

HENDON RESIDENTS FORUM

Tuesday 27 July 2010

Sangam Centre. 210 Burnt Oak Broadway Edgware HA8 OAP

ISSUES TO BE CONSIDERED

Issue Raised	Response
<p>1. Petition Received – Road Safety Campaign</p> <p>Increase road safety at Hendon School</p> <p>788 signatures</p> <p>Due to the information provided the petition can not be verified.</p> <p>Pervious reported issue – 23 June 2010 - http://committeepapers.barnet.gov.uk/democracy/meetings/meetingdetail.asp?meetingID=6168</p> <p>Additional Questions:</p> <p>a) Did you receive the 788 person petition?</p> <p>b) Can a breakdown of the £2,600 now quoted for a change in sign and the painting of enforceable double yellow lines be provided? We have already asked for this but have had no response.</p>	<p>Yes. This was received and notification was sent to the lead petitioners on Thursday 22 July 2010.</p> <p>Paul Frost Paul.frost@barnet.gov.uk</p> <p>As advised previously, changes to the hours of control of the School Keep Clear markings requires carrying out a consultation that costs money to advertise and also for officers of the Council to deal with – including the amendment of the Traffic Management Order (TMO) that legally supports the markings. Additionally, there is a cost to manufacture and replace the old signs with new ones. However, money needed to do this would not normally be more than around £1500. It is understood that the request for restrictions has extended to include double yellow lines. There is a similar separate TMO that is required to be written for this and extra yellow lines to be costed – hence the increase in estimated costs.</p>

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<p>c) Why have the Council said it's not a lot of money and could be done quickly if the school paid for it. How do we get the Council to consider the request that they pay for the necessary changes - they have all agreed it needs to be done.</p>	<p>Whilst the council is happy to investigate and support road safety actions, schools are encouraged to identify these types of issues as part of their School Travel Plan (STP) , which also addresses other issues such as encouraging alternative forms of transport being used to travel to and from school and reducing the amount of car usage. Submission of a STP then triggers a process that can produce funding from Transport for London to apply for a number of traffic related measures and it is via this process that the Council normally addresses concerns such as the above. It is therefore considered appropriate to consider these measures through the STP process although if the school are prepared to pay for measures that the council agree are necessary then the introduction of the measures, subject to all legal obligations being met, can be speeded up if the school are prepared to fund them.</p>
<p>d) There is no signage to warn people that it is a school - can this be done?</p>	<p>The signage can be reviewed and presumably has been identified as a concern as part of the STP process detailed above.</p>
<p>e) How do the Council respond to the fact that Barnet now has the second highest number of road casualties, a rise in 2009, compared to 2008.</p>	<p>Casualty figures in the borough each year are higher in terms of absolute numbers this is the case for most boroughs because of the particular characteristics of the borough. The borough has the highest population in London and a large road network which includes significant lengths of major roads such as the A1, A41 and A406 North Circular Road that are managed by Transport for London, and the M1 motorway.</p> <p>The casualty data for 2009 show significant increases in casualties compared with 2008. A large increase in slightly injured casualties has had a big impact on the overall figures. This has been particularly evident on the Transport for London road network, where the borough has less influence, and seems to be a common issue for a number of boroughs in North London.</p> <p>We continue to analyse the data to help identify locations and types of accidents where we can make improvements. The council carries out road safety improvements at locations which have been identified using previous accident data - based on the number and type of accidents and also provides road safety education and training particularly in schools</p> <p>Neil Richardson</p>

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<p>f) Why have Members of the Council had such big pay rises, including the Cabinet Member for Environment and Operations, the pay rise of just 1 person could have paid for our road safety project 10 times over possibly saving some lives!</p> <p>Hendon Citizen Schools Team</p>	<p>Neil.Richardson@barnet.gov.uk</p> <p>The decision to amend the Member Allowances Scheme was taken by Councillors at the Council meeting on 13 July 2010.</p> <p>Any resident wishing to put their views, ask questions etc, should contact their Ward Councillors either at their respective surgeries or via e mails.</p>
<p>2. Is it possible as a standard condition of Planning Permission that a developer be prohibited from removing TOP SOIL on areas to be retained for garden use? This is generally believed to be "perks" and top soil is eventually sold to garden centres and other sources. This practice destroys the Biodiversity of the land, leaving just clay.</p> <p>Clive S. M. Cohen LWT (Barnet Group)</p>	<p>Planning conditions imposed on planning consents ensure existing landscaping is retained and proposed landscaping is planted and remained healthy thereafter. This would necessitate that sufficient amounts of top soil are retained on site, therefore protecting the biodiversity of a site or locality.</p> <p>A condition therefore specifically concerning the removal of top soil is considered not necessary and would furthermore be difficult to enforce.</p> <p>Martin Cowie Martin.cowie@barnet.gov.uk</p>
<p>3. a) Has the Council made any major financial savings, since transferring its in house services to arms length contractors?</p> <p>b) What is the Councils position of £M's placed in the Icelandic bank?</p>	<p>Please refer to the attached for Efficiencies/Budget Reductions</p> <p>Karen Balam Karen.balam@barnet.gov.uk</p> <p>9.2.1 The Icelandic Government has stated its intention to honour all its commitments as a result of their banks being placed into receivership. The U.K. Government is working with the Icelandic Government to help bring this about. At the current time, the process of recovering assets is still ongoing with the Administrators. The Local Government Association is coordinating the efforts of all UK authorities with Icelandic investments. Members will be periodically updated on the latest developments on these efforts.</p> <p>9.2.2 On 9 December 2009, Bevan Brittan, the solicitors acting on behalf of the LGA, received notification from the Glitnir Winding-up Board that they had accepted all local authority claims as general unsecured claims, rather than priority claims.</p>

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	<p>9.2.3 Bevan Brittan actively challenged this decision prior to the Creditor's meeting on 17 December 2009, but, it was not possible to reach an agreement. A mediation process has taken place and there has been no change to the general unsecured position. Therefore it is now a matter for the Icelandic judicial system.</p> <p>9.2.4 Without priority status local authorities are likely to get in the region of 25-30 per cent of their deposits back rather than 95% to 100% as previously assumed.</p> <p>9.2.5 The 2009/10 accounts, which assume local authorities have priority status, include impairments adjustments to the General Fund as prescribed by Financial Reporting Standards and LAPP updates. The risk is managed through the Risk Reserve.</p>
<p>c) What is the position of the Brent Cross Cricklewood regeneration project?</p>	<p>This was reported to the Cabinet Resources Committee on 17 June 2010 and can be found at: http://committeepapers.barnet.gov.uk/democracy/meetings/meetingdetail.asp?meetingid=6138 Karen Bannister Karen.bannister@barnet.gov.uk</p>
<p>d) The Council sends out documents and offers these to be transcribed into other languages, is there a great demand for this and what are the cost implications?</p>	<p>Documents and other translation services are not undertaken as a matter of course - i.e documents are only translated if someone asks for a translation.</p> <p>The most recent figures available are for the year ending April 2009.</p> <p>That year saw 332 documents translated and 491 face to face or telephone translations. The total cost was £164,323.13, or roughly £200 per translation.</p> <p>Preliminary figures for the most recent financial year show a slight reduction on the overall cost. (£159,000). Chris Palmer Chris.palmer@barnet.gov.uk</p>

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e)	Following the build of 10,000 new homes in Colindale why are Barnet residents finding it so hard to find social housing?	<p>The Council has planned to deliver thousands of new homes across its strategic regeneration areas including at Brent Cross Cricklewood, Colindale and its priority housing estates.</p> <p>Despite the economic downturn substantial development is taking place at Colindale where new housing is being provided at Beaufort Park, Grahame Park and at the former Colindale Hospital site.</p> <p>These schemes are delivering a range housing types and tenures including affordable rent and shared ownership properties which will assist in establishing balanced and sustainable communities.</p> <p>Martin Cowie Martin.cowie@hotmail.co.uk</p>
f)	Considering the Local and National reports of server cuts LBB Councillors voted to award themselves pay rises. How does this square with the austere times ahead?	<p>The decision to amend the Member Allowances Scheme was taken by Councillors at the Council meeting on 13 July 2010. Any resident wishing to put their views, ask questions etc, should contact their Ward Councillors either at their respective surgeries or via e mails.</p> <p>The council will be examining options as to how high quality, and in some cases, better quality services can be provided to its service users given the financial pressures it is facing. A programme (One Barnet) has been established to look at which areas can be delivered in a way which ensures resources are directed appropriately, that there is clear value for money and that the quality of services is not negatively affected.</p>
g)	<p>Future Shape Programme</p> <p>When is the No Frills Council to be introduced?</p> <p>Is the process being reviewed?</p> <p>Mr Dan</p>	<p>A number of projects have been set up, within the programme, to examine options. Whilst some are nearing the end of this phase, no decisions have been made to date. This means that any large scale changes, if agreed, are likely to be approximately 18 months away. In the meantime, there are also projects looking at improving how we currently provide services and the customer experience with the council. This should result in positive changes by the end of the year.</p> <p>There has been engagement throughout with the Trade Unions. A scrutiny panel has been set up to review the programme. Panel</p>

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	<p>meetings are open to the public (unless restricted information is being considered) and papers for meeting can be accessed via the following link: http://committeepapers.barnet.gov.uk/democracy/meetings/meetinglist1mth.asp?intSubSectionID=3&intSectionID=2&meetingType=Overview%20and%20Scrutiny&intComID=322</p> <p>Claire Johnston Claire.johnson@barnet.gov.uk</p>
<p>4.</p> <p>a) At a time when the Government is cutting its financial support to Barnet and local government staff are facing pay freezes, how can the leadership of the Council justify the pay increases they have awarded themselves; and how can it be lawful for the Council to take the decision without proper notice to councillors or the public?</p> <p>b) As the Government has cancelled the building schools for the future programme, what does the council propose to do to rebuild St Mary's High School, and Copthall School, as was planned under the BSF programme? How much has the council and have the schools spent on the preparatory work for the rebuilds?</p> <p>c) As the government has cancelled housing schemes, what does the council now propose to do for West Hendon estate, in terms of either regeneration or bringing the existing properties up to decent home standards? When does the agreement with the proposed developer partners expire? How much has the council spent on the scheme so far in terms of planning, design, negotiations, legal advice and other professional fees?</p>	<p>The decision to review the Member Allowances Scheme was taken by Councillors.</p> <p>Any resident wishing to put their views, ask questions etc, should contact their Ward Councillors either at their respective surgeries or via e mails.</p> <p>We are awaiting the outcome of the Government's review of capital investment in schools. Until this review is complete and has reported, we will not know how future capital funding will be allocated. Meanwhile, we are updating condition surveys of schools to inform the prioritisation of any funds that may be available.</p> <p>The estimated indicative cost to the LA of preparing for BSF in Barnet is approximately £757k. This includes a contribution to the costs incurred by schools.</p> <p>Val White Val.white@barnet.gov.uk</p> <p>The government has closed the Kickstart funding stream for which West Hendon was shortlisted. This programme provided a small element of the required project finance. More substantial tranches of funding from the National Affordable Housing Programme and monies contributed by the Council from its Growth Area Fund are secure.</p> <p>The Council has been in discussions with the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA) on alternative sources of funding to replace the Kickstart</p>

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<p>Andrew Dismore Pavilion Way resident</p>	<p>monies and expects to hear the HCA's decision in the coming weeks. The Council remains committed to the regeneration.</p> <p>The date for satisfying the pre-start conditions of the Principal Development Agreement with the Council's Development Partners has been extended a number of times whilst funding solutions have been sought. The current extension extends the agreement to December 2010. The council will decide nearer the time whether further extensions are merited.</p> <p>The agreement with the Development Partners requires the developer to cover the Council's reasonable agreed costs including negotiations, legal advice and other professional fees. Planning and design costs were paid by the development partners. The precise sums involved are, therefore, commercially confidential between the Council and the Development Partners.</p> <p>Colin Ross Colin.ross@barnet.gov.uk</p>
<p>5. Do the cabinet members who are elected representatives of Barnet Council feel morally obliged to vote for an unwarranted pay rise for themselves when many of their constituents are forced by the present Tory government to accept a pay freeze or a pay cut?</p> <p>Did Barnet Council follow the democratic process of giving the required notice of the agenda of the meeting which voted for this unacceptable pay rise?</p> <p>Nagus Narenthira Colindale</p>	<p>The decision to amend the Member Allowances Scheme was taken by Councillors at the Council meeting on 13 July 2010.</p> <p>Any resident wishing to put their views, ask questions etc, should contact their Ward Councillors either at their respective surgeries or via e mails.</p> <p>The agenda of the meeting was published on Monday 5 July, meeting the statutory deadline.</p>
<p>6. a) Eaton Road & West View NW4</p> <p>There is a playground which has been neglected, the shrubs are over grown and the litter bins have been full for a long time?</p> <p>Can the Council pay this site some attention?</p> <p>b) Both Sydney Road and Heriot Road NW4 are both in need of a</p>	<p>This is a Barnet Homes managed site. We cut the shrubs there but only on an annual basis and are next due to do so this winter. However, this concern has been passed to Barnet Homes requesting that they look into the concern as a priority</p> <p>Sidney Rd, Heriot Rd & New Brent St are all due to be swept during week</p>

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<p>c) street clean. Can this take place?</p> <p>New Brent Street also needs a street clean, the pavement slabs are all broken, can they be improved and replaced?</p>	<p>commencing 2nd August.</p> <p>Investigation will take place regarding the state of the footway and remedial action taken where necessary</p> <p>Neil Richardson Neil.Richardson@barnet.gov.uk</p>
<p>7. No Ball Game Sign – Orange Hill Road</p> <p>I have previously reported of a dangerous sign which had been damaged and left on the green. This has now been removed but the sign hasn't been replaced. Can a new sign be installed?</p> <p>Mrs Fielder</p>	<p>A housing visited the area today (26/7/10) and found that there are already 2 other “no ball games” signs within the vicinity of 26 Orangehill Road (on the corner of Littlefield Rd & Colchester Rd). These signs are seen as a polite notice and we have no powers to enforce them. The Watling is a conservation area and we feel that too many signs will look unsightly.</p> <p>Michelle Davies Barnet Homes Michelle.Davies@barnethomes.org</p>
<p>8. Could we have an update on the undertaking that the London Borough of Barnet have already given last year to maintain the Boroughs War memorials fundamentally neglected for so long.</p> <p>What is the timing to enable the projected to be complete?</p> <p>Clive Cohen</p>	<p>The council takes its responsibilities over the upkeep of War Memorials seriously, however there is a limited budget and so we have to take care to prioritise the works that are undertaken.</p> <p>In addition to the regular maintenance given to all the memorials which includes rubbish removal, grass cutting and light cleaning we have recently undertaken more major maintenance at both Mill Hill and Hendon war memorials to remove verdigris staining and to re-wax the bronze elements against further staining.</p> <p>The removal of verdigris is a long process which has to be undertaken by specialists but it is now almost complete on both these memorials.</p> <p>Works have been ordered to the La Deliverence memorial to clean and protect the bronze figure, these should commence in the next month. We are also drawing up proposals for some works to the New Barnet Memorial though we do not have a timescale for these.</p> <p>All the memorials that the council are responsible for have been visited recently to update our condition survey; this will inform the next works to be prioritised.</p>

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		Sue Taylor Sue.taylor@barnet.gov.uk

Date of Future Meetings

Date	Venue
Monday 13 September 2010	St Peters Church, Stonegrove, Edgware HA8 8AB
21 October 2010	Barnet Multicultural Community Centre, Algernon Road, Hendon NW4
30 November 2010	St Joseph's Pastoral Centre, St Joseph's Grove, The Burroughs, Hendon, London NW4 4TY
18 January 2011	TBA
15 March 2011	TBA

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Housing Revenue Account

	2005/06 £	2006/07 £	2007/08 £	2008/09 £	2009/10 £	2010/11 £
Efficiencies/Budget Reductions						
<u>Regeneration</u>						
Regeneration Schemes - removal of start up costs	-365,000	0	0	0	-211,000	
Regeneration Schemes - recovery of costs				-571,000	321,000	220,000
Review of Housing Services					0	
Regeneration	-365,000	0	0	-571,000	110,000	220,000
<u>Management Costs</u>						
<u>Barnet Homes - Efficiencies and Reduced numbers of dwellings:-</u>						
Revenue contributions to Capital Outlay	-1,618,380	0				
Management Costs		0	0	-352,890		
Review of caretaking					-60,000	
Review of rental income and neighbourhoods team					-137,000	
Sheltered Housing review of requirements					-100,000	-159,000
Cash-limit non-staffing budgets			-64,470		-183,000	
Accommodation Rationalisation			-75,000			
Restructuring Savings - full year effect		-17,000	-161,280	-49,500		
Reduced cost of rent collection			-10,000			
Reductions in cost of bulk rubbish service			-20,000			
VFM Review Programme			-50,000			-230,000
Merging of call centres			-143,000			
Review Senior management Asset Management					-60,000	
Review Support Services					-251,000	
Review Management of regeneration estates					-20,000	
Provision for 2009/10 pay award not required						-135,000
SLAs with Barnet Council						-150,000
Reduce Internal Audit Provision						-15,000
Efficiencies in income collection						-35,000
Reduction in training budget						-20,000
Rationalise resident participation budget						-46,000
Reduce Contingency Provision						-50,000
Other Barnet Homes Efficiencies						-111,000
Management Costs	-1,618,380	-17,000	-523,750	-402,390	-811,000	-951,000
<u>Repairs</u>						
Repairs and Maintenance (reduced number of dwellings and efficiencies)			-227,900		-316,000	
Repair Service				-641,250		-380,360
Repairs	0	0	-227,900	-641,250	-316,000	-380,360
	-1,983,380	-17,000	-751,650	-1,614,640	-1,017,000	-1,111,360

HENDON RESIDENTS' FORUM

23 June 2010

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

Forum Officers' Action Notes

Chairman: Councillor John Hart*

Vice-Chairman: Councillor Sury Khatri*

*Denotes Councillor Present

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<p>1. York Park, Wes Hendon, NW9</p> <p>Petition received objecting to not being consulted about the location of the Playbuilder Equipment currently being installed.</p> <p>50 Signatures</p>	<p>Thank you for the petition presented to the Mayor of Barnet Council prior to the Barnet Council meeting on 20 April 2010. I have noted that the petition was signed by 50 people from 33 addresses in the area and that the petitioners 'strongly object to not being consulted about the location of the Playbuilder Equipment currently being installed in York Park.'</p> <p>The national Playbuilder programme seeks to provide new play sites to encourage play, community access to green space and a healthier lifestyle for children.</p> <p>Barnet has completed the first phase of eleven sites and is considering the final phase of a further eleven sites. Sites were initially proposed for areas where there were high populations of children and limited play facilities and a number of agencies including police Safer Neighbourhood teams were consulted. York Park was selected as a possible site because it met a number of these criteria and the existing established play area would be affected by the proposed regeneration of the estate.</p> <p>A report was made to Barnet Council Cabinet Resources Committee on 2 September 2009 indicating that York Park was to be one of the first eleven sites. This report was available on the Council website.</p> <p>The Council issued a number of press releases following the Cabinet</p>	<p>Councillor Hart has visited the site with other Ward Councillors and is able to update the Forum at the next meeting on Tuesday 27 July.</p> <p>Council Officer's also attended the West Hendon Resident's Association meeting on Tuesday 6th July to discuss this issue further. Resident's have been advised that the data does not represent an issue and there was no intelligence around which to base any mitigating actions. It was agreed that ASB log books would be issued and all incidents needed to be reported to the Police for a CAD number.</p> <p>Jenny Warren Parks@barnet.gov.uk</p> <p>Anti Social Behaviour diaries have been issued by the PIT to residents. Information from the diaries may be used to prioritise any actions that will be required. PIT are also monitoring the play area.</p> <p>Colin Bowell Colin.bowell@barnet.gov.uk</p> <p>No further response required Graham Durham Graham.durham@barnet.gov.uk</p>

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	<p>Resources Committee meeting and in December 2009 public notices were placed in York Park advising residents of the work planned and how to contact the Council.</p> <p>A consultation with young people attending the YMCA group at West Hendon Community Centre was also held on 14 December 2009. Consultation with pupils of The Hyde Primary School also occurred and a wide range of responses were received.</p> <p>The Barnet Council Greenspaces team also consulted local residents through the Regeneration Residents Group on 25 February 2010.</p> <p>I am sorry to note that some local residents do not feel that these notices and meetings represented sufficient communication. It would be very helpful for the future work of the Council on both Playbuilder and other initiatives if you could suggest ways in which the consultative process could be improved. Thank you for your trouble in petitioning the Council and drawing your concerns to our attention.</p> <p>Graham Durham Graham.durham@barnet.gov.uk</p>	
<p>2. Petition received - Commercial Vehicles Parking in Glendor Gardens</p> <p>Additional communication was received including photos from Mr Somers which noted the parking difficulties within the area and a request for a introduction of a weight ban on Vehicles over 5 tonnes.</p> <p>32 Signatures</p>	<p>The council do not have any current plans to carry out investigations regarding parking in your road. Therefore, we will hold a copy of the petition on file, and should this situation change the views will be taken into consideration should any investigation be agreed in the future.</p> <p>Regarding your request for a weight ban to be introduced in your road, the council does have measures in place across the borough to deter vehicles over 5tonnes gross weight from parking in residential roads between 6.30pm and 8am and while I note your request for there to be a limit on the load a vehicle carries, it is considered that the current arrangements are sufficient for</p>	<p>If the vehicles are parked illegally such as parking on the footways or causing obstructions to residential crossovers, or if a vehicle weights over 5 tonnes, the council has the powers to enforce contraventions such as these, and Parking Enforcement can be contacted on 020 8359 7446.</p> <p>Karen Grinter Karen.grinter@barnet.gov.uk</p>

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		<p>detering vehicles of unacceptable weight parking overnight on the boroughs roads, and therefore we will not be making any changes to the borough wide approach for Glendor Gardens.</p> <p>Thank you for bringing your concerns to my attention and I hope this information of assistance.</p> <p>Karen Grinter Karen.grinter@barnet.gov.uk</p>	
3	<p>At junction in Station Road / High Street, Edgware the stop line is still placed so the left turn traffic light can not be seen by the leading vehicle.</p> <p>Vehicles are forced to bib the leading car which creates unnecessary noise and reduces traffic flow.</p> <p>At the same junction at Whitchurch Lane there is a similar problem as the light is hidden by busses, lorries and low sun light.</p>	<p>The stop line at the Station Road / High Road junction will be moved back as part of the junction improvement works which is currently being implemented.</p> <p>As part of the next phase of improvements the issue with regard to the existing alignment of the junction is currently being investigated. This is to ensure that buses waiting to turn right do not obscure the visibility of left turning traffic into the High Street from Whitchurch Lane.</p> <p>Neil Richardson Neil.richardson@barnet.gov.uk</p>	<p>No further update</p> <p>Neil Richardson Neil.richardson@barnet.gov.uk</p>
4.	<p>We would like to ask the council,</p> <p>Why does it cost £10,000 to change the sign outside our school to show the correct timings for the zigzag markings?</p> <p>We hope that we will be able to ask the question as we are trying to make our road safer for all residents, staff and students in the area.</p> <p>Citizenschools Team Hendon School</p>	<p>Before the Council can carry out changes to the hours of control of the School Keep Clear markings they have to carry out a consultation that costs money to advertise and also for officers of the council to deal with. Additionally, there is a cost to manufacture and replace the old signs with new ones. However, money needed to do this would not normally be more than around £1500 - not £10,000 that has been mentioned.</p> <p>Neil Richardson Neil.richardson@barnet.gov.uk</p>	<p>No further update on this question. Please be referred to the issues list 27 July 2010.</p> <p>Neil Richardson Neil.richardson@barnet.gov.uk</p>
5.	<p>Petition received - Hendon Forum - Petition</p>	<p>On receipt of the petition our Parking Enforcement Team was instructed to</p>	<p>No further update at this time</p>

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<p>- Heavy traffic at the Junction of Poolsford Road / New Way Road NW9</p> <p>41 Signatures</p>	<p>pay particular attention to vehicles parked at this location to ensure that where possible any vehicles parked obstructively were issued with Penalty Charge Notices. Feedback on the effectiveness of this from a resident point of view will be gratefully received</p> <p>In order to ensure that all options are explored to deter the situations described whilst officers have suggested that a meeting with resident representatives take place at the junction with a view to discussing the parking and speeding issues of concern. Which it is felt would be a useful way to establish what further measures might be considered.</p> <p>Neil Richardson Neil.richardson@barnet.gov.uk</p>	<p>Neil Richardson Neil.richardson@barnet.gov.uk</p>
<p>6. Petition received – Objection against parking restrictions on Deans Lane, Edgware, Middlesex, HA8</p> <p>89 Signatures</p>	<p>The council appreciate the time taken to compile the petition that was kindly forwarded to Officers by Councillor Brian Gordon. We are aware of issues relating to parking outside of the shopping parade in Deans Lane and as a result have carried out a statutory consultation on proposals to reduce the hours of operation of the existing 8am to 9.30am and 4pm to 6.30pm Monday to Friday waiting restriction so that they would operate between 8am to 9am and 5pm to 6pm which is envisaged would improve parking opportunity for shoppers to the parade.</p> <p>Although the original request was for the waiting restrictions to be removed completely however, at the time of investigation it was considered that the road layout at this location would not easily accommodate parking without causing some obstruction to though traffic especially during peak times.</p> <p>However, given the comments that have been received to the proposed reduction in times of the waiting restrictions, both through the statutory consultation and the petition Officers are happy to ‘go back to the drawing board’ to review their original</p>	<p>No further update</p> <p>Neil Richardson Neil.richardson@barnet.gov.uk</p>

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		<p>recommendations to see if a pay and display scheme may be appropriate for this area.</p> <p>Neil Richardson Neil.richardson@barnet.gov.uk</p>	
7.	<p>Driving instructors blocking our streets.</p> <p>Last year Cllr Wayne Casey asked a question in the council meeting regarding the Driving School in Mill Hill. Because of the proximity of this school to our residential roads, we find that Driving instructors tend to use our roads (Glenmere Avenue, Copthall Drive, Parkside, Holmdene) as practice runs for the driving test. At any given time, there are at least four to five cars practicing on our roads (u turns, reverse parking etc). It was agreed at the council meeting that something would be done about it. Has anything been done and if so what? Has anyone written to driving school requesting that they ask the driving instructors to use different route for practice or even change the test route completely so that these cars can go elsewhere and give us a break.</p> <p>Vinod G Sodha Mill Hill</p>	<p>Driving tests are now managed by the Driving Standards Agency (DSA) who operate from several test centres in and near the borough including Barnet, Hendon and Mill Hill. Each centre has a set of standard routes, details of which are published on the internet. In addition to driving tests, many learner drivers are taught on the same routes in order to give them experience of the routes they are likely to be tested on.</p> <p>The DSA does not consult the borough when planning these routes, nor does the borough have any statutory powers to control the use of public highway by learner drivers. It is important that learner drivers are tested on a variety of roads, including residential streets, and some parts of the practical test need to be carried out in quieter locations for safety reasons and to avoid adversely affecting traffic.</p> <p>The streets closer to the test centres are more likely to experience higher numbers of learner drivers, but other locations can also experience problems. If Members have specific concerns about individual streets we would be happy to make contact with the relevant test centre to see whether anything can be done to minimise the impact on residents.</p> <p>To view the question and further information please visit: http://committeepapers.barnet.gov.uk/democracy/meetings/meetingdetail.asp?meetingid=5317</p> <p>Neil Richardson Neil.richardson@barnet.gov.uk</p>	<p>No further update</p> <p>Neil Richardson Neil.richardson@barnet.gov.uk</p>
8. a)	<p>What is the council going to do to help the</p>	<p>The Council's Noise, Nuisance and Public Health section has fully investigated the lighting at the school</p>	<p>The second Community Liaison meeting is to being held on the 22 July 2010</p>

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b)	<p>residents of Montagu Road who cannot sleep because of the lights on the front of the ACE school?</p> <p>When is the Council going to send out the letter regarding the CPZ?</p>	<p>and confirmed that it complies with the relevant guidelines from the Institute of Lighting Engineers and that no action can be taken.</p> <p>The Council has however advised the school to consider shielding the lights, use a lower level of lighting and/or operate them on a timer switch to mitigate any impact</p>	<p>between school representatives and residents to discuss local issues. Ward Councillors, Council officers and a police representative will be in attendance'</p> <p>Martin Cowie Martin.cowie@barnet.gov.uk</p>
c)	<p>At the last forum we asked the same question and nothing has happened. It appears to us that the Council has no intention of revising the existing CPZ.</p>	<p>It had been anticipated that the letter advising of the results of the follow-up consultation would have been delivered by now. However, due to a number of issues arising that affected progress of certain elements of the Design Teams workload this has been delayed. However, the letter is now drafted and is expected to be delivered by mid-July.</p>	<p>Notification of the outcome is anticipated within the next two weeks</p> <p>Neil Richardson Neil.richardson@barnet.gov.uk</p>
d)	<p>CPZ. We need an increase of hours in our CPZ - 10am to 9pm including weekends.</p> <p>When the ACE school has an event as in the recent 'fun day' the parking situation was chaotic, the multi cultural day will be held in August, another nightmare for residents.</p> <p>What has happened about the traffic management plan the centre was meant to put together, again this question was asked at the last forum and still no answer.</p> <p>We need to have our road cleaned regularly (at least twice a month) as now we have a primary and secondary school running in the road the litter has increased hugely.</p>	<p>However, as advised at the last Forum it is not envisaged that further changes to the CPZ hours of operation over the same area will be pursued as a result of the follow-up consultation.</p> <p>We have included Montagu Rd as a litter hotspot which means it will be looked at weekly.</p> <p>Neil Richardson Neil.richardson@barnet.gov.uk</p>	

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	<p>Judy Shepherd Montagu Road Residents Assoc</p>		
9.	<p>The London Wildlife Trust, Barnet Group together with the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) the North West London Group submitted a village green application for Clay Lane bridle way and foot path, Edgware. This is a site of Borough importance for nature contravention. On December 8 2009 it was acknowledged and 10 December 2010. This was supported by users of the Old Green Lane.</p> <p>This application is not now to be considered until September 2010. As the Area Environment Sub-Committee scheduled for 24 June 2010 has been cancelled. Would it be possible to consider this village green application earlier than September?</p> <p>London Wildlife Trust Barnet Group</p>	<p>The Planning and Environment Committee hold matters which relate to village greens within its responsibility as stated within the Councils constitution Part 3:</p> <p>(Reports on all the matters reserved to the Committee shall be made direct to the Committee and not through an area sub-committee.)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Contaminated land and all statutory nuisances. 3. Commons registration and town and village greens including powers of protection and enforcement although in practice these specific functions will be discharged by officers. <p>(Which may include considering the recommendations of a non-statutory inquiry chaired by an independent person).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Highways use and Regulation, access to the countryside, arrangements and extinguishment of public rights of way. <p><i>(Explanatory note: The Council's highways functions are limited to:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>creating, stopping up and diverting footpaths and bridleways</i> • <i>asserting and protecting public rights to use highways</i> • <i>removing things deposited on highways which cause nuisance</i> <p>All other highway functions are Executive functions).</p> <p>www.barnet.gov.uk</p> <p>The village green application is still under consideration and is being targeted for the Planning and Environment Committee in 20th September. There are no Planning and Environment Committee</p>	<p>No further response required</p> <p>Martin Cowie Martin.cowie@barnet.gov.uk</p>

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		meetings in August. Martin Cowie Martin.cowie@barnet.gov.uk	
10.	New Parkfield Junior School		
a)	With reference to the action sheet from 7 Jan 2009 Forum – Pages 14, 15 and 16. There was reference to a 24m fence being erected to secure his privacy from the school. Mr Dann says that the fence is open slatted and he does not have any privacy from the fence that has been put up.	The project is currently looking into placing some screening with trees across this specific area- this will be completed at some point over the school summer holidays. The road resurfacing, pavement fixing, and clearing up after the school was specified in the scope of works for the contractor. Omar Villalba Omar.Villalba@barnet.gov.uk	The contractor is meeting with the Project manager in 2 weeks to have a final review of the scheme and should be able to confirm dates and what is exactly to be put in the area. Omar Villalba Omar.villalba@barnet.gov.uk
b)	Who paid for the road resurfacing, pavement fixing and clearing up after the school was built? Were the works charged to the construction company?	Officers are grateful to Mr Dann for bringing this concern to our attention. The issue of adequate signage in the area will be investigated and appropriate action taken where identified.	
c)	Outside Sturgess Road Gate and opposite Riverside Road there is only one school sign which dates back to the 1930s. There are no road signs warning drivers along Sturgess Avenue NW4 that there is a school ahead. There is a blind bend in the road and it is dangerous. Mr Dann	Neil Richardson Neil.richardson@barnet.gov.uk	Officers are yet to review the signage in this area but expect to commence the review shortly and should be completed for the commencement of the new school year in September. Neil Richardson Neil.richardson@barnet.gov.uk
11.	How is the Council keeping abreast of Planning Enforcement issues and in particular my situation? Can the Council ensure that property owners don't get away with illegally converting their properties into three or even two units when	In the event that an unauthorised conversion of a property into dwellings is brought to the attention of the Planning Service, then the owners are immediately advised to stop work if the conversion has not been completed because to carry on would be at their own risk. In the event conversion works are completed, the council would take	No further response required Martin Cowie Martin.cowie@barnet.gov.uk

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<p>there is no planning permission, and renting them out as such, on the grounds of falsely claiming some reason(s) i.e. religious purposes, for needing separate kitchens and bathrooms?</p> <p>Ghislaine Smith</p>	<p>enforcement action if the conversion is considered unacceptable on its planning merits. Government guidance does not allow the council to take enforcement action against breaches of planning control if the breach is considered to be causing no planning harm.</p> <p>If a notice against an unauthorised conversion is served, then the owner has a right of appeal against the notice to the Planning Inspectorate. Such appeals take approximately six months and in the meantime an unauthorised use is allowed to continue.</p> <p>In the event a property is alleged to be split into two units but the owner claims an additional kitchen is for religious purposes, then the council would consider the evidence. If the council were satisfied that the second kitchen was likely to be used independently as part of an additional flat, then enforcement action would be taken if the split was considered unacceptable on its planning merits.</p> <p>Martin Cowie Martin.cowie@barnet.gov.uk</p>	

The Forum which commenced at 6.30pm ended at 9:05pm

Officers Present:

- Martin Cowie – Head of Planning and Development
- Paul Bragg – Highways Manager, Environment and Operations
- Paul Frost – Democratic Services

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