

## HENDON RESIDENTS FORUM

Tuesday 15 March 2011

Barnet Multicultural Community Centre, Algernon Road, Hendon NW4

### ISSUES TO BE CONSIDERED

	Issue Raised	Response
1.	Presentation from Counsel and Care Services	
2.	<b>Petition Received</b>  Blessed Dominic Catholic Primary School, Traffic Management and Pupil Safety  133 signatures	Whilst it has been decided that the Council will no longer provide the SCP service, it will respond to and investigate matters of road safety in the same way as it has always done and if actual safety issues are identified that merit further investigation it would be please to explore options.  Therefore given the level of concern raised and the comments made, an Officer of the Design Team will contact the school to discuss option further. <b>Neil Richardson</b> <a href="mailto:Neil.richardson@barnet.gov.uk">Neil.richardson@barnet.gov.uk</a>
3,	<b>Petition Received –</b>  Save Our Lollipop Lady – Moss Hall Infant & Junior Schools  The safety of the Children around the School at the beginning and end of the day is much improved by the Lollipop Lady's presence in a quite a few was: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Traffic calming</li><li>• Children and parents crossing safety</li><li>• Allows those with dogs and buggies to wait on the opposite side of the road reducing congestion around the school gate area</li></ul> <b>38 signatures</b>	Officers have discussed these concerns with the School's nominated Governor and anticipate a meeting on-site to discuss the concerns. It was agreed that whilst the Council has decided that it should no longer provide the SCP service, it would respond to and investigate matters of road safety in the same way as it had always done and if actual safety issues are identified that merit further investigation it would be please to explore options. <b>Neil Richardson</b> <a href="mailto:Neil.richardson@barnet.gov.uk">Neil.richardson@barnet.gov.uk</a>

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<p>Mr Warren Head teacher</p>	
<p>4. e-petition received – currently 42 Signatures</p> <p>Install a grit bin for use on the roads situation on the Edgeworth Estate, NW4</p> <p>If it is successful, I would be grateful for advice on how the grit bin ought be managed by the residents and/or overseen by Barnet Council.</p> <p><b>Denise Menashy</b></p>	<p>Our contractor will assess the roads in this estate and will place a grit bin at the most suitable location.</p> <p>The current criteria for the provision of grit bins include the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) A north facing carriageway with a minimum gradient of 1 in 10</li> <li>2) A carriageway with a steep incline and a sharp bend</li> <li>3) A slip road leading onto a main road</li> </ol> <p><b>Neil Richardson</b> <a href="mailto:Neil.richardson@barnet.gov.uk">Neil.richardson@barnet.gov.uk</a></p>
<p>5 <b>Petition Received</b></p> <p>Free Parking Bays in Mill Hill</p> <p>30 Signatures</p>	<p>The concerns raised in the petition have been carefully considered as part of the decision making process where it has been determined that the free bay conversion in Mill Hill should proceed as originally proposed.</p> <p>In reaching this decision it was acknowledged that the conversion of free bays would remove the free parking opportunities within CPZs, and therefore would be likely to result in increased costs for those living in, visiting and operating from the CPZ that in the main operates between 11am midday on Mondays to Fridays. Parking in residents bays outside of these times would continue to be free of charge.</p> <p>In proposing the changes, it was recognised that circumstances vary throughout each CPZ and that in some areas the conversion of free bays may be less beneficial than in others. However, it was considered that in order to introduce a consistent and fair approach in the borough’s CPZs that a borough wide view should be adopted to avoid situations where free parking would be available in some CPZs and not others especially as the Council has for some time responded to requests to convert free bays to cater for the growing demands within a CPZ which, if continued would require considerable costs to make change on an ad hoc basis.</p> <p><b>Neil Richardson</b> <a href="mailto:Neil.richardson@barnet.gov.uk">Neil.richardson@barnet.gov.uk</a></p>

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6	<p>Petition received</p> <p>Objection to the issue of parking tickets for parking two wheels on the footway in: Woodfield Avenue Silkfield Road Hillfield Avenue</p> <p>112 signatures</p> <p><b>Nick Poulloura</b></p>	<p>The concerns raised regarding footway parking were the discussion of an item at the recent meeting of the Hendon Area Environment Sub – Committee. At this meeting it was determined that officers should investigate the issue and subsequently it has been agreed that a report should be presented to the Council on options to be considered for this area and the borough generally regarding its policy on footway parking which would include issues such as consideration of formalising current practice, safety concerns and any issues that may arise as a result of a change in policy.</p> <p>Until such time as this issue has been resolved, it has been agreed that footway parking will not be enforced in these roads.</p> <p><b>Neil Richardson</b> <a href="mailto:Neil.richardson@barnet.gov.uk">Neil.richardson@barnet.gov.uk</a></p>
7.	<p>Heavy Traffic problem at Junction of Poolsford Road and New Way Road which creates danger.</p> <p>This issue was reported to the Hendon Residents Forum on 23 June 2010 following a petition of 41 signatures.</p> <p><b>Mr Sivarajah</b></p>	<p>It is regarded that this particular issue has taken some time to resolve, however a Senior Officer has recently met with Mr Sivarajah and as a result we will be recommending the introduction of double yellow lines to protect sight lines obstructed by vehicles parking too close to the junction.</p> <p>Assuming a satisfactory conclusion to internal and statutory processes we anticipate the introduction of the restrictions by June of this year.</p> <p><b>Neil Richardson</b> <a href="mailto:Neil.richardson@barnet.gov.uk">Neil.richardson@barnet.gov.uk</a></p>
8.	<p><b>Glendor Gardens (no 7 – 23)</b></p> <p>Vehicles have damaged the grass verges casing mud to be spread across the road.</p> <p>Please can the both the cause of the problem and now the current situation be investigated?</p> <p><b>Mr Sommers</b></p>	<p>This issue will be investigated and appropriate action recommended where necessary</p> <p><b>Neil Richardson</b> <a href="mailto:Neil.richardson@barnet.gov.uk">Neil.richardson@barnet.gov.uk</a></p>
9.	<p>Recently we had a focus group meeting with highways regarding our parking problems in Montagu Road - we were presented with four options which I have now discussed with my residents - there</p>	<p>The intention of the initial meeting was to present options for discussion and, if considered there was merit, take the options into the wider community in due course to gauge comment which would inform</p>

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<p>a) was no agreement on the four options and we feel it is only right that there should a public meeting with residents to discuss these choices as we cannot speak for the residents in other roads. However none of these options will help with regard to the evening madrassa which is the main problem - at times there are 120 cars in a 30 minute window - this causes appalling congestion in our narrow roads.</p> <p>b) The lights on the school building which are on all night are causing sleep deprivation for some of the residents of Montagu Road - Environmental Health say they are not exceeding the light limit but they are still extremely bright. What can be done about this?</p> <p><b>Judy Shepherd</b> Montagu Road Residents Assoc.</p>	<p>subsequent decisions as to whether any of the options should be progressed. The concerns regarding the madrassa have previously been noted and were also discussed at the above mentioned meeting where it was considered that there was merit in seeing which measures were introduced through the options consultation that would better enable us to see what further measures might be justified - especially as the options contained proposals that would alleviate congestion at all times of the day.</p> <p><b>Neil Richardson</b> <a href="mailto:Neil.richardson@barnet.gov.uk">Neil.richardson@barnet.gov.uk</a></p> <p>RLG - outdoor lighting, even from private sources, should comply with the Institution of Lighting Professionals Guidance Notes for the Reduction of Obtrusive Light. This deals with intrusive light levels, acceptable glare factors and how to avoid nuisance form intrusive light.</p> <p><b>Roger Gilbert</b> <a href="mailto:Roger.gilbert@barnet.gov.uk">Roger.gilbert@barnet.gov.uk</a></p> <p>The Council's Noise, Nuisance and Public Health section has fully investigated the lighting at the school 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>10. a) Stuart Avenue /Priestley Way</p> <p>There is rubbish and lack of street lighting within this area onto the slip road of the A5. There is also grafitti at the bus stop, can this be investigated?</p>	<p>Further confirmation is required to locate where the rubbish is located.</p> <p>If it is flytipped waste we will remove it within 24hrs if reported to Customer Care Unit.</p> <p>The graffiti will be removed by 15<sup>th</sup> March.</p>

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<p>b) There is a large pothole in Neeld Crescent, N4. Various approaches to the Council but no response</p> <p><b>Jackie Anderson</b></p>	<p><b>Dave Ward</b>  <a href="mailto:Dave.ward@barnet.gov.uk">Dave.ward@barnet.gov.uk</a></p> <p>The street lighting faults are resulting from a failure on the A5 electricity supply network itself. The A5 falls under the responsibility of TfL. We are already aware of the faults and have passed the report on to the PFI contractor who is dealing directly with TfL to expedite the repairs. A meeting is arranged for Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> March to discuss progressing these faults.</p> <p>This issue has been passed to the Councils contractor for urgent attention and will be completed by close of works 18 March 2011.</p> <p><b>Neil Richardson</b>  <a href="mailto:Neil.richardson@barnet.gov.uk">Neil.richardson@barnet.gov.uk</a></p>
<p>11 When is Somerton Road going to be tarmaced like Claremont Road which was recently completed?</p> <p><b>Honora Morrissey</b></p>	<p>There are no plans to resurface Somerton Road on the 2011-2012 programme but officers would be please to here why it is considered that resurfacing should take place</p> <p><b>Neil Richardson</b>  <a href="mailto:Neil.richardson@barnet.gov.uk">Neil.richardson@barnet.gov.uk</a></p>
<p>12 Watford Way / Station</p> <p>a) There is a bench at this site which is in poor condition. It has been regularly used but is now badly damaged.</p> <p>b) Hendon Park</p> <p>The area sounding the café has little problems. The railings are broken and vegetation is over-grown. The pond is also in need of attention.</p> <p><b>Helen Rosehill</b></p>	<p>This Bench is the responsibility of Transport for London and therefore not maintained by LB Barnet. This concern has been passed to colleagues at TFL for attention.</p> <p><b>Neil Richardson</b>  <a href="mailto:Neil.richardson@barnet.gov.uk">Neil.richardson@barnet.gov.uk</a></p> <p>The pond is due to be refurbished within the next month as it is leaking. It will be drained and re-sealed, and selective vegetation replaced. The fencing to the front of the park is in the process of being replaced/installed over a period of years, as this requires significant investment and funding is limited.</p> <p><b>Jenny Warren</b>  <a href="mailto:Jenny.warren@barnet.gov.uk">Jenny.warren@barnet.gov.uk</a></p>

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<p>13</p> <p>Dirt roads on building site on old Colindale Hospital site are dangerous to both motorists and pedestrians.</p> <p>The access/exit road is ridiculous with motorists having to queue for 10-15 minutes to get out because of lights as no allowance has been made for pedestrians continuously crossing to get to and from station.</p> <p>Fairview are responsible for the site but Barnet Council are failing to make Fairview accountable. A slight improvement has been noted but I am still receiving complaints.</p> <p>Can this be reviewed?</p> <p><b>Bill Basham</b></p>	<p>An officer has met with Mr Basham to allay the concerns and the following was noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ We originally expected the works to start summer 2010 and be completed well before December</li> <li>○ That snow and bad weather further hampered the operation</li> <li>○ That Fairview have not put enough resources into the works and this has caused yet further delay</li> <li>○ We have had to extend the licence allowing them to do these works, as if we hadn't, the situation would have been worse</li> <li>○ Delays to the works to close up the existing access road, were caused by Centercomms not being able to start when they planned, due to further cables being discovered in the same area</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Due to safety concerns we insisted that the temporary traffic lights be changed to three-way rather than two way, this was / is to make it safer for pedestrians and motorists - provided motorists wait for the lights and don't jump them or speed through as they change...</li> <li>● Once the works to the bus lay-by are completed, the traffic lights and barriers will be removed and traffic in this area of Colindale Avenue will ease noticeably</li> <li>● Once the lay-by is completed, the new access road will then have an island refuge and allow better visibility for vehicles leaving the site</li> <li>● The National Blood Service have praised the site management's efforts and any complaints have been dealt with promptly</li> </ul> <p><b>Neil Richardson</b>  <a href="mailto:Neil.richardson@barnet.gov.uk">Neil.richardson@barnet.gov.uk</a></p>
<p>14.</p> <p>a) Copthall stadium.</p> <p>What is the present position concerning the Saracens proposal? In particular, has a planning application been submitted, and if not when is one expected? Has the council seen any income and expenditure projections for their project, and if so is the Council satisfied as to the viability of the scheme based on 16 match days per year? Is the council satisfied about the arrangements for</p>	<p>A report is being Considered by CRC on 28<sup>th</sup> March, seeking approval to the land deal which proposes a long lease to the Saracens at a nominal rent subject to the refurbishment and additional stand being constructed. The proposal protects the asset as a community facility by way of a management agreement which preserves and details use of the stadium for public use outside match days. Full due diligence in terms of the financial implications and best value requirements has been undertaken.</p>

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<p>traffic and parking?</p>	<p>A planning application has recently been submitted. The submission of an Environmental Statement to accompany the application is expected and once this has been received the application will be registered. Residents and other interested parties will then be consulted.</p> <p><b>Judith Ellis</b>  <a href="mailto:Judith.ellis@barnet.gov.uk">Judith.ellis@barnet.gov.uk</a></p>
<p>b) What is the position concerning rental rates for the North Rd Community centre? What is the proposed increase? Are there arrangements for concessions for less well off groups?</p>	<p>Terms have been proposed in respect of a new lease at a concessionary rental. A meeting is due to take place on 7 March with a community worker from Community Barnet to assist the committee in delivering a facility which reaches a wider section of the community, improving usage and income levels whilst also achieving a new structure which will permit savings in rates, insurance and other outgoings. New projects may be able to secure grant funding and this will also be explored. The hire rates charged by the committee under the new format have not yet been determined. The committee did request that Forum meetings could also be held at North Road on occasions.</p> <p><b>Judith Ellis</b>  <a href="mailto:Judith.ellis@barnet.gov.uk">Judith.ellis@barnet.gov.uk</a></p>
<p>c) Church Farm Museum. What is its present level of protection as a listed building? What restrictions does this impose in relation to alterations to the building, inside and outside? What restrictions are there on any development in the Museum's grounds? What rights of way exist through its grounds? What is the estimated cost of a) maintaining and b) securing the property when the museum closes? What steps are the council taking to support any community proposals to take it over? If those plans fall through, what are the council's intentions for the future of the property? What estimate has the council placed on its sale value?</p>	<p>The special character of the building will be a primary consideration in relation to this property, with strong consultation with English Heritage who will have a significant influence on any decision making. This Listing will apply to the whole building, including the interior, front and back and side elevations and roof. The listing also extends to any object or structure fixed to the building, as well as any freestanding objects or structures which are located within the curtilage of the building and which were erected before 1 July 1948. Curtilage structures can include garden walls, railings, gates and other structures. Listed building consent is required for demolition or partial demolition, or the alteration or extension of a listed building in a way which will affect its character as a building of special architectural or historic interest. This will be separate from any planning permission for any proposed development.</p>

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<p>d) What is the present position concerning the Edgware War memorial and in particular the inclusion of the names of the fallen from WW2 and subsequent campaigns?</p> <p><b>Andrew Dismore</b> President of New Edgware Branch, Royal British Legion</p> <p>e) What is the present position concerning the future of the former Child Guidance Centre building, North Road?</p>	<p>The property is currently subject to Service Review, until the outcome of these decisions become a formal instruction, the future of this property in terms of falling within the asset review work of the Council has therefore not yet been fully formally considered through the Council decision making processes.</p> <p>As the property is a listed building it will be exempt from business rates, however there will be a need to use heating and ensure for roof and gutter repairs to protect the historic building fabric. The Council will continue to secure and maintain the site beyond 1 April 2011, as the budget plan for 2011 – 2012 retains funding for building maintenance. The Council has set a three month window to consider community proposals to operate the Museums independently. To support this process, independent advice or guidance can be arranged via the Museums, Libraries and Archives council if requested. At the end of this process, a report will be prepared for the relevant committee – to consider whether a community proposal to operate the Museum is viable.</p> <p>The estimate figure of £7000 is the annual running costs for the church farm building. <b>Judith Ellis</b> <a href="mailto:Judith.ellis@barnet.gov.uk">Judith.ellis@barnet.gov.uk</a></p> <p>Contact has been made with Harrow, unfortunately the officer responsible at Harrow is now on long term sick leave and so progress has been delayed. Barnet is continuing to investigate the options available <b>Sue Taylor</b> <a href="mailto:Sue.taylor@barnet.gov.uk">Sue.taylor@barnet.gov.uk</a></p> <p>Terms have been proposed in respect of a new lease at a concessionary rental. A meeting is due to take place on 7 March with a community worker from Community Barnet to assist the user committee in delivering a facility which reaches a wider section of the community, improving usage and</p>



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f) What was the outcome of the discussions with the Landlords' Club, as to the future approach to private sector rent levels in the Borough?	<p>income levels whilst also achieving a new structure which will permit savings in rates, insurance and other outgoings. New projects may be able to secure grant funding and this will also be explored.</p> <p>The hire rates charged by the user committee under the new format have not yet been determined. <b>Denise Barraclough MRICS</b> <a href="mailto:Denise.Barraclough@barnet.gov.uk">Denise.Barraclough@barnet.gov.uk</a></p>
g) What assessment has the Council made of the expected pressure on private sector rentals availability as a consequence of people moving to Barnet from inner London, due to changes in their eligibility for Housing benefit? How many extra tenants are expected to move to Barnet?	<p>Council officers explained to landlords what the Council is planning to do to help tenants and landlords affected by the LHA changes, including mediation, and making use of discretionary housing payments. Landlords indicated that their ability to reduce rents will depend on the amount of debt they currently have on their properties, and that this will vary. <b>Paul Shipway</b> <a href="mailto:Paul.shipway@barnet.gov.uk">Paul.shipway@barnet.gov.uk</a></p>
	<p>The full impact of the changes in Barnet and other London Boroughs will not be understood until the changes are fully implemented, as a great deal will depend on the willingness of landlords to reduce rents. Our own landlords have told us that this will depend on a number of factors, particularly the level of income needed to finance their business.</p>
	<p>Barnet is one of the less affordable areas, with research suggesting that only 29% of private rented accommodation will be within the new LHA limits, compared to 49% in Haringey and 73% in Enfield, and it is more likely that inner London authorities will seek to make use of these more affordable areas.</p>
	<p>Discussions are underway with other London boroughs to put in place monitoring of inter-borough placements to assess the net effect. At this</p>

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<p>h) What action has the Council taken to acquire private sector rental nominations out of borough for Barnet residents? How many have been acquired? How many Barnet residents have been placed out of Borough by the Council? What is the estimate of the numbers for next year and the year after?</p>	<p>stage it is not possible to say how many tenants may move to or away from Barnet.</p> <p>The Council's Housing Service is being realistic about affordability and the supply of private rented sector accommodation, which has to include out of borough provision given the level of Barnet rentals. It is focussing on sourcing private sector accommodation outside of Barnet using additional homelessness grant funding received from CLG.</p> <p>During 2010, 36 private sector homes were secured for tenants outside of the borough.</p> <p>The number of moves out of borough into private sector properties will depend on how many landlords are willing to reduce rents in line with LHA reductions.</p> <p><b>Paul Shipway</b>  <a href="mailto:Paul.shipway@barnet.gov.uk">Paul.shipway@barnet.gov.uk</a></p>
<p>i) What was the response from the Secretary of State to the Council's representations regarding the impact of Housing benefit cuts?</p>	<p>Assurances have been received that the concerns raised by the Leader will be taken into account by the government. Subsequently, the Government has announced the introduction of transitional protection for up to 21 months for existing claims and additional funds to help councils mitigate the potential impact of the LHA changes.</p> <p><b>Paul Shipway</b>  <a href="mailto:Paul.shipway@barnet.gov.uk">Paul.shipway@barnet.gov.uk</a></p>
<p>j) Will the council impose restrictions on the lengths of tenancies for new council tenants, in line with the Government's proposals, and if so what restrictions and from when?</p>	<p>The Council has not made any decision regarding the use of fixed term tenancies at this stage. The Government's proposals identify a minimum tenancy of 2 years and this along with other changes will be reviewed locally in Barnet to determine the best fit -for -purpose tenancy length for our limited social housing stock in order to get best value from the housing assets and prioritise housing to those most in need.</p> <p><b>Paul Shipway</b>  <a href="mailto:Paul.shipway@barnet.gov.uk">Paul.shipway@barnet.gov.uk</a></p>
<p>k)</p>	<p>The rule referred to is the decision that from April 2012, the Housing Benefit</p>

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<p>What is the estimate of the number of Barnet residents who will be caught by the new Housing benefit rules requiring those under 35 to share properties?</p> <p>l) Is it correct that there is a proposal for a new faith school to be established on the site presently occupied by the Garden Centre in Dawes lane, Mill Hill? If so, is it correct that the lease has been transferred to the proposed school; that the school will operate from this Autumn in the buildings presently occupied by amongst others, the Sea Cadets; what land has been or will be transferred to the proposed school; what consideration has been given to the original terms of the transfer of the land to the council in 1924, that it should be for community use; has a planning application been submitted, or informal discussions held with the borough planning officers; is it intended that this should be a so called “free school”; and if so what will be the impact on the budget available to fund other schools in the borough?</p>	<p>for single people under 35 be limited to the shared room rate. Under the current scheme, the shared room rate applies to single people under 25. The shared room will not apply to people receiving the middle or high rate of the care component of Disability Living Allowance. We looked at the case load as at 29.12.2010 and estimate that if the new rule were in effect an additional 979 people between the age of 25 to 34 would be affected.</p> <p><b>Jon Barnett</b>  <a href="mailto:Jon.barnett@barnet.gov.uk">Jon.barnett@barnet.gov.uk</a></p> <p>A 125 year lease was granted to Country Gardens PLC in 1988. subject to payment of premium and a yearly rent of a peppercorn . The council therefore owns the freehold reversion and in 102 years time the unencumbered freehold may revert to the council (ie.if the lease is not renewed). The lessee is seeking to assign the lease to the free school and terms for the assignment have been negotiated between Wyevale Garden Centre and the free school. The Council are not party to the transaction but are requested to give their consent to the assignment. The school require a change of use under the lease. The council’s consent to assignment and change of use under the lease is given on the basis that planning permissions are granted for the change of use and for the school works to be carried out. A planning application will be submitted by the school and will be considered through the normal statutory process. Should planning permission be granted, the school are seeking to take a short term lease of the vacant space in the adjoining Former Civil Defence building while the school refurbishment works are carried out. Terms of the short term lease will be negotiated on the basis of a market rent and reported under delegated powers.</p> <p>There will be no transfer of any additional council land to the school although a right of way exists in favour of the school. The Conveyance made in 1923 to the council’s statutory predecessor did not impose any restrictions on the land for community use or otherwise and similarly the land was not acquired subject to any such restrictions, however the provision of a free school in this location is considered to</p>

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<p>m) What is the present position concerning police safer neighbourhood teams, and in particular, how many sergeants are to go; what will be the revised boundaries of the teams; are existing teams to be merged; and what has been the consequence of removing “ring fencing” from the SNTs requiring them only to be used in their allocated wards?</p>	<p>provide community benefit.</p> <p>The free school is being funded by the Government under its Partnership for Schools programme, and is not funded by the council.</p> <p><b>Judith Ellis</b>  <a href="mailto:Judith.ellis@barnet.gov.uk">Judith.ellis@barnet.gov.uk</a></p> <p>The school have advised that they will be holding a public meeting shortly in the Mill Hill area, prior to submitting a planning application. The venue has not yet been confirmed. Further information can be obtained from the school proposer who can be contacted via the website <a href="http://www.etzchaim-primarieschool.org.uk">www.etzchaim-primarieschool.org.uk</a> or by email: <a href="mailto:info@etzchaim-primarieschool.org.uk">info@etzchaim-primarieschool.org.uk</a> or tel: 07530494500”</p> <p><b>Lesley Feldman</b>  <a href="mailto:Lesley.feldman@barnet.gov.uk">Lesley.feldman@barnet.gov.uk</a></p> <p>Each of LB Barnet’s 21 wards has an SNT comprised of 1 Sergeant, 2 PC’s and 6 PCSO’s. There are no immediate plans to change this. However, if any changes are to take place in the future they will be dependent on central decision making, taking into account budgets and organisational need.</p> <p>The principle that SNT's work within their wards remains. However, the Metropolitan Police as an organisation has removed the requirement for SNT officers to be ring fenced. Therefore, SNT officers are allowed to work across ward boundaries when it makes operational sense to do so. For example Hendon SNT officers may work in Colindale ward when issues that are affecting both wards are apparent in order to address the problem in a co-ordinated and productive way. The principle is that although Hendon officers may be operating outside their ward, the benefit will accrue to residents in the ward.</p> <p>Abstractions from their wards are kept to a minimum.</p> <p><b>Paul Lamb</b>  <a href="mailto:Paul.lamb@barnet.gov.uk">Paul.lamb@barnet.gov.uk</a></p>

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<p>n) what is the present position concerning the former Watling Boys Club building? Is it on the market? If so, when does the council hope to sell it by?</p> <p><b>Andrew Dismore</b></p>	<p>A report is being submitted to CRC on 28<sup>th</sup> March, recommending disposal to the highest bidder. This is an unconditional bid, but should this fail to complete it is proposed that the offer from the second bidder is accepted which is subject to planning permission being obtained. If the unconditional bid is accepted a 5 week period for completion has been recommended, acceptance of the second bid allows a 3 month period to allow for the prospective purchasers to obtain planning permission.</p> <p><b>Judith Ellis</b>  <a href="mailto:Judith.ellis@barnet.gov.uk">Judith.ellis@barnet.gov.uk</a></p>
<p>15. Disforth Lane / Pageant Avenue</p> <p>People playing football at this site against garage doors and a gate which have been damaged as a result. This creates much noise that disturbs residents.</p> <p>Trees have not been pruned properly and therefore cover street lamps causing the area to become dark. This has resulted in anti-social behaviour. Both garages and cars have been broken into to and arrests have been made.</p> <p>Can the Council please:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Put up 'No ball games allowed' signs on the garages and gate?</li> <li>• Prune the trees to help community safety</li> </ul> <p><b>Mr C Kasba</b></p>	<p>The garages are privately owned by residents of the various housing associations in the area and do not belong to the London Borough of Barnet. As there is no land belonging to Barnet Homes it would not be possible to place NO BALL GAMES sign at the location.</p> <p>The trees again appear to be maintained by the housing associations, and therefore would be their responsibility to prune and not London Borough of Barnet's. Residents are therefore encouraged to contact their housing association.</p> <p>The locations do form part of patrols by the local Safer Neighbourhood Team and they do attend when resources allow.</p> <p><b>John Oliver</b>  <a href="mailto:John.oliver@barnet.gov.uk">John.oliver@barnet.gov.uk</a></p>
<p>16. a) Can we be advised as to why, with such a massive local "Big Society" interest in regenerating the Watling Boys Club Property, which has been derelict for so many years and with which our MP had assisted, the property is again on the market?</p> <p><b>Clive Cohen, LWT Barnet Group</b></p>	<p>We have only had one local resident a Mr William Reeves who had approached us showing interest in re-opening. It appears he got the press and local MP involved in a campaign. We met the gentleman on site and discussed the possibilities but got the impression the initial enthusiasm had waned. We have not received any proposals from Mr Reeves or indeed anyone on how this could be financed or otherwise achieved. The site has been re-marketed off and on a number of times, firstly the original buyer for a school pulled out because of highways issues and the second buyer we found pulled out because of market conditions and because they could not</p>

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<p>b) LBB has had a policy of not "selling the family silver". Is it true that this policy is being reviewed in view of the financial restraints and in particular with regard to freehold property interests? <b>Clive Cohen</b></p>	<p>obtain a commitment from their RSL partners. We have new bidders and a report is going forward to the CRC. <b>Richard Malinowski</b> <a href="mailto:Richard.Malinowski@barnet.gov.uk">Richard.Malinowski@barnet.gov.uk</a></p> <p>LBB is duty bound to manage its assets effectively so should have an long term acquisitions and disposals strategy in place which will link to many other themes and corporate priorities. The over arching guidance of how we manage the assets will be included in the new Estates strategy which is currently being drafted. <b>Richard Malinowski</b> <a href="mailto:Richard.Malinowski@barnet.gov.uk">Richard.Malinowski@barnet.gov.uk</a></p>
<p>c) A 60 acre field lying behind Longbrook (formerly Estrelita) on Totteridge, was previously incorporated in a future Darlands Lake Nature Reserve and much acclaimed. This package was under offer to Herts &amp; Middlesex Wildlife Trust and they carried out a costly draft Management Plan and Environmental Survey before this field was withdrawn from the project. The field has remained on the open market for very many months, totally inhibiting progress on H&amp;M's willingness to acquire the Lease.</p>	<p>The 60 acre field adjacent the Darlands Lake Nature Reserve is not and has not been marketed although when we did have discussions with the HMWT regarding the Darlands Lake Reserve and we considered the possibility of the including this field. <b>Richard Malinowski</b> <a href="mailto:Richard.Malinowski@barnet.gov.uk">Richard.Malinowski@barnet.gov.uk</a></p>
<p>d) As we understand from Property Services (9th March) no acceptable offer has been received, can this vital Green Belt land now be re-incorporated within the previous curtilage offered to H&amp;M which would:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Relieve the Borough of present maintenance costs and responsibilities;</li> <li>• Permit the future management of the Nature Reserve for wildlife and biodiversity in accordance with the Trust's vast nature reserve portfolio experience and together with their 22,000 Membership, of which 286 households are in Barnet;</li> <li>• Permit this Green Belt Reserve to be enjoyed by present and future generations of the public, particularly with the financial support of the Residents of Totteridge and in accordance with</li> </ul>	<p>We are waiting for Councillors to advise us what we should be doing with the site. <b>Richard Malinowski</b> <a href="mailto:Richard.Malinowski@barnet.gov.uk">Richard.Malinowski@barnet.gov.uk</a></p>

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<p>the spirit of the "Big Society", last year's International Year of Biodiversity and the Government's new project, "Stepping up for Nature by 2020"?</p> <p><b>Clive Cohen, LWT Barnet Group &amp; Member of Herts &amp; Middx W.T.</b></p> <p>e) Some 300 metre length of road from the Junction of Hendon Wood Lane towards Whetstone, has been the subject of serious accidents for the last three winters, substantially damaging the fence of the Totteridge Fields Nature Reserve. This winter two such accidents occurred without anyone being held responsible. We have previously asked, in this Forum, for this section of the road and its surfaces, to receive Council attention and agreement had been advised. No such work has been carried out in order to avoid re-occurring accidents and we again ask for this to be undertaken.</p> <p><b>Clive Cohen, LWT Barnet Group</b></p>	<p>When this concern was previously raised it was agreed that as part of an anticipated wider route study for Totteridge Lane, consideration would be given as to whether any improvements could be made.</p> <p>Unfortunately the study did not materialise at this location, and therefore the concern not addressed. It must be noted, as previously advised that the accidents occur during periods of severe weather conditions and in all probability there is little that the council can do to influence driver behaviour other than to ensure that the road surface is in servicable condition which it generally is. However, the section of road will be reviewed again to ensure that no significant defects are present and possibly contributing to loss of control.</p> <p><b>Neil Richardson</b>  <a href="mailto:Neil.richardson@barnet.gov.uk">Neil.richardson@barnet.gov.uk</a></p>
<p>17.</p> <p>a) How can the public advise the Council regarding the spending cuts when they don't know how much the Council have in reserve?</p> <p>b) Does the Council have any plans or intentions of closing any libraries and if so which ones?</p>	<p>In response to the information regarding reserves (17a below), the Statement of Accounts shows that as at the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010, the Council had £32,567,000 in specific reserves and £15,780,000 in general fund balances (excluding balances held by schools).</p> <p>This can be found in the Statement of Accounts (note 36) which is on Barnet's website using the following link  <a href="http://www.barnet.gov.uk/statement-of-accounts">http://www.barnet.gov.uk/statement-of-accounts</a></p> <p><b>Catherine Peters</b>  <a href="mailto:Catherine.peters@barnet.gov.uk">Catherine.peters@barnet.gov.uk</a></p> <p>Cabinet are expected to consider a new strategy on 29 March 2011.</p> <p><b>Tom Pike</b></p>

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<p>c) The Drive/Edgware At the Junction of the Drive and Station Road, Edgware the junction is hazardous caused by vehicles parking on the junction. Could something be done?</p> <p>d) Pot – Holes Could the pot-holes be filled in, outside the ‘Request Centre’ on Edgware Road?</p>	<p><a href="mailto:Tom.pike@barnet.gov.uk">Tom.pike@barnet.gov.uk</a></p> <p>This issue will be investigated and appropriate action recommended where necessary. The restrictions currently apply on Mondays –Saturdays between 8am and 6.30pm so it is assumed the concern is outside of the hours.</p> <p>This issue will be investigated and appropriate action recommended where necessary</p>
<p>18. a) Has the London Borough of Barnet any plans to be directly involved with the London 2012 Olympic Games?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Through the Mayor’s Legacy Fund we have been encouraging local residents to access subsidised sporting courses/qualifications. Participants can get up to 75% off the cost of attending a course and in return are expected to volunteer up to 20 hours within their local community using their qualification.</li> <li>• Through the above fund, we have also accessed ‘Playsport London’ grants to deliver sporting activity in the February half-term in Grahame Park (Football, Boxing, Trampoline), as well an Indoor Rowing session at Hendon School. Both activities were well attended by local young people.</li> <li>• We have been selling subsidised Barnet-specific London 2012 pin badges to local schools, sports clubs and members of the public.</li> <li>• A new nationwide funding stream called ‘Places, People, Play’ has been launched to engage people to partake in regular sport. The London Borough of Barnet will be looking to access this funding stream to develop local projects that engage local residents in regular sporting activity.</li> <li>• We hope to be able to deliver a project in July 2011 celebrating ‘1 year to go’ that will encourage local residents to engage in sport.</li> <li>• A new ‘Olympic Advisor’ role has been created that will provide strategic level support to engage local young people in regular sport, using the 2012 Olympic Games as a tool to inspire them.</li> </ul> <p><b>Tom Burton</b> <a href="mailto:Tom.burton@barnet.gov.uk">Tom.burton@barnet.gov.uk</a></p>



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<p>b) What is the latest known figure of expenditure for upgrading, maintenance and repairing for Barnet's pavements? Who pays for these improvements?</p> <p><b>Mr Dan</b></p>	<p>Planned footway relay - £1,650,250 Responsive repairs - £1,912,000 – This is the allocated budget for carriageway and footway repairs – we do not currently have the facility to split this between footway and carriageway, however it would be a fair assumption that at least half is spent on footway repairs.</p> <p><b>Neil Richardson</b> <a href="mailto:Neil.richardson@barnet.gov.uk">Neil.richardson@barnet.gov.uk</a></p>
<p>19. a) The weight restriction sign on the Edgware Road NW9 outside Hyundai Car Showroom shows that the restriction is 115 yards down Cool Oak Lane, there is another sign on the corner of Woolmead Avenue showing the weight restriction is 875 yds ahead. The weight restriction is at the top of Cool Oak Lane where the turn round point is that Barnet Council has put concrete bollards blocking the turn round area, The residents of the local area feel that the weight limit should be on the bridge as it is narrow, very old and listed because it is one of the oldest bridges across water in London and must be safeguarded. It cannot continue to take large heavy lorries and coaches, this has gone on long enough and it's about time Barnet Council took measures to resolve this unsafe situation.</p> <p>b) The Residents have yet again asked me to point out the ridiculous situation at the traffic lights at the junction of West Hendon Broadway and Cool Oak Lane. These traffic lights have a 5 second change round not giving elderly, infirm and mothers with babies time to cross the road, if Barnet Council is serious about safeguarding children and residents a cross now light should be installed on this junction, I have asked for this to be done on several other occasions are you waiting for a resident to be killed. Barnet Council should not wait for Barretts Metropolitan to carry out this installation it should be done now.</p> <p>Geoffrey Johnson Chair Woolmead Avenue and Welsh Harp Area Residents Association</p>	<p>Highway Maintenance Team will look into relocating the signs and will discuss the weight limits with the Councils Highway Design Team.</p> <p>This issue will be investigated and appropriate action recommended where necessary.</p> <p><b>Neil Richardson</b> <a href="mailto:Neil.richardson@barnet.gov.uk">Neil.richardson@barnet.gov.uk</a></p> <p>Officers have previously indicated their sympathy with the concerns relating to the current signal arrangements but at this time cannot agree to or justify proposing any changes prior to the planned major developments for the area.</p> <p><b>Neil Richardson</b> <a href="mailto:Neil.richardson@barnet.gov.uk">Neil.richardson@barnet.gov.uk</a></p>

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20. a)	What's happening with West Hendon regeneration?	<p>The first phase of the regeneration proposals has commenced on site and the Council is currently in detailed discussions with the developers, Barratt Metropolitan llp in relation to bringing forward future phases of the project.</p> <p><b>Martin Cowie</b>  <a href="mailto:Martin.cowie@barnet.gov.uk">Martin.cowie@barnet.gov.uk</a></p>
b)	<p>Potholes in Sevington Road NW4 near the junction of Greyhound Road?</p> <p>Dr Gosh</p>	<p>Officers are grateful for this location being brought to our attention which will be investigated and appropriate action taken as quickly as possible.</p> <p>This has been passed to our contractor for urgent attention. All works Should be completed by close of works 16<sup>th</sup> March'</p> <p><b>Neil Richardson</b>  <a href="mailto:Neil.richardson@barnet.gov.uk">Neil.richardson@barnet.gov.uk</a></p>

**Future meeting dates will be confirmed at the Annual Council meeting on 17 May 2011**

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## HENDON RESIDENTS FORUM

Tuesday 18 January 2011 6:30pm

Sangam Community Centre, 210 Burnt Oak Broadway, Edgware, HA8 0AP

### Action/Update Note

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

\*Denotes Councillor Present

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<b>Before the issues were discussed residents raised concerns that policing resources may be reduced locally. A PCO representing Burnt Oak safer neighbourhood team confirmed that no resources had not been reduced.</b>		
<p>1. Joint letter of representation received regarding highways issues in Chilton Road and Manor Park Crescent.</p> <p><b>Mr Bearman</b></p> <p>It was noted that this junction was very dangerous with poor visibility due to the parked cars. Local residents also suggested that emergency services may not have access to this road.</p>	<p>Whilst, officers original considerations and conclusions were valid in context of actual problems witnessed and potential impact in the surrounding area of introducing restrictions etc, given the concerns reiterated by the association the parking and crossing requests will be revisited to see what can be achieved.</p> <p><b>Neil Richardson</b> <a href="mailto:Neil.richardson@barnet.gov.uk">Neil.richardson@barnet.gov.uk</a></p>	<p>Having considered the request further, it has been agreed that a proposal for double yellow lines at the junction of Chilton Road and Manor Park Crescent should be progressed, although the ongoing request for loading restrictions along the same lengths have not as yet been considered justified. Notwithstanding this, officers are amenable to carrying out regular monitoring of the location as part of their routine visits across the borough – although visits to date have been inconclusive in relation to the underlying concern of disabled blue badge holders being parked at the junction.</p> <p>Unfortunately progress to date has been affected by the recent departure of two members of staff in the Design Team, and the remaining staff concentrating on ongoing priority work streams, however it is envisaged that internal approval for the double yellow lines will be sought in March, with the</p>

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			<p>necessary statutory consultation taking place shortly thereafter, with a view to implementing the restrictions in April should there be a satisfactory outcome to the statutory process, although should objections be received, further delays may occur.</p> <p><b>Neil Richardson</b>  <a href="mailto:Neil.richardson@barnet.gov.uk">Neil.richardson@barnet.gov.uk</a></p>
2 a.	<p>Barnet and District Bee Keepers Association</p> <p>Since asking related questions on the correct time of year for the use of herbicides on the Brent Reservoir (Welsh Harp) at the Welsh Harp Joint Consultative Committee further information is available.</p> <p>Honey bees have an economic value of at least 16 million to horticulture and agriculture industry and as a pollinating nearer 200m nationally.</p> <p>Some insecticides such as phyrethroids carry bee risk warning while nociotinoides for the use of which has been lowered in France and Germany but is still permitted here for unknown reasons.</p> <p>Will the authority now a publication has been produced jointly by the national framers union, the crop protection association and the British bee keepers association undertake to take the lead in the circulation and directives to all there</p>	<p>Legislation and best practice guidance are followed when undertaking operations in relation the application of herbicide and are disseminated to the operational greenspaces teams.</p> <p>The Council is not in a position to lead in relaying this information to other organisations. Any relevant publications and requirements in relation to herbicides are circulated to the relevant bodies, land owners etc by DEFRA</p> <p><b>Jenny Warren</b>  <a href="mailto:Parks@barnet.gov.uk">Parks@barnet.gov.uk</a></p>	<p>It may not be satisfaction but it is not the Council's role to police the LBB and we have to focus our resources on the highest priority issues and core business. Of which this is not.</p> <p><b>Jenny Warren</b>  <a href="mailto:Parks@barnet.gov.uk">Parks@barnet.gov.uk</a></p>

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b.	<p>ground maintenance teams as well as other farms and land owners within the London Borough of Barnet.</p> <p>In accordance with this publication will the Council also undertake the communication to other authorities which border with Barnet and also spread the important publicity on the Councils Website and any other means?</p> <p><b>Clive Cohen</b>  <b>London Wildlife Trust – Barnet Group</b>  Barnet and District Bee Keepers Association</p> <p>In view so far of the undisclosed massive cost of the snow conditions this year &amp; as well as last year. Is the London Borough of Barnet planning to spend resources on adequate snow clearing equipment in order to prevent a repeat of the same problems?</p> <p><b>Clive Cohen</b></p>	<p>The Council's cost for the provision of this year's winter gritting service is currently estimated at £622K. This is based on an average winter for the remaining season. The actual cost for this service last year was £654K.</p> <p>The provision of the Council's gritting service is regularly reviewed and reported to Council Committees. In July –August 2009, as part of the Council's Overview and Scrutiny arrangements, a Task and Finish Group made up of all party Councillors, was specifically set up to review the Council's winter gritting service. The results of this review were reported to Cabinet.</p> <p>The lease of the Council's fleet of 9 gritting vehicles is due to expire in November 2011. Officers will be carrying another review of this year's winter gritting service looking in particular at the provision of winter gritting vehicles and the options available for</p>	<p>No further update</p> <p><b>Neil Richardson</b>  <a href="mailto:Neil.richardson@barnet.gov.uk">Neil.richardson@barnet.gov.uk</a></p>

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3. a)	<p><b>Queens Road / Brent Street Junction NW4</b></p> <p>The roundabout needs to be upgraded and raised. Can signs be installed to encourage smooth follow of traffic?</p>	<p>purchasing or leasing gritting vehicles for the next winter season 2011/12. The review will also consider the Council's salt storage facilities and the lessons learned from the current winter season. The results of this review are expected to be reported to the Director's Group in March 2011.</p> <p><b>Neil Richardson</b>  <a href="mailto:Neil.richardson@barnet.gov.uk">Neil.richardson@barnet.gov.uk</a></p> <p>It is not clear from the question what the actual problem is considered to be, however the operation of the junction will be reviewed in terms of capacity optimisation and safety with appropriate action being taken if necessary.</p>	<p>On-going review of the junction is being carried out to ascertain whether the current concerns are reflected in the actual operation of the roundabout or whether they are perceived concerns. Issues such as accidents, signage and driver behaviour will be gauged.</p>
b)	<p>During the weekend of 8/9 January there was a part closure of the junction of the A406 / Brent Street. This created traffic problems. Can motorists have advanced warnings of road closures?</p> <p><b>Sydney Nathan</b></p>	<p>Whenever, works are instigated by Barnet Highway Engineers the contractor is instructed to install advanced warning signs. However, much of the works carried out on the public highway are not instructed by council engineers, but are carried out by the various Utility Companies and their contractors. Some of these works are carried out at very short notice as they are deemed to be emergencies and as such there is not always the opportunity to install advanced warning signs.</p> <p>The works referred too were arranged by TfL as it related to the trunk road network. It is normal practice for TfL to arrange for advance warning signs prior to works commencing. We will investigate with colleagues at TfL to find out why this did not occur on this occasion.</p> <p><b>Neil Richardson</b>  <a href="mailto:Neil.richardson@barnet.gov.uk">Neil.richardson@barnet.gov.uk</a></p>	<p>Instruction has also been given to refresh all markings on the approach to and on the roundabout to assist in providing greater driver clarity</p> <p><b>Neil Richardson</b>  <a href="mailto:Neil.richardson@barnet.gov.uk">Neil.richardson@barnet.gov.uk</a></p> <p>The Council's Response to Cold Weather Task and Finish Group can be accessed via the following link:</p> <p><a href="http://committeepapers.barnet.gov.uk/democracy/meetings/meetingdetail.asp?meetingid=6148">http://committeepapers.barnet.gov.uk/democracy/meetings/meetingdetail.asp?meetingid=6148</a></p> <p>The Task and Finish Group recommended undertaking a pilot project for 'community grit keepers' whereby a local resident receives a supply of grit and snow removal equipment and distributes this to neighbours during severe</p>

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			<p>weather, thereby allowing them to clear a particular street. Any enquiries relating to this scheme should be directed to Chris Chrysostomou  <a href="mailto:chris.chrysostomou@barnet.gov.uk">chris.chrysostomou@barnet.gov.uk</a></p> <p>Residents can submit requests for grit bins. Environment &amp; Operations assess these against technical criteria set out in the Winter Service Policy and Operational Plan.</p> <p>Additionally, Environment &amp; Operations delivered a presentation (Winter Maintenance Programme Presentation) to the Chipping Barnet Residents Forum on 17 January 2011 that can be accessed via the following link (which includes legal advice):-  <a href="http://committeepapers.barnet.gov.uk/democracy/meetings/meetingdetail.asp?meetingid=6178">http://committeepapers.barnet.gov.uk/democracy/meetings/meetingdetail.asp?meetingid=6178</a></p> <p><b>Andrew Charlwood</b>  <a href="mailto:Andrew.charlwood@barnet.gov.uk">Andrew.charlwood@barnet.gov.uk</a></p>
4. a)	What is the Council's opinion of the consequences for staying on rates of the cut in Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA)	<p>The Educational Maintenance Allowance, a payment made to 16- 18 year olds to support their participation in education or training is ending for new applicants in England from January 2011. This payment has been means tested for students in post 16 full time education, but awarded without means testing for those in Foundation Learning (also known as E2E) with various training providers. EMA payments are also usually related to the attendance and punctuality of the learner.</p> <p>Students who currently receive EMA will continue to</p>	No further update

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	<p>receive it for the remainder of this academic year, but not for next.</p> <p>It is possible that the cessation of the EMA could result in some disengagement in education and training for 16-18 year olds, with an associated increase in the unemployment rate for young people (NEET). It is also possible that there will be an impact on young people from low income households, without a financial incentive to enter education, or training courses. There could be an increase in drop-out rates from current students on two year programmes.</p> <p>Connexions Personal Advisers are available to provide advice and support to students who have the EMA withdrawn, or to new students who may need support to study.</p> <p><i>New Discretionary Support Funds</i> are intended to meet special needs and circumstances of learners aged 16 or over who can't reasonably be covered by other forms of help. Colleges will determine priority groups and maximum amounts they award. The funds are prioritised for those who face financial hardship. They can be used to help with: financial hardship and emergencies; childcare costs (for Ofsted-registered childcare); accommodation costs, for those who have to study further than the maximum distance from home; essential course-related equipment, materials and field trips; travel costs (for over 18s).</p> <p>From 2013, all 17 year olds will be required to participate in education or training; from 2015 this</p>	



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b)	What is happening about the future of the Watling Boys club building	<p>will rise to 18 year olds.</p> <p><b>Flo Armstrong</b>  <a href="mailto:Flo.armstrong@barnet.gov.uk">Flo.armstrong@barnet.gov.uk</a></p> <p>Previous attempts to dispose of the freehold interest in the site failed to reach to fruition due to environmental issues and the subsequent decline in the property market. A re-marketing campaign has been undertaken and a number of bids have been submitted. These will be reported to the next meeting of Cabinet Resources Committee, together with details of proposals received from community organisations.</p> <p><b>Judith Ellis</b>  <a href="mailto:Judith.ellis@barnet.gov.uk">Judith.ellis@barnet.gov.uk</a></p>	<p>The report was withdrawn as further information was required, and is being resubmitted to Cabinet Resources Committee on 28<sup>th</sup> March. All offers and expressions of interest will be reported including a community facility. Whilst there has been initial interest from the community for re use as a boys club, no formal proposals have been received.</p> <p><b>Judith Ellis</b>  <a href="mailto:Judith.ellis@barnet.gov.uk">Judith.ellis@barnet.gov.uk</a></p>
c)	What is happening about the future of the former Child Guidance building on North Rd estate, Burnt Oak	<p>The site was previously included in the Watling Car Park site which is being pursued for development. This area has now been excluded from the main site, and is being marketed separately for development.</p> <p><b>Judith Ellis</b>  <a href="mailto:Judith.ellis@barnet.gov.uk">Judith.ellis@barnet.gov.uk</a></p>	<p>Planning permission was granted in October 2005 for the “Demolition of Child Guidance Centre and Merrivale and erection of a new 3-storey building on the Child Guidance Centre site to provide a 60 bed care home and 20 place day care centre, with associated parking and landscaping and re-grading and landscaping of existing Merrivale site”.</p> <p>Planning permission has since expired and it should be noted that any new development on this site would need to satisfy Environment Agency requirements.</p> <p><b>Heidi Euzger</b>  <a href="mailto:Heidi.euzger@barnet.gov.uk">Heidi.euzger@barnet.gov.uk</a></p> <p>The pre- disposal works are completed and a report to Cabinet Resources Committee recommending disposal is being prepared and</p>

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d)	<p>What tenancies will be offered to existing tenants when they are rehoused as part of the regeneration schemes</p>	<p>Existing secure tenants will be offered another secure tenancy on the regeneration estate where they live or, if they prefer, elsewhere in the borough.</p> <p>Non – secure tenants will be assisted to move into suitable alternative accommodation, which could include a private sector letting or a secure tenancy depending on their circumstances and the availability of property.</p> <p><b>Paul Shipway</b> <a href="mailto:Paul.shipway@barnet.gov.uk">Paul.shipway@barnet.gov.uk</a></p>	<p>is scheduled for April CRC.</p> <p><b>Judith Ellis</b> <a href="mailto:Judith.ellis@barnet.gov.uk">Judith.ellis@barnet.gov.uk</a></p> <p>No further response.</p> <p><b>Paul Shipway</b> <a href="mailto:Paul.shipway@barnet.gov.uk">Paul.shipway@barnet.gov.uk</a></p>
e)	<p>What is the position concerning the outstanding issues form housing benefit. 'from the last forum still not answered'</p>	<p><i>What assessment has the Council made of the impact of Housing Benefit cuts on local residents' ability to remain in the Borough?</i></p> <p>As previously stated, the Council has carried out modelling of the extent of the reductions in Housing Benefit that are anticipated in Barnet.</p> <p>At this stage, it is difficult to assess whether landlords will be prepared to reduce rents to reflect these changes, and the Council has focused efforts on mitigating the potential impact. This includes developing resources to provide advice, support and mediation to tenants and landlords affected by reductions in benefits.</p> <p>The government has also announced that transitional protection will be provided to existing claimants, who will not have their benefit adjusted</p>	<p>No further response.</p> <p><b>Paul Shipway</b> <a href="mailto:Paul.shipway@barnet.gov.uk">Paul.shipway@barnet.gov.uk</a></p>

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f)	<p>What is happening about the future of the council's allotments?</p>	<p>until the anniversary of their claim.</p> <p>On 29<sup>th</sup> November 2010 the Council's Cabinet approved that a new Big Society allotment model could be explored. Council Officers are currently working through this process which includes an initial workshop on the 18<sup>th</sup> January 2011 to scope out with plot holders what an allotment management model may look like. This will then be developed further through a series of working groups to create a model that delivers for both the Council and the allotment plot holders.</p> <p><b>Jenny Warren</b>  <a href="mailto:Parks@barnet.gov.uk">Parks@barnet.gov.uk</a></p>	<p>Allotment holders attended an initial workshop on 18 January 2011 to begin the exploration of alternative management arrangements for Barnet's allotments.</p> <p>There was discussion about the development of an alternative model for running the allotments within the constraints of current legislation whilst allotment holders were also given the chance to raise any issues or concerns. Officers are now compiling a list of issues following the meeting and will develop a plan to move forward.</p> <p><u>Agenda/outline of the evening</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Welcome/introduction + tea &amp; coffee</li> <li>▪ An overview of current allotment management in Barnet</li> <li>▪ Introduction to council's proposal(s) and different models</li> <li>▪ Key principles and legislation that the council must abide</li> <li>▪ Discussion groups – tables discussed issues that most concerned them and these were recorded by facilitators</li> <li>▪ Group feedback – each table in turn had the opportunity to share their top few points from group discussion</li> <li>▪ Next steps – the council explained based on the feedback what the next steps would be</li> </ul>

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g)	<p>What is happening to the Space day centre, Edgware</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Changes at The Space &amp; Community Support Team</b> Briefing for the Learning Disabilities Service</p> <p>In keeping with <i>Valuing People</i> and <i>Valuing People Now</i>, Barnet is looking to adopt a more personalized approach in its work with learning disabled service users. This means recognizing that every individual is different and involves offering opportunities which are tailored to the needs and wants of individual users and their families. In addition, these opportunities will enable users to safely make greater use of activities and organizations in their local community.</p> <p>The main changes being proposed are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The teams from The Space and the Community Support Team will join together to form a new service from the 1 April 2011.</li> <li>▪ The service will offer a range of day opportunities, including employment, leisure activities, skills training, education and volunteering.</li> <li>▪ The schedules, activities, groups and transport requirements of service users will be dependent on high-quality individual Person- Centred Plans. These plans will take account of what service users want to</li> </ul>	<p><b>Jenny Warren</b> <a href="mailto:Parks@barnet.gov.uk">Parks@barnet.gov.uk</a></p> <p>Each service user will now have a Person-Centred review to look at their individual choices.</p> <p>The staff teams of the Space and Community Support Teams will merge from April 2011 and provide a more individual service, tailored to the needs and wishes of service users.</p> <p>There will be more emphasis on community-based activities, however the service is not closing, rather reorganising the way it works to provide personalised day opportunities.</p> <p><b>Amanda Jackson</b> <a href="mailto:Amanda.jackson@barnet.gov.uk">Amanda.jackson@barnet.gov.uk</a></p> <p>Resident were asked to send their views and queries to Harris Lorie (<a href="mailto:harris.lorie@barnet.gov.uk">harris.lorie@barnet.gov.uk</a> ; 0208 359 7496).</p>

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	<p>do, what they need support with, and what their families need support with. Trained members of staff will hold a meeting with the service user (if appropriate) and their family to complete this plan. We aim to start undertaking these plans in February 2011.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The service will make use of a number of community buildings and social hubs. The location of groups and activities will depend on the make-up of the group and the nature of the activity. We expect that the current day centre building used by The Space will be used less as we find a greater range of more suitable and convenient buildings across the borough.</li> <li>▪ The new service will have a manager and senior support workers, who will supervise the combined team of support workers.</li> <li>▪ We do need to make some savings from this change. However, we want to avoid disrupting front-line work with service users as much as possible. Therefore no currently occupied support worker posts will be lost in this new structure. It is proposed that savings come from the deletion of some vacant posts and that there is a reduction in the transport budget, including the loss of a driver.</li> </ul> <p>If you have any queries or suggestions about these changes, please get in touch with Harris Lorie (<a href="mailto:harris.lorie@barnet.gov.uk">harris.lorie@barnet.gov.uk</a> ; 0208 359 7496).</p>	

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h)	<p>What s going to happen to the Arts Depot</p> <p><b>Andrew Dismore local resident</b></p>	<p><b>Amanda Jackson</b>  <a href="mailto:Amanda.jackson@barnet.gov.uk">Amanda.jackson@barnet.gov.uk</a></p> <p>Following the reduction in funding to local authorities, we now expect to have to make over £40 million savings over the next three years. After protecting critical services such as adult social care and the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults, we will make as many savings as possible through efficiencies, but there will be real reductions in services. In this context, the Council is proposing to end funding to the Arts Depot Trust on 31 March 2011. This represents about 11% of their annual income.</p> <p>Recognising the potential for artsdepot to act as a community hub, we are investigating options for delivering Council or other public services from the building. This is with a view to improving the available offer and footfall in the building and contributing to the financial stability of the Arts Depot Trust. In view of the importance of Arts Council funding to artsdepot, we will also do what we can to support the artsdepot’s funding application for 2012-2015. Meanwhile, there is a strong, on-going dialogue between the Council and artsdepot, in an effort to find a way forward.</p> <p>In related budget items, we are also proposing to continue the separately commissioned arts programmes for older and disabled people and for children and young people, albeit on reduced budgets.</p> <p><b>Julian Mauger</b>  <a href="mailto:Julian.mauger@barnet.gov.uk">Julian.mauger@barnet.gov.uk</a></p>	<p>No further update</p> <p><b>Julian Mauger</b>  <a href="mailto:Julian.mauger@barnet.gov.uk">Julian.mauger@barnet.gov.uk</a></p>

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i)	<p>What is happening about adding the names of the fallen in WW2 and subsequent conflicts to the Edgware War memorial?</p> <p><b>Andrew Dismore local resident and president of Edgware Branch Royal British Legion</b></p>	<p>The Council is pleased to report that we are in the early stages of discussions with the London Borough of Harrow concerning the possible addition of names from WWII.</p> <p>The existing structure cannot support the names and so the names would be recorded on a new structure, the location of which has yet to be decided.</p> <p>The Council does not have the available budget to carry out these works and so we are grateful for the offer of assistance from a member of the public who has offered to raise the funds and carry out the works in partnership with us.</p> <p>The proposals are at an early stage and will have to be given formal consent by both Harrow and Barnet Councils before any works can proceed.</p> <p>We would also need to consult the public to ensure that any proposals have the support of the wider community.</p> <p><b>Sue Taylor</b> <a href="mailto:Sue.taylor@barnet.gov.uk">Sue.taylor@barnet.gov.uk</a></p>	<p>No response required</p> <p><b>Sue Taylor</b> <a href="mailto:Sue.taylor@barnet.gov.uk">Sue.taylor@barnet.gov.uk</a></p>
J)	<p>What is the Council planning for future of the Church Farm Museum</p> <p><b>Andrew Dismore local resident and chair of trustees, Council of British Archaeology, London</b></p>	<p>Church Farmhouse Museum is directly funded and operated by the Council. It receives 8,000 visitors a year at an estimated cost of £15 per visit. In this tough financial environment, the Council's priority must be to protect vulnerable people, which is why the museum consultation invited proposals for alternative management and/or use of both Council-supported museums and suggestions for the display and promotion of collections in the future. I welcome any cost-effective proposals that could preserve the history of the borough, make it widely available to the public, and provide value for money for Barnet</p>	<p>No, the property is not being marketed, it is occupied by the museum and no decision has been made to dispose.</p> <p>If a decision is made to close the building all options will be considered and reported to CRC for a decision.</p> <p>The council is currently responsible for the repair and maintenance of the building.</p>

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		residents. <b>Judith Ellis</b> <a href="mailto:Judith.ellis@barnet.gov.uk">Judith.ellis@barnet.gov.uk</a>	<b>Judith Ellis</b> <a href="mailto:Judith.ellis@barnet.gov.uk">Judith.ellis@barnet.gov.uk</a>
5) a)  b)  c)  d)  e)	<p>Why is the cost of a parking permit going to increase so heavily - and what is the justification for such a sharp increase.</p> <p>Please state the new costing of a parking permit, both for a 1st vehicle and the additional cost for further vehicles.</p> <p>Are there plans to increase the number of Control Parking Zone areas in the Borough and specifically in Hendon.</p> <p>What will now be the new total cost of fees made to the council for installing a new driveway in ones property - and what is the specific percentage of the increase?</p> <p>The sports ground of Pavilion Way, Burnt Oak is derelict and unused - however it is still open to the through the main entrance. The ground is full of dangerous items such as glass bottles and what appear to be used syringes.</p>	<p>Monies from permit charges are used to pay for works to the roads as part of the Special Parking Account. We spent around £2m on repairing potholes in the current financial year and given the recent bad weather we may have to spend a similar amount next year.</p> <p>The cost for the 1<sup>st</sup> permit will be £100, 2<sup>nd</sup> permit £125 and third £150</p> <p>The Council has recently carried out a statutory consultation on a proposed extension to the Brent Cross Station Controlled Parking Zone but apart from this there are no plans at present</p> <p>Each site will be individually costed as each location is different. The cost will depend on the width, depth and type of surfacing i.e. whether it is paved, tarmac, blocked or concrete. Although the process and construction operation will be different in dealing with vehicle crossover applications it is not envisaged that the overall costs will increase significantly.</p> <p><b>Neil Richardson</b>  <a href="mailto:Neil.richardson@barnet.gov.uk">Neil.richardson@barnet.gov.uk</a></p> <p>The freehold of the property is owned by the council, and since the failure of the previous letting, options have been considered for the site. We have had the site cleared and secured, and will arrange for a further clear up. The site forms part of a larger proposal for the area which it is hoped will reach</p>	<p>No further update</p> <p><b>Neil Richardson</b>  <a href="mailto:Neil.richardson@barnet.gov.uk">Neil.richardson@barnet.gov.uk</a></p> <p>No further information available at this stage.</p> <p><b>Judith Ellis</b>  <a href="mailto:Judith.ellis@barnet.gov.uk">Judith.ellis@barnet.gov.uk</a></p>



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<p>Despite this, this site is used daily by youngsters in the area to play football. I ask the following questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Whos owns this property.</li> <li>Did this used to be the property of Barnet Council.</li> <li>Will Barnet Council clear this site to ensure that young people in Burnt Oak are not at risk.'</li> <li>If it was sold, please state the reason for why it was sold.</li> </ul> <p><b>Adam Langleben</b></p>	<p>fruition by the middle of this year. This is currently commercially sensitive and has not been submitted for formal committee approval. In the interim it is being considered for short term letting.</p> <p><b>Judith Ellis.</b>  <a href="mailto:Judith.ellis@barnet.gov.uk">Judith.ellis@barnet.gov.uk</a></p>	
<p>6. a) Is there any news re: a meeting to discuss the traffic problems in Montagu Road?</p> <p>b) If the parking permit if going to be increased to £100 we feel we should at least be able to park in our own road.</p> <p>c) Montagu Road or at least the lower half should be resident parking at all times.</p> <p>d) We need Montagu Road to be cleaned once a week - we have asked for this before - we are constantly picking up school debris from our front gardens and in the road.</p> <p>e) What has happened re the traffic management plan for the multi cultural centre?</p> <p>Judy Shepard Montagu Road Residents Association</p>	<p>As previously agreed, a meeting will take place this month and possible dates have been circulated for the meeting to take place next week, at which time all options and suggestions will be included for discussion with the aim of improving matters in the area</p> <p>This has been arrange. The lower half of Montagu road will be cleared on a weekly basis.</p> <p><b>Neil Richardson</b>  <a href="mailto:Neil.richardson@barnet.gov.uk">Neil.richardson@barnet.gov.uk</a></p>	<p>A constructive meeting has taken place and various options discussed. Subsequent views have been received on the options but officers are still awaiting written views from the school. It is anticipated that a wider consultation on proposals will be carried out with the local community in due course.</p> <p>Officers have visited the school and noted that they are implementing park and stride and kiss and drop schemes.</p> <p><b>Neil Richardson</b>  <a href="mailto:Neil.richardson@barnet.gov.uk">Neil.richardson@barnet.gov.uk</a></p> <p>An application for “Submission of details of condition 3 (Activities and Traffic Management Plan) pursuant to planning permission reference H/03572/08 dated 26/05/2009” has been submitted to and approved by the council</p>

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			<p>in July 2010.</p> <p>Documents are available for public view on the Councils website, <a href="http://www.barnet.gov.uk">www.barnet.gov.uk</a></p> <p><b>Heidi Euzger</b>  <a href="mailto:Heidi.euzger@barnet.gov.uk">Heidi.euzger@barnet.gov.uk</a></p>
7.	The Railway Pub – Edgware	<p>Planning permission and listed building consent was granted in November 2008 for alterations and extensions to the listed building in connection with use as a hotel. The permission has not been implemented to date. No applications have been received for any alternative development.</p> <p><b>Lesley Feldman</b>  <a href="mailto:Lesley.Feldman@barnet.gov.uk">Lesley.Feldman@barnet.gov.uk</a></p>	<p>The Heritage team noted that provided the listed building is not vulnerable and wind and weather tight the Council has no powers to take any action against the owner. It is worth noting the owners have tenanted The Railway building and it is apparently being looked after by the tenant.</p> <p><b>Heidi Euzger</b>  <a href="mailto:Heidi.euzger@barnet.gov.uk">Heidi.euzger@barnet.gov.uk</a></p>
a)	I noticed a ‘for sale’ sign on the Railway Pub/Hotel in Edgware. Can local residents be informed what is happening to this listed building?		
b)	<p>Prince of Wales Pub</p> <p>The Prince of Wales pub on Burnt Oak Broadway is still boarded up. At a previous residents forum I was told that it was a listed building. Can the Council please confirm if this building is listed or not?</p>	<p>Prince of Wales Pub is not a listed building. An application has been submitted for extensions to the rear, use of the ground floor as a restaurant and upper floors as flats. The application is still under consideration. A previous application for a larger development was been withdrawn.</p> <p><b>Lesley Feldman</b>  <a href="mailto:Lesley.Feldman@barnet.gov.uk">Lesley.Feldman@barnet.gov.uk</a></p>	<p>The Heritage team has advised that anyone can make proposals to English Heritage to have a building listed. They would need to provide reasoning as to why the building is worthy of being listed. Such details including age of building; architectural merit of the building; site plan and photographs would need to be submitted direct to English Heritage who would then assess whether the building is worthy of being listed.</p> <p><b>Heidi Euzger</b>  <a href="mailto:Heidi.euzger@barnet.gov.uk">Heidi.euzger@barnet.gov.uk</a></p>
c)	<p>North Road Community Centre</p> <p>This is a very valuable centre used by many social groups for many years.</p>	<p>The council are currently working with community focus and the current tenant to negotiate a new lease agreement with the North Road Community association. The new agreement is intended to</p>	<p>The purpose of the meeting was to meet representatives of the user committee, introduce Ruth Malundi of Community Barnet, explore opportunities for intensification of use</p>

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d)	<p>What are the Council's plans for it?</p> <p>Ice and Snow The Council own special small 4 wheeled motors for the use on pavements for brushing and anti-weep spraying.</p> <p>Why cant the Council use these vehicles to tow small trucks of slat and grit and spry on icy pavements during inclement weather? The hazards in ice and snow are far greater to pedestrians then to motorist.</p> <p>May I remind the Council that not all pedestrians are motorist, but all motorists are pedestrians.</p> <p><b>Mr Heaphy</b></p>	<p>increase the income to the council and make the community centre available to more organisations on a sessional basis. The building is currently used for approximately 50% of the available time, and with the high demand for community space in this location it is hoped that this will continue to provide a valuable asset to the community.</p> <p><b>Judith Ellis</b> <a href="mailto:Judith.ellis@barnet.gov.uk">Judith.ellis@barnet.gov.uk</a></p> <p>The Council currently has 3 footway salt spreading machines for gritting pavements in the Borough. This is considered inadequate and another 22 machines are currently on order to enhance our ability to grit the pavements, particularly in Town Centres.</p> <p>The suggestion will be investigated further but the concern is that the towing of small trucks on footways will create a bulky, long vehicle which will be problematic in driving on footways.</p> <p><b>Neil Richardson</b> <a href="mailto:Neil.richardson@barnet.gov.uk">Neil.richardson@barnet.gov.uk</a></p>	<p>and discuss the outstanding lease renewal. The group appeared concerned that the future of the centre was under threat and it was confirmed that the council were committed to finding a solution for the property which embraces all sectors of the community and meets the high level of demand from a wide variety of ethnic groups.</p> <p>A highly concessionary stepped rental proposal was put forward and an opportunity to restructure the organisation was discussed in order to mitigate rates payable, reduce outgoings and access grant monies</p> <p>It was agreed for a community worker to meet them and move forward with these proposals. This meeting has been arranged for 7 March 2011. Heads of terms have been issued.</p> <p><b>Judith Ellis</b> <a href="mailto:Judith.ellis@barnet.gov.uk">Judith.ellis@barnet.gov.uk</a></p> <p>There are over 700 km of roads and 1400 km of footways in the Borough and is therefore almost impossible task to grit the whole of the road network at all times. The Council therefore has adopted and operates three different Priorities for the road network, as shown in the table below:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="1525 1334 2152 1495"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>Roads</th> <th>Footways</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Priority 1</td> <td>Principal Roads, main commuter routes, bus routes and</td> <td>The heavily used footways on steep</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		Roads	Footways	Priority 1	Principal Roads, main commuter routes, bus routes and	The heavily used footways on steep
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			roads providing access to the emergency services	gradients approaching public transport stations (Transport Hubs).
		Priority 2	Roads in the vicinity of Shopping Centres, Railway Stations, Hospitals, Public Buildings and Schools, Roads with steep gradients.	Footways leading to and within town centres, steep slopes and other vulnerable locations, traffic interchanges, local shopping centres, “vulnerable” buildings (day care centres, doctor’s surgeries, libraries etc.), and other residential footways, using all available resources.
		<p>Priority 1 roads and footways are pre-treated with grit when snow, ice or frost may form. Priority 2 and 3 roads and footways are normally post –treated to deal with snowfall or continued icy conditions.</p> <p>It must be emphasised that in times of accumulated snow, Priority 1 roads will be gritted first and until these routes are found to</p>		

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		<p>be safe and running, treatment of Priority 2 roads will not commence.</p> <p><b>Who is liable if you fall?</b>  The Council, as a highway authority under Section 41(1A) of the Highways Act 1980, has a duty “<i>to ensure, so far as is reasonably practicable, that safe passage along a highway is not endangered by snow or ice.</i>”</p> <p>However, paramount in any wintry conditions is the need to drive and walk within the conditions that prevail (Highway Code Rules 205 and 206) and therefore residents and road users are urged to drive and walk with caution.</p> <p><b>Neil Richardson</b>  <a href="mailto:Neil.richardson@barnet.gov.uk">Neil.richardson@barnet.gov.uk</a></p>

The Forum which commenced at 6.30pm ended at 9:15pm

**Date of Future Meetings**

Date	Venue
15 March 2011	Barnet Multicultural Community Centre, Algernon Road, Hendon NW4

**Officers Present:**

Neil Richardson Acting Highways Manager / Paul Frost, Democratic Services / Heidi Euzger Hendon Planning Manager / Mark Armstrong Property Services

**Councillors Present:**

Councillor Brian Schama  
Councillor Claire Farrier  
Councillor Geoffrey Johnson  
Councillor Julie Johnson

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