to traffic movement on the A5 and currently it is considered that due to the volume of traffic, introducing a delay through the provision of an additional phase would be contrary to what the council are achieving through the congestion reduction scheme along the A5.</p> <p>However, the level of demand for the facility and lack of crossing opportunities is to be ascertained – a survey is anticipated to be carried out within the next few weeks will be done in the next few weeks.</p>
		<p>Transport for London (TfL) are to review the signal timings as part of their Review Programme and we are hoping to use the base model that TfL will develop as a result to try various permutations and experiment on the possibility of introducing a green man. This model is expected from TfL by the end of the financial year.</p>

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		<p>Depending on the outcome of this we would enter in to dialogue with TfL regarding possible pedestrian provision as TfL are responsible for signals and, although the A5 is a borough road, it is part of TfLs Strategic Road Network and TfL therefore have a stated interest in the operational aspects of this road.</p> <p>Neil Richardson Neil.Richardson@barnet.gov.uk</p>
9.	<p>Is the children's play area in Sturgess Park NW4 going to be refurbished before this park is handed over to Neeld Tennis Club as it is well used local amenity for the residents and their children.</p> <p>Geoff Johnson Chair Woolmead Avenue & Welsh Harp Area Residents Association</p>	<p>The lease for Neeld tennis club has not yet been completed, with discussions on-going. The play area will not be refurbished before the club are granted a lease. Negotiations for the improvement of the play area are to be incorporated within the lease negotiations/discussions with the view to the club providing funds and/or undertaking improvements to the playarea. Sturgess Park is also included within the Brent Cross/Cricklewood regeneration scheme.</p> <p>Jenny Warren parks@barnet.gov.uk</p>
10.	<p>When are the fallen leaves in York Park going to be cleared, as residents should not have to wait until Jan/Feb as in previous years.</p> <p>Geoff Johnson Chair Woolmead Avenue & Welsh Harp Area Residents Association</p>	<p>Leaves are left until the majority have fallen to enable the effective deployment of resources. Once the leaves are down these are cleared as part of the on-going winter maintenance programme, the maintenance programme will determine when the crews will visit the park. Last year the clearance of leaves from the park was very late and we will ensure this is carried out during December.</p> <p>Jenny Warren parks@barnet.gov.uk</p>
11.	<p>Are black taxi cab drivers allowed blue disabled badges? There is one who parks in our road - it is a Harrow badge - but if a driver is disabled how can he help with luggage etc!??? It is very common with mini cabs and none of them look disabled.</p> <p>Also can I have a definition of size of vehicle allowed a residents permit? We now have large 12 seater mini buses with resident permits.</p> <p>Judy Shepherd</p>	<p>Blue Badges are issued to people who are Registered Blind or who have a permanent condition which substantially affects walking ability.</p> <p>If anyone sees a Blue Badge being used by someone who does not appear to have such a disability then they should report it to the authority which issued the Badge.</p> <p>A resident's permit may be issued to a passenger vehicle, a goods carrying vehicle the overall height of which does not exceed 2.30 metres. A passenger vehicle means a motor vehicle (other than a motor cycle or disabled persons vehicle) constructed or adapted solely for the carriage of not more than twelve passengers (exclusive of the driver) and their effects and not drawing a trailer.</p> <p>Neil Richardson Neil.Richardson@barnet.gov.uk</p>

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12.	<p>Dr Gosh has received a document from the Mayor of London on Health, Deprivation and Deficit. He has been asked to fill in and return in January. He wants to know whether residents at the forum have any views that he can include within his statement.</p> <p>Dr Gosh</p>	N/A
13.	<p>The pavements needs repairing outside 63 Talbot Crescent.</p> <p>The pavements needs repairing the junction of Rundell Crescent and Watford Way NW4.</p> <p>Dr Gosh</p>	<p>A highways inspector will be tasked to carry out inspections of both areas and any intervention levels defects identified will lead to orders being issued to our contractors to affect necessary repairs.</p> <p>Paul Bragg Paul.Bragg@barnet.gov.uk</p>
14.	<p>I observed a PCN issued to an eastern European vehicle, subsequently the driver returned, he threw the PCN in the bin.</p> <p>a) What recourse does the Council have to deal with this?</p> <p>b) What action will the Council follow?</p> <p>Robert Gayle</p>	<p>We rely on DVLA to provide us with the keeper details. If the vehicle has a foreign registration we are not able to obtain these details from DVLA. However, we work in partnership with the Police and regularly provide them with lists of persistent evaders in a effort to obtain keeper details.</p> <p>Florence Reece Florence.Reece@barnet.gov.uk</p>

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<p>15. People get a PCN because they have for sale signs on their cars. Someone near me got a PCN. He was sent an email on 3 November 2009 by Dorne Kanareck. The PCN was correctly issued and he must now pay. However on 4 November 2009 a parking officer sent an email to say he no longer needed to pay the fine, all of these emails were sent to a cabinet member.</p> <p>Why was this fine retracted?</p> <p>Robert Gayle</p>	<p>There is a statutory process in place to challenge Penalty Charge Notices (PCN). Each case is judged according to the circumstances/evidence we are presented with. Under the Data Protection Act/Traffic Management Act, we can only respond/discuss this with the registered keeper of the vehicle.</p> <p>Florence Reece Florence.Reece@barnet.gov.uk</p>

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Future meeting Information

Date	Venue
Monday 18 January 2010	St Joseph's Pastoral Centre, St Joseph's Grove, The Boroughs, Hendon, London NW4 4TY
Wednesday 17 March 2010	Sangam Community Centre, 210 Broadway, Burnt Oak HA8 0AP