

HENDON RESIDENTS FORUM

Tuesday 30 November 2010 6:30pm

St Joseph's Pastoral Centre, St Joseph's Grove, The Burroughs, Hendon, London NW4 4TY

Action/Update Note

Chairman: *Councillor John Hart
Vice-Chairman: *Councillor Sury Khatri

*Denotes Councillor Present

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<p>Update from meeting of 21 October 2010</p> <p><u>Item 5 – Edgware War Memorial</u> Want to see some progress on commemorating Edgware's fallen heroes.</p> <p><u>Item 7 (e) and (f) – National Cuts in Housing Benefit</u> The Council needs to start looking at the potential problems this will bring to Barnet residents and look at what they are going to do to address them. Can the Chairman raise these concerns with the Leader of the Council?</p>	<p>Cllr Rayner advised that he had been in contact with the Deputy Lieutenant who had apologised for the delay. His son had been injured in Afghanistan but he will soon progress the commemoration on the Edgware War Memorial.</p> <p>The Chairman, Cllr John Hart will contact the Leader of the Council.</p>	<p>Councillor John Hart will be able to provide a verbal update.</p>
<p>1. West Hendon Burglary Concerns</p> <p>Residents also asked whether the West Hendon and Hendon Safer Neighbourhood Teams (SNT) were</p>	<p>Tim Wilson and Eric from the West Hendon Safer Neighbourhood Team were in attendance and discussed some of the key issues within West Hendon.</p>	<p>No Further update</p>

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	<p>going to be amalgamated and raised concerns that if this was the case, this would lead to a reduction in the number of Police Community Safety Officers (PCSO).</p> <p>Information leaflets on how members of the public could prevent crime used to be circulated to households in West Hendon. Has this been stopped?</p>	<p>They advised that burglaries have gone down dramatically in West Hendon with a few arrests made in the last couple of months. Patrols have been stepped up in any areas where concerns had been raised.</p> <p>No, the practice has not been stopped and this should still be happening.</p> <p>The team reminded residents of the high level of burglaries during this Christmas period and asked people to take all precautions to avoid being burgled.</p>	
2.	<p>Controlled Parking Zone – Ravenshurst Avenue, London, NW4</p> <p>Mr Mistry stated that he had been complaining about the free parking bays since 2005 and asked how long it will take to convert the free parking bays to resident parking bays or pay and display bays.</p> <p>Mr P Mistry</p>	<p>In order to ensure that the London Borough of Barnet's Controlled Parking Zones (CPZs) continue to operate effectively, we are currently carrying out a review of 'Free' parking bay provision in the borough with a view to converting them to permit holder parking places or pay and display/cashless parking places as appropriate.</p> <p>Proposal for identified changes will be advertised over the coming weeks and it is anticipated that the majority of approved changes will be introduced by the end of March. Whilst this exercise may not directly affect some roads where there is no free bay provision, the increased capacity in the area as a result of the exercise should mean that the current demand on many residents parking bays is lessened.</p> <p>Our Parking Enforcement Team have also been asked to pay particular attention to the type and size of vehicles that may be parking illegally in the Ravenshurst Avenue area. The Enforcement</p>	<p>No further update</p> <p>Neil Richardson Neil.richardson@hotmail.co.uk</p>

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		<p>Team can be contacted on 020 8359 7446. Neil Richardson (Environment and Operations)</p>	
3.	<p>a) Can I have the details on the current situation of the future of Copthall stadium?</p> <p>b) Concerns raised that the impact of parking and traffic on the proposal by Saracens have not been fully considered. Also the environmental impact should be considered as it is green belt land.</p> <p>c) Mr Edwards Griffith (who was at the forum) stated that he had not been consulted although officers had him advised that 4,600 letters of consultation were sent out to residents.</p> <p>d) What efforts have been made to attract visiting teams for the Olympics to utilise facilities in Barnet?</p> <p>Mr Andrew Dismore</p>	<p>The Council has been approached by Saracens with a proposal to refurbish and enhance the existing stadium facilities at Copthall. As the local planning authority, the Council will deal with any application entirely on its planning merits. Saracens are currently running a series of public events regarding their proposals. Julie Oldale (Commercial Services)</p>	<p>Due to a regrettable error made by the distribution company used by the Council, not all properties were delivered letters including those in Bampton Drive, Sandwick Close and Sebergham Grove.</p> <p>Over 4100 letters however were distributed representing the vast majority of the 4500 addresses identified locally for consultation purposes. The community will have further opportunities to consider and make comments in relation to the plans for Copthall Stadium and the Council will ensure that all residents are notified of future consultation exercises. Martin Cowie Martin.cowie@barnet.gov.uk</p> <p>The council has not recently approached any group about potentially using Copthall Stadium an Olympic training facility. However, we understand that Saracens RFC, who are developing proposals for the refurbishment of the stadium, have approached to LOCOG, the organising committee of the London games. Neil Snowball, Head of Sport Operations at LOCOG is quoted as saying: "LOCOG included the Barnet Copthall Stadium in its official pre games training camp guide that was presented to the 205 national Olympic committees and the 162 national Paralympic committees at the Beijing Olympics in 2008.</p> <p>"LOCOG has recently seen the plans for the stadium and believes that with the additional investment in the facilities, and the close</p>

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			<p>proximity to London, that this venue could prove to be an excellent opportunity for one of the Olympic or Paralympic teams that are looking for a preparation camp prior to the games in 2012.</p> <p>Chris Palmer Chris.palmer@barnet.gov.uk</p>
4a.	<p>Can I have the details on the current situation of the future of the three regeneration schemes in Hendon</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • West Hendon • Spur Road / Stonegrove • Grahame. Park 	<p><u>West Hendon</u> The first phase of 194 new houses and apartments is now on site having secured funding from the government's 'kickstart' programme and the Council's Growth Area Funding. The Council is working closely with its development partners Barratt Metropolitan, to develop a detailed implementation plan for the remaining phases.</p> <p>In total, 889 new units are either completed or under construction across these 3 regeneration projects.</p> <p><u>Spur Road / Stonegrove</u> A total of 179 new homes have now been completed and occupied at Stonegrove estate. A further 165 new homes are now on site, 62 of which are affordable. These will be completed in 2011. The Council and its development partners Barratt Homes and Family Mosaic is in discussion with the government's Homes and Communities Agency and GLA regarding the delivery plan for the next phases of development.</p> <p><u>Grahame Park</u> 32 units have been completed with a further 319 new homes currently on site and scheduled for completion in stages between spring 2011 and</p>	<p>No Further update</p> <p>Colin Ross Colin.ross@barnet.gov.uk</p>

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4b.	<p>(i) How many of the units are for social renting?</p> <p>(ii) are there any restrictions on buy-to-let/sub-letting?</p> <p>(iii) For existing and new tenants, will the social housing units be rented on full tenancies or on the 2-year tenancies proposed by Central Government?</p> <p>Mr Andrew Dismore</p>	<p>summer 2012. A detailed planning application will be submitted by the development partners, Choices for Grahame Park, to the Council for the next major phase, known as Phase 1b by the end of 2010. This phase comprises of over 400 homes, replacement library, community centre and shops.</p> <p>Colin Ross (Regeneration) Colin.ross@barnet.gov.uk Colin Ross (Regeneration)</p>	
5.	<p>St Mary's CE Secondary School, Hendon NW4 – what is happening to the rebuilding of the school?</p> <p>Mr Andrew Dismore</p>	<p>The rebuilding of St Mary's School was included in Barnet's Building Schools for the Future programme. This national programme has been cancelled and Barnet's programme has been abandoned. Any future plans in relation to capital investment in schools is dependent on government funding and we have not yet received any indication of what Barnet's education capital allocation will be (if any).</p> <p>Val White (Children's Service) Val.white@barnet.gov.uk</p>	<p>In December, the government announced Barnet's school capital allocation for the year 2011/12 as part of national programme. The national programme has been reduced by around 60%. Barnet's allocation includes monies for providing additional school places and a small allocation for roofs, windows and other repair and maintenance issues across the school estate. The allocation is not sufficient to progress any major rebuilding programmes of existing schools.</p> <p>Val White (Children's Service) Val.white@barnet.gov.uk</p>
6a.	<p>We are told that a survey is going to be done for Montagu Road regarding school traffic; will there be a meeting in</p>	<p>As previously advised surveys will take place that will inform the planned January meeting. These surveys are taking place this week, although the</p>	<p>A survey has now been carried out. A meeting will be arranged to discuss options for the area.</p> <p>Neil Richardson</p>

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<p>January to discuss the results?</p> <p>I would like reassurance that we will be told the plans in advance of the meeting so that I can discuss with the residents what has been put forward and get their feelings about it.</p> <p>Judy Shepherd Montagu Road Residents Association</p>	<p>current inclement weather may mean that additional survey dates need to be identified. However, it is intended that the meeting will still take place between local representatives, ward members and officers with a view to establishing what improvements might be made in the area. It is envisaged that these meetings will formulate possible proposals that can then be discussed in the community.</p> <p>Neil Richardson (Environment and Operations)</p>	<p>Neil.richardson@barnet.gov.uk</p>
<p>6b. The litter in Montagu Road generated by the school is quite bad and we need the street cleaned once a week.</p> <p>According to information on Barnet's website, the road is swept on the 22nd of each month but that is not the case.</p> <p>Ms Shepherd used the forum to thank Paul Bragg (Highways Manager), who she had contacted regarding a problem manhole cover and this was fixed within two weeks.</p> <p>Judy Shepherd Montagu Road Residents Association</p>	<p>This area will be discussed with the supervisor regarding the possibility of reallocating some hot spot team time to enable this problem to be addressed.</p> <p>Dave Ward (Environment and Operations) Neil Richardson (Environment and Operations)</p>	<p>Having spoken to Judy Shepherd via e mail we have agreed with the area supervisor to arrange for an additional weekly litter pick of the lower end of Montagu Rd near the school to be carried out on Tuesdays or Wednesdays.</p> <p>Dave Ward Dave.ward@barnet.gov.uk</p>
<p>6c. Litter from McDonalds</p> <p>McDonalds used to send out their rubbish patrol to clear away rubbish that had been generated from the restaurant. This may have been a condition attached when their planning permission was granted. Can pressure be put on McDonalds to continue with this</p>	<p>Neil Richardson (Environment and Operations)</p>	<p>McDonalds have been visited this following following a complaint from a resident of Orchard Drive HA8. The Manager regarding Litter clearance was spoken too. The site visit was unannounced and on arrival refuse collection was underway. These are carried out twice a day 10am & 4pm and cover all local locations including some private areas, which</p>

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	practice?		attracts litter and that are accessible. The site / general surroundings were clear and tidy and it was clearly visible as to the effectiveness of their 'Trash Run'. I have monitored the areas as promised and am satisfied that they are committed to keeping the affect, which the premmises has on the local neighbourhood, to a minimum. The Neighbourhood Beat Operative confirms that the McDonalds Litter is a very small quota of his overall collection. Dave Ward Dave.ward@barnet.gov.uk
6d.	At the West Hendon Ward Walk with the Chief Executive on 29 October 2010, a number of good suggestions and ideas were made by Highway Officers on tackling the traffic problems on Montagu Road and surrounding areas. Can the Chairman request a feedback from the Chief Executive on whether the ideas are being taken forward?	The Chairman, Cllr John Hart will contact the Chief Executive.	Councillor John Hart will be able to provide a verbal update.
7.	York Park When the area around the regeneration site is fenced off, so will the access path into the park. What plans are there to providing an alternative path? Geoff Johnson, Woolmead Avenue and Welsh Harp Area Residents Association	We will maintain access between Cool Oak Lane and York Park for public use with the existing foot Path. There is a section of the foot path, close the Cool Oak Lane that does fall within the hoarding. Yesterday (29/11/10) we have started construction on a temporary foot path to replace the section lost. This temporary foot path is the same width and material as the existing foot path and will be completed on Wednesday (01/11/10). Only when the temporary foot path is complete will we close the existing foot path off with the hoarding. Access to York Park from Cool Oak Lane will be maintained at all times during construction. The temporary foot path will be replaced with a new foot path on completion of	No further update Jenny Warren Parks@barnet.gov.uk

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		<p>the project as detailed in the submitted landscape scheme</p> <p>Jenny Warren (Greenspaces Manager)</p>	
8.	<p>Cool Oak Lane - Construction Lorries</p> <p>I have been reliably informed that one of the conditions attached to outline planning permission was that no lorries would use this road for access to the construction site. There are good reasons for this because this road is a rat run and lorries accessing the site will cause difficulties for drivers trying to drive out of Woolmead Avenue also for pedestrians attempting to cross the road.</p> <p>Geoff Johnson, Woolmead Avenue and Welsh Harp Area Residents Association</p>	<p>The West Hendon Outline approval (W13937/04) does not contain a condition preventing site access via Cool Oak Lane.</p> <p>Condition 11 of the outline approval requires submission of a Construction Management Plan to be approved by the local planning authority prior to any works commencing on site. This must include satisfactory details of construction vehicle routing, as well as access and egress from the site and staff parking arrangements.</p> <p>A Construction Management Plan has been submitted to the planning authority for consideration. This proposes construction vehicle access via Cool Oak Lane and staff parking provision at the former Youth Sailing Base car park</p> <p>Alternative options for construction access off the A5 through the estate have been considered but are not practical due to the width of the estate roads and limited opportunities for turning of construction vehicles. In addition there are also concerns in relation to construction vehicles turning off the A5 at other points and affecting traffic movement.</p> <p>The issues raised regarding access to Woolmead Avenue and pedestrian safety are being considered as part of the Construction Management Plan.</p> <p>Martin Cowie (Planning, Housing and</p>	<p>The Construction Management Plan is still under consideration.</p> <p>Martin Cowie Martin.cowie@barnet.gov.uk</p>

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9.	<p>Cool Oak Lane – Traffic Calming</p> <p>Since the road has been re-surfaced and the speed tables have been removed by the bridge in Cool Oak Lane, traffic has now speeded up. Cars coming over the bridge towards Edgware Road create a problem for traffic trying to exit Woolmead Avenue and pedestrians attempting to cross the road, an accident waiting to happen. A mini roundabout is needed at the end of Woolmead Avenue as was muted sometime ago. Also the residents have informed me that they want the speed humps replaced by Barnet Council.</p> <p>(ii) Also suggested that “Keep Clear” markings could be introduced as they are effective. Can the timeline for deciding what measures that will be taken be reported to the January Hendon Residents Forum?</p> <p>Geoff Johnson, Woolmead Avenue and Welsh Harp Area Residents Association</p>	<p>Established practice is to remove speed hump style traffic calming measures when planned carriageway maintenance takes place. Officers are aware that a roundabout has been suggested, but in the first instance, will review the speed surveys that are undertaken prior to and after removal of the tables to determine whether there is a significant increase in speeds that should be addressed. Unfortunately this data was not available at the time of writing.</p> <p>Neil Richardson (Environment and Operations)</p> <p>Neil Richardson (Environment and Operations)</p>	<p>As part of resurfacing programme traffic calming measures such as road humps are removed when roads are resurfaced. To assess the impact of the removal measures the Council carries out speed survey before and after the resurfacing.</p> <p>Speed Surveys for Cool Oak Lane were carried out to the west and east of the bridge. The surveys indicated that 85th percentile speeds approx 150 metres to the west of the bridge have reduced westbound from 39.5 to 30.1 mph and eastbound from 38.1 to 29.5 mph. Approx 75 metres to the east of the bridge (outside no. 55 Cool Oak Lane) speeds have reduced from 25.0 to 23.3 mph westbound and 24.5 to 23.4 mph eastbound.</p> <p>The surveys therefore indicate that speeds have not increased as a result of the removal of the measures. However, in order to confirm these reductions in speeds we will be carrying out further surveys over the next couple of months.</p> <p>Neil Richardson Neil.richardson@barnet.gov.uk</p>
10.	<p>The site of the former Residential Home on Cool Oak lane is littered with bricks, rubbish and is being used for fly tipping. Can the fence around the site be taken down and the site cleared so that local children can use it as a play/recreation ground?</p>		<p>This site forms part of the West Hendon Regeneration area and is subject to a development agreement with a developer who is beginning to carry out site works. It would not be safe for children to play on the site given the works to be carried out and machinery to be used.</p>

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11.	<p>Venues for meetings of Hendon Residents Forum</p> <p>(i) When meetings are held in Hendon, could they be held at Hendon Town Hall instead of at St Joseph's Pastoral Centre as Hendon Town Hall is more accessible and will have a larger room. Also suggested that Broadfields School in Edgware could be a possible venue when meetings are held in Edgware. Mr Andrew Dismore</p> <p>(ii) Notices of forthcoming Residents Forums are no longer put up on Notice Boards all over the borough. Can this be re-introduced as it serves as good publicity/advert for the forums? Mr Clive Cohen</p>	<p>To be considered subject to availability on dates of forum meetings. Chidilim Agada (Democratic Services)</p>	<p>Mark Armstrong Mark.armstrong@barnet.gov.uk</p> <p>Meeting venues are arranged following annual Council in May. At the start of this municipal year venues were booked. Broadfields school was not available. Following this years annual Council, Hendon Town Hall may be booked depending on availability. Paul Frost Paul.frost@barnet.gov.uk</p> <p>The Council are investigating this request and will provide an update at the March meeting. Paul Frost Paul.frost@barnet.gov.uk</p>

The Forum which commenced at 6.30pm ended at 8:15pm

Date of Future Meetings

Date	Venue
18 January 2011	Sangam Community Centre, 210 Burnt Oak Broadway, Edgware, HA8 0AP
15 March 2011	Barnet Multicultural Community Centre, Algernon Road, Hendon NW4

Officers Present:

Neil Richardson – Acting Highways Manager
Chidilim Agada – Team Manager, Democratic Services

Councillors Present:

Councillor Geoffrey Johnson

Councillor Julie Johnson
Councillor Hugh Rayner
Councillor Brian Schama
Councillor Mark Shooter

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