

HENDON RESIDENTS FORUM

Tuesday 15 March 2011

Barnet Multicultural Community Centre, Algernon Road, Hendon NW4

Action/Update Note

Chairman: *Councillor Darrel Yawitch
Vice-Chairman: *Councillor Sury Khatri

*Denotes Councillor Present

	Issues Raised	Response	Update
1.	Presentation from Counsel and Care Services		No response required.
2.	Petition Received Blessed Dominic Catholic Primary School, Traffic Management and Pupil Safety 133 signatures	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Neil Richardson Neil.richardson@barnet.gov.uk</p>	No response required. Neil Richardson Neil.richardson@barnet.gov.uk
3,	Petition Received – Save Our Lollipop Lady – Moss Hall Infant & Junior Schools The safety of the Children around the	<p>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</p>	No response required. Neil Richardson Neil.richardson@barnet.gov.uk

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	<p>School at the beginning and end of the day is much improved by the Lollipop Lady's presence in a quite a few was:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traffic calming • Children and parents crossing safety • Allows those with dogs and buggies to wait on the opposite side of the road reducing congestion around the school gate area <p>38 signatures</p> <p>Mr Warren Head teacher</p>	<p>investigation it would be please to explore options.</p> <p>Neil Richardson Neil.richardson@barnet.gov.uk</p>	
4.	<p>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>Denise Menashy</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"> 1) A north facing carriageway with a minimum gradient of 1 in 10 2) A carriageway with a steep incline and a sharp bend 3) A slip road leading onto a main road <p>Neil Richardson Neil.richardson@barnet.gov.uk</p>	<p>No response required.</p> <p>Neil Richardson Neil.richardson@barnet.gov.uk</p>
5	<p>Petition Received</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</p>	<p>No response required.</p>

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	<p>Free Parking Bays in Mill Hill</p> <p>30 Signatures</p>	<p>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 boroughwide 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>Neil Richardson Neil.richardson@barnet.gov.uk</p>	<p>Neil Richardson Neil.richardson@barnet.gov.uk</p>
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</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</p>	<p>The PCN was issued in error. It has been withdrawn and advice given to the officer concerned.</p> <p>John McArdle John.Mcardle@barnet.gov.uk</p>

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	<p>Hillfield Avenue</p> <p>112 signatures</p> <p>Nick Poulloura</p>	<p>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>Neil Richardson Neil.richardson@barnet.gov.uk</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>Mr Sivarajah</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>Neil Richardson Neil.richardson@barnet.gov.uk</p>	<p>No response required.</p> <p>Neil Richardson Neil.richardson@barnet.gov.uk</p>
8.	<p>Glendor Gardens (no 7 – 23)</p> <p>Vehicles have damaged the grass verges causing 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>This issue will be investigated and appropriate action recommended where necessary</p> <p>Neil Richardson Neil.richardson@barnet.gov.uk</p>	<p>The Highways Manager informed Mr Sommers that any contravention of the highways code needs to be witnessed before any action can be carried out including enforcement. The vehicle owners need to be established.</p> <p>Mr Sommers visited the North London Business Park on 16 March 2011 and spoke with Council Officers to find a solution to the verge parking on Glendor Gardens.</p>

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	Mr Sommers		Neil Richardson Neil.richardson@barnet.gov.uk
9. a)	<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 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>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 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>The original STP for Ayesha Community was completed in 2008 which refers to the old site. The STP rewrite for the new site is unfortunately still in draft form so is not yet in a position to be made public. Officers have chased ACED reminding them of the benefits of completing a valid STP in assisting to identify and progress traffic management improvement measures</p> <p>Neil Richardson Neil.richardson@barnet.gov.uk</p>
b)	<p>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>Judy Shepherd Montagu Road Residents Assoc.</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>Roger Gilbert Roger.gilbert@barnet.gov.uk</p> <p>The Council's Noise, Nuisance and Public Health</p>	

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		<p>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)</p> <p>b)</p>	<p>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>There is a large pothole in Neeld Crescent, N4. Various approaches to the Council but no response</p> <p>Jackie Anderson</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 15th March.</p> <p>Dave Ward Dave.ward@barnet.gov.uk</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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>A meeting is arranged for Friday, 11th 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>Neil Richardson Neil.richardson@barnet.gov.uk</p>	<p>The Highways manager will request that the street cleaning team visit the area to identify the litter hot spot at the bus stop.</p> <p>Neil Richardson Neil.richardson@barnet.gov.uk</p>

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11	<p>When is Somerton Road going to be tarmaced like Claremont Road which was recently completed?</p> <p>Honora Morrissey</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>Neil Richardson Neil.richardson@barnet.gov.uk</p>	<p>No response required.</p> <p>Neil Richardson Neil.richardson@barnet.gov.uk</p>
12	<p>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>Helen Rosehill</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>Neil Richardson Neil.richardson@barnet.gov.uk</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.</p> <p>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>Jenny Warren Jenny.warren@barnet.gov.uk</p>	<p>No response required.</p> <p>Neil Richardson Neil.richardson@barnet.gov.uk</p>
13	<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</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"> o We originally expected the works to start summer 2010 and be completed well before December o That snow and bad weather further 	<p>Mr Basham was happy with the response provide and expected an improvement in the next few weeks.</p> <p>No further response required.</p>

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	<p>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>Bill Basham</p>	<p>hampered the operation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ That Fairview have not put enough resources into the works and this has caused yet further delay ○ We have had to extend the licence allowing them to do these works, as if we hadn't, the situation would have been worse ○ 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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... • 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 • 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 • The National Blood Service have praised the site management's efforts and any complaints have been dealt with promptly <p>Neil Richardson Neil.richardson@barnet.gov.uk</p>	<p>Neil Richardson Neil.richardson@barnet.gov.uk</p>
14. a)	<p>Copthall stadium.</p> <p>What is the present position concerning the Saracens proposal? In particular, has a planning application been</p>	<p>A report is being Considered by CRC on 28th 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</p>	<p>Planning application for Saracens development at Copthall was registered on 18/03/11. The application is still under consideration.</p>

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	<p>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 traffic and parking?</p>	<p>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> <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>Judith Ellis Judith.ellis@barnet.gov.uk</p>	<p>Lesley Feldman Lesley.feldman@barnet.gov.uk</p> <p>No further response</p> <p>Judith Ellis Judith.ellis@barnet.gov.uk</p>
b)	<p>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.</p> <p>The committee did request that Forum meetings could also be held at North Road on occasions.</p> <p>Judith Ellis Judith.ellis@barnet.gov.uk</p>	
	<p>Church Farm Museum. What is its</p>	<p>The special character of the building will be a primary consideration in relation to this property,</p>	

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c)	<p>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>with strong consultation with English Heritage who will have a significant influence on any decision making.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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> <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</p>	

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d)	<p>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>Andrew Dismore President of New Edgware Branch, Royal British Legion</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>Judith Ellis Judith.ellis@barnet.gov.uk</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</p> <p>Sue Taylor Sue.taylor@barnet.gov.uk</p>	<p>We have now met with a representative of Harrow Council to discuss the various issues relating to the memorial.</p> <p>This has confirmed that the structure is a listed monument and planning consent would be needed from Harrow in addition to permission to proceed from Harrow as it is within their Borough.</p> <p>Barnet has a responsibility to maintain the memorial but does not have a budget for additional works of this nature but would be willing to help a community led initiative such as that for the New Barnet Memorial'</p> <p>Sue Taylor</p>
e)	<p>What is the present position concerning the future of the former Child Guidance Centre building, North Road?</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</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>and income levels whilst also achieving a new structure which will permit savings in rates, insurance and other outgoings.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Denise Barraclough MRICS Denise.Barraclough@barnet.gov.uk</p> <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.</p> <p>Paul Shipway Paul.shipway@barnet.gov.uk</p>	<p>Sue.taylor@barnet.gov.uk</p> <p>Discussions are ongoing in order to put in place a more sustainable structure for the organisation and we continue to work closely with Community Barnet.</p> <p>Denise Barraclough MRICS Denise.Barraclough@barnet.gov.uk</p> <p>No further response</p> <p>Paul Shipway Paul.shipway@barnet.gov.uk</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>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>	

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h)	<p>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>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 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>Paul Shipway Paul.shipway@barnet.gov.uk</p>	
i)	<p>What was the response from the Secretary of State to the Council's</p>	<p>Assurances have been received that the concerns</p>	

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j)	<p>representations regarding the impact of Housing benefit cuts?</p> <p>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>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>Paul Shipway Paul.shipway@barnet.gov.uk</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>Paul Shipway Paul.shipway@barnet.gov.uk</p>	
k)	<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>The rule referred to is the decision that from April 2012, the Housing Benefit 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</p> <p>The shared room will not apply to people receiving the middle or high rate of the care component of Disability Living Allowance.</p> <p>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>Jon Barnett Jon.barnett@barnet.gov.uk</p> <p>A 125 year lease was granted to Country Gardens</p>	<p>It was announced in the recent budget that the change in the regulations restricting single people under 35 to a single room rent or the shared room LHA rate has been brought forward from April 2011 to January 2011. Details of the legislation and exactly how the change would take effect are not yet</p> <p>Jon Barnett Jon.barnett@barnet.gov.uk</p>

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l)	<p>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>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.</p> <p>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 provide community benefit.</p> <p>The free school is being funded by the</p>	<p>Planning application for temporary change of use of part of 80 Daws Lane to Class D1 (Education) was approved on 11/05/11 by Planning and Environment Committee. Planning application for the change of use of the Wyevale Garden Centre, Daws Lane from Class A1 (retail) to Class D1 (education) was registered on 26/04/11 and is still under consideration.</p> <p>Lesley Feldman Lesley.feldman@barnet.gov.uk</p>

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m)	<p>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>Government under its Partnership for Schools programme, and is not funded by the council.</p> <p>Judith Ellis Judith.ellis@barnet.gov.uk</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 www.etzchaim-primaryschool.org.uk or by email: info@etzchaim-primaryschool.org.uk or tel: 07530494500”</p> <p>Lesley Feldman Lesley.feldman@barnet.gov.uk</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>No further response</p> <p>Paul Lamb Paul.lamb@barnet.gov.uk</p>

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n)	<p>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>Andrew Dismore</p>	<p>Abstractions from their wards are kept to a minimum.</p> <p>Paul Lamb Paul.lamb@barnet.gov.uk</p> <p>A report is being submitted to CRC on 28th 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>Judith Ellis Judith.ellis@barnet.gov.uk</p>	<p>No further response</p> <p>Judith Ellis Judith.ellis@barnet.gov.uk</p>
15.	<p>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</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>No further response</p> <p>John Oliver John.oliver@barnet.gov.uk</p>

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	<p>broken into to and arrests have been made.</p> <p>Can the Council please:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Put up 'No ball games allowed' signs on the garages and gate? • Prune the tress to help community safety <p>Mr C Kasba</p>	<p>The locations do form part of patrols by the local Safer Neighbourhood Team and they do attend when resources allow.</p> <p>John Oliver John.oliver@barnet.gov.uk</p>	
16. a)	<p>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>Clive Cohen, LWT Barnet Group</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 obtain a commitment from their RSL partners. We have new bidders and a report is going forward to the CRC.</p> <p>Richard Malinowski Richard.Malinowski@barnet.gov.uk</p>	<p>We believe funding would be limited and so insufficient to renovate the site. In any event none was applied for.</p> <p>Richard Malinowski Richard.Malinowski@barnet.gov.uk</p>
b)	<p>LBB has had a policy of not "selling the family silver".</p> <p>Is it true that this policy is being reviewed in view of the financial</p>	<p>The policy of not 'selling the family' silver has not changed but we occasionally review the possibility of freehold sales where this is considered appropriate</p> <p>Richard Malinowski</p>	

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c)	<p>restraints and in particular with regard to freehold property interests?</p> <p>Clive Cohen</p> <p>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 & 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&M's willingness to acquire the Lease.</p>	<p>Richard.Malinowski@barnet.gov.uk</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.</p> <p>Richard Malinowski Richard.Malinowski@barnet.gov.uk</p>	
d)	<p>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&M which would:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relieve the Borough of present maintenance costs and responsibilities; • 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; • Permit this Green Belt Reserve to be enjoyed by present and future 	<p>We are waiting for Councillors to advise us what we should be doing with the site.</p> <p>Richard Malinowski Richard.Malinowski@barnet.gov.uk</p>	<p>The highways manager informed Mr Cohen that the matter would be investigated and suggested meeting Mr Cohen on site to discuss solutions.</p> <p>Neil Richardson Neil.richardson@barnet.gov.uk</p>

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e)	<p>generations of the public, particularly with the financial support of the Residents of Totteridge and in accordance with 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>Clive Cohen, LWT Barnet Group & Member of Herts & Middx W.T.</p> <p>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>Clive Cohen, LWT Barnet Group</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>Neil Richardson Neil.richardson@barnet.gov.uk</p>	
17. a)	<p>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>In response to the information regarding reserves (17a below), the Statement of Accounts shows that as at the 31st 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</p>	<p>No further update</p> <p>Catherine Peters Catherine.peters@barnet.gov.uk</p>

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b)	Does the Council have any plans or intentions of closing any libraries and if so which ones?	<p>following link http://www.barnet.gov.uk/statement-of-accounts</p> <p>Catherine Peters Catherine.peters@barnet.gov.uk</p> <p>Cabinet are expected to consider a new strategy on 29 March 2011.</p> <p>Tom Pike Tom.pike@barnet.gov.uk</p>	<p>A proposed library strategy is to be considered by Cabinet on 29 March and, if approved, would be subject to consultation for ten weeks.</p> <p>The strategy sets out a clear vision for the future. In the 21st century Barnet's library service should be an exceptional reading service that puts learning and literacy at the heart of what we do. It should enable easy access to information, and provide services through high quality spaces designed to meet the needs of communities. Specifically, our library service should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • increase reading, literacy and learning opportunities for children. • promote reading and learning opportunities for adults. • engage with communities and offer improved community spaces, access and resources. • provide easy access to wider world of knowledge and information. <p>A range of improvements are planned: improving buildings; buying more books; offering longer opening hours; WiFi and self-service in all libraries; a better online branch; new outreach and literacy/reading programmes; better study, activity and community space; and accessible buildings. To deliver this, changes to the network of branches are proposed.</p> <p>3 Landmark Libraries in Hendon, Chipping</p>

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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?	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.	Barnet, and a new Finchley site (proposed to be co-located within the Arts Depot, subject to negotiation). 9 Leading Libraries across Barnet. 2 Link Libraries in Grahame Park and Child's Hill, integrated within other public services and offering a wider range of services to better meet the needs of residents and library users in those areas. This strategy proposes merging Friern Barnet and North Finchley into a Landmark Library, remodelling provision in Hampstead Garden Suburb (potentially offering a self-service collection), and several new/improved buildings. Tom Pike Tom.pike@barnet.gov.uk
d)	Pot – Holes Could the pot-holes be filled in, outside the 'Request Centre' on Edgware Road?	This issue will be investigated and appropriate action recommended where necessary	No further response Neil Richardson Neil.richardson@barnet.gov.uk No response required.
18. a)	Has the London Borough of Barnet any plans to be directly involved with the London 2012 Olympic Games?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 	The London Borough of Barnet Youth Support Service will be considering a number of ways to utilise the 2012 Olympic Games as a way to inspire young people to get active. A key development in this process will be appointing

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b)	<p>What is the latest known figure of expenditure for upgrading, maintenance and repairing for Barnet's pavements? Who pays for these improvements?</p>	<p>to volunteer up to 20 hours within their local community using their qualification.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • We have been selling subsidised Barnet-specific London 2012 pin badges to local schools, sports clubs and members of the public. • 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. • 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. • 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. <p>Tom Burton Tom.burton@barnet.gov.uk</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,</p>	<p>a new 'Olympic Partnerships Advisor' who will work with various borough and community partners, including schools, to ensure opportunities for young people to engage with the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games is maximised.</p> <p>Tom Burton Tom.burton@barnet.gov.uk</p> <p>Flo Armstrong Flo.armstrong@barnet.gov.uk</p> <p>No further update</p> <p>Chris Palmer Chris.palmer@barnet.gov.uk</p> <p>No response required.</p> <p>Neil Richardson Neil.richardson@barnet.gov.uk</p>

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	Mr Dan	<p>however it would be a fair assumption that at least half is spent on footway repairs.</p> <p>Neil Richardson Neil.richardson@barnet.gov.uk</p>	
19.	<p>a) The weight restriction sign on the Edgeware 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,</p> <p>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</p>	<p>Highways Maintenance Team will look into relocating the signs and will discuss the weight limit with the Councils Highways Design Team.</p> <p>This issue will be investigated and appropriate action recommended where necessary</p> <p>Neil Richardson Neil.richardson@barnet.gov.uk</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>Neil Richardson Neil.richardson@barnet.gov.uk</p>	<p>No further response</p> <p>Neil Richardson Neil.richardson@barnet.gov.uk</p> <p>No response required.</p> <p>Neil Richardson Neil.richardson@barnet.gov.uk</p>

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	<p>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>		
20.	<p>a) What's happening with West Hendon regeneration?</p>	<p>The first phase of the regeneration proposals has commenced on site and the Council is currently in detailed discussions with the developers, Barratt Metroplitan llp in relation to bringing forward future phases of the project.</p> <p>Martin Cowie Martin.cowie@barnet.gov.uk</p>	<p>No further response Martin Cowie Martin.cowie@barnet.gov.uk</p>
	<p>b) 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 16th March'</p> <p>Neil Richardson Neil.richardson@barnet.gov.uk</p>	<p>No further response Neil Richardson Neil.richardson@barnet.gov.uk</p>

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

Date of future meetings will be confirmed at Annual Council on 17 May 2011.

Officers Present:

Neil Richardson – Acting Highways Manager
Paul Frost – Democratic Services
Lesley Feldman – Hendon Area Planning Manager

Councillors Present:

Councillor Claire Farrier
Councillor Geoffrey Johnson
Councillor Julie Johnson
Councillor Ansuya Sodha
Councillor Charlie O'Macauley

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