

HENDON RESIDENTS FORUM

Wednesday 14 March 2012 6pm

Hendon Town Hall, The Burroughs, Hendon, Hendon, NW4 4BG

ISSUES TO BE CONSIDERED

Issue Raised	Response															
<div>1. e-petition – 48 Signatures</div> <div>retain the road humps on Wykeham Road</div> <div><i>We have been advised that the Council is planning to resurface Wykeham Road and to remove the speed humps. We believe that this is a strong road safety case and that the humps have kept the car speeding down. This was the only guarantee to make Wykeham Road a save street for all the children, disabled and elderly people living in and around the Road. A few years ago the humps on Brampton Grove have been removed. We have observed a huge increase in car speeding. The speed measure units that have been installed keep lighting up and indicate how many cars are driving over the safety limit; but the drivers don't see to bothered and many accidents happened. There have been two very serious accidents with overturned cars. Ambulances and fireengines never use Wykeham Road, unless they need to access Wykeham Road itself. Please could you acknowledge the request signed by all our neighbors and help us keep this</i></div>	<div>When a road is resurfaced traffic calming measures such as road humps are removed. As part of the process questionnaires are sent to residents seeking views on whether consideration should be given to reinstating the humps. Speed surveys are also carried out before and after resurfacing takes place. A decision about whether or not to reinstate traffic calming measures is taken once local residents views are known and the speed surveys have been assessed.</div> <div>In the case of Wykeham Road, the Council is currently collating the consultation responses and will also carry out further speed surveys in due course, after which a decision will be made as to whether it is considered appropriate to reinstate the humps or not.</div> <div>Wykeham Road Residents Consultation Results<table><tr><th>Would you like traffic management measures to be reinstated in Wykeham Road NW4 (Brampton Grove to Queens Road)</th><th>Number</th><th>%</th></tr><tr><td>YES</td><td>37</td><td>94.9</td></tr><tr><td>NO</td><td>2</td><td>5.1</td></tr><tr><td>NO OPINION</td><td>0</td><td>-</td></tr><tr><td>NOT COUNTED</td><td>0</td><td>-</td></tr></table><div>39</div></div> <div>Return rate: There were 86 questionnaires delivered to Wykeham Road addresses and 39 returned. This is a reply rate of 45.3%.</div>	Would you like traffic management measures to be reinstated in Wykeham Road NW4 (Brampton Grove to Queens Road)	Number	%	YES	37	94.9	NO	2	5.1	NO OPINION	0	-	NOT COUNTED	0	-
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<p><i>neighborhood as safe as possible.</i></p> <p>http://petitions.barnet.gov.uk/WYKEHAM/</p> <p>Mrs Sylvie Bollag</p>	<p>NOT INCLUDED IN ANALYSIS</p> <p>Other returns not counted -There were 22 leaflets returned from residents not having a Wykham Road address. (Either no address given or addresses given which were not Wykham Road).</p> <p>Neil Richardson Neil.richarson@barnet.gov.uk</p>
<p>2. a) Edgware War memorial: what is going on about maintenance and adding WW2 and subsequent conflict names of the fallen?</p> <p>b) New free school in Mill Hill: parking and traffic implications: what is being done to monitor and ameliorate them?</p> <p>c) Saracens and Copthall: parking and traffic implications: what will be done to monitor and ameliorate them?</p>	<p>Asset Management are liaising with Barnet Memorial initiative in order to add 215 names to the memorial. However there is currently no space to add these names. Options are being considered in order to include these names either on or in close proximity to this memorial.</p> <p>Richard Spencer Richard.spencer@barnet.gov.uk</p> <p>The parking pressures for the new free school will be monitored and mitigated, principally through the school's travel plan that promotes the reduction in single car use to the site and encourages car sharing and other ways to travel to school. This has been found to be an effective tool for other schools within Barnet.</p> <p>The Council has also secured contributions from the applicants for measures to install school keep clear markings, review on- street parking, and implement additional waiting restrictions (which may include and extension to the existing CPZ).</p> <p>Neil Richardson Neil.richardson@barnet.gov.uk</p> <p>The Traffic and Parking implication of the proposed relocation of Saracens to Copthall has been fully assessed as part of the Planning Permission process. The Planning Approval incorporates a S106 Agreement which includes the implementation of parking restrictions to prevent spectator parking impacting on local residents.</p> <p>Other measures such as a Stadium Travel Plan and Local Area Management</p>

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		<p>Plan are required to ensure sustainable travel to the stadium, reducing the need for travel by car and to manage any impact on-street. There is also a Comprehensive Monitoring and Review Programme on monitor the activity at the stadium and funding secured to implement additional measures that may be required to mitagate any traffic or parking impact.</p> <p>Neil Richardson Neil.richardson@barnet.gov.uk</p>
d)	Church Farmhouse museum: security issues: what is being done to ensure the building and collection are secure?	<p>The safer neighbourhood team will be advised of this issue and will carry of regular patrols of this area.</p> <p>Richard Bell Richard.bell@barnet.gov.uk</p>
e)	Hendon Parks: useage: what is being done to ensure as many people as possible can use them?	<p>The parks in Hendon offer a wide range of facilities to encourage and enable their use. The Council maintains the parks to a good standard by keeping the grass cut, litter collected etc and entrances open and clear to make the parks feel open and safer. Events are permitted and encouraged to take place.</p> <p>A series of improvement works have also taken place in the last 12 months that have also increased the use of the parks that include: Sunny Hill Park – New shared use footpath and lighting, jubilee woodland Hendon Park – Removal or overgrown shrubs from memorial garden and refurbishment of the pond Brent Park – Opening up of the site through clearance of overgrown vegetation, new shared use footpath and viewing platform and refurbishment of the pond. Brookside – New shared use footpath and play areas specifically catering for less able children.</p>
f)	What is the council doing about the concerns of traders in Edgware and Mill Hill about parking, local crime, traffic and	<p>The town keepers and their assistants are on duty Monday to Friday keeping the town centres free of litter and sweeping both manually and with the applied sweeping machines. At weekends and bank holidays there is a sweeper on duty from 07.00 till 15.00hrs. There is also ample provision of litter bins at both town centres.</p>

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f)	<p>transport and street cleaning?</p> <p>There is a need for a pelican pedestrian crossing on Aerodrome Rd to benefit residents of Beaufort Park. Can the Councils please install one?</p> <p>Mr Andrew Dismore</p>	<p>Dave Ward Dave.ward@barnet.gov.uk</p> <p>The Council is responding to the concerns of the traders in Mill Hill and Edgware, and other parts of the borough, by freezing street parking prices whilst other charges are being increased, and by undertaking a policy review which will report back in September 2012.</p> <p>John McArdle John.mcardle@barnet.gov.uk</p> <p>In relation to Edgware and Mill Hill the Priority Intervention Officers from the Community Protection Group are in close liaison with the local MPS Safer Neighbourhood Team which enables a partnership approach. In relation to crime operations and burglary hot spot intelligence they are also regularly briefed with current Intel and in addition targeting relevant areas in relation to their day to day duties. Richard Bell Crime and Disorder Information Manager.</p> <p>Richard Bell Richard.bell@barnet.gov.uk</p> <p>We have carried out a feasibility study to assess the pedestrian environment on Aerodrome Road using s106 funding from the Beaufort Park development Scheme. This has highlighted the need for additional pedestrian crossing points on these roads. We will be progressing these improvements subject to member approval.</p> <p>Neil Richardson Neil.richardson@barnet.gov.uk</p>
3. a)	<p>The BBC hour long programme on 15 February 2012 'Bee's, Butterfly's and Blossoms' reported the saving of hundreds of thousands of pounds by Leeds, Birmingham authorities by environmentally friendly planting and management of their greenspaces.</p>	<p>The Council already manages many of its open spaces by setting aside areas for meadows and sustainable planting. The portfolio is a mixture of management practices that are appropriate to the location. The Council has only 27 sites where seasonal bedding displays are present to provide colour, interest and an element of formality. These sites were identified as key locations where bedding displays would remain when the bedding was reduced</p>

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	<p>Would not the authority agree that what is good enough for them is good enough for us in the saving of thousands and is now the priority of the authority?</p> <p>London Wildlife Trust Barnet Group</p> <p>b) Does the authority believe that in review of the parking charges it should review its stakeholders being permitted to charge those visiting hospital the sick and mostly the elderly for parking their cars.</p> <p>Mr Clive SM Cohen</p>	<p>in 2006 to make savings by replacing them with lower cost alternatives and the Council does not wish to remove and replace these with wildflowers.</p> <p>Greenspaces parks@barnet.gov.uk</p> <p>When motorists are parking on the streets or in the Council car parks, these being locations over which it has control, a standard set of fees is in place which does not depend on the purpose of their visit. This is believed to be the fairest way to apply the charges.</p> <p>Where the parking takes place in a private car park, including those administered by health authorities, the charges and conditions are a matter for the owner and operator and it would not be appropriate for the Council to take or express a view.</p> <p>John McArdle John.mcArdle@barnet.gov.uk</p>
4.	<p>Parking on Bittacy Hill, St Vincent Lane which is causing a lot of obstruction and congestion jamming up the traffic.</p> <p>Mt Jeff Breslaw,</p>	<p>Due to recent essential roadworks there has been an upturn in parking and traffic congestion in the Bittacy Hill area. However, enforcement has remained vigilant with regular visits made on Bittacy Hill and St. Vincent Lane to try and keep the area as clear as possible, and in cases where vehicles were parked in contravention Penalty Charge Notices have been issued.</p> <p>James Norman James.norman@barnet.gov.uk</p>
5.	<p>Street Cleaning</p> <p>Why do Barnet Council charge high rate for spical collection for large items in comparison to other London Boroughs?</p> <p>Can the Council publish its street cleaning schedule and an Bell Lane/King Close be reviewed for a thorough clean / sweep.</p>	<p>Barnets charge for special collections reflects the increasing cost of diesel fuel and insurance. The pricing structure was agreed by Members.</p> <p>The revised street cleaning schedule will be published on the website by 1st April 2012. Bell Lane & Kings Close are due to be swept week commencing 26th March.</p> <p>Dave Ward</p>

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	Kim Healy	Dave.ward@barnet.gov.uk
6.	<p>Air quality: Poets corner area: what is the council doing to monitor and improve this?</p> <p>Disposal of site waste form Bedford House site, Mill Hill. What are the council's plans to minimise local disruption and damage to the roads?</p> <p>Mr Andrew Dismore</p>	<p>Poets Corner relates to the proposed school that has recently had planning permission approved on the site of the garden centre in Daws Lane.</p> <p>A planning condition for the approved school is for an air quality assessment report to be submitted and approved. This will assess the existing air quality as well as the impact on air quality of the school. The Scientific Services team will review the report to ensure that the assumptions made and conclusions reached are correct. The team will also ensure that any air pollution mitigations measures found to be necessary are appropriate.</p> <p>The Scientific Services team has a statutory duty under the Environmental Protection Act 1990 to work towards improving air quality in the Borough. We have an Air Quality Action Plan that sets out how we are doing this. We have two air quality monitoring stations that measure air pollutants. Further information on team’s air quality work can be found on the Council website. Lucy Robson Lucy.robson@barnet.gov.uk</p> <p>The Council will request a site management plan which is a condition of the planning permission. If residents have any concerns and don’t believe the site management plan is being applied then please contact the Councils enforcement service who will investigate the matter.</p> <p>Neil Richardson Neil.richardson@barnet.gov.uk</p>

Future meeting dates will be agreed at Annual Council on 15 May 2012.

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Monday 23 January 2011 6:00pm

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Action/Update Note

Chairman: *Councillor Brian Gordon
Vice-Chairman: *Councillor Sury Khatri

*Denotes Councillor Present

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1	<p>Joint letter of representation received from 25 residents of The Fairway and surrounds in the London Borough of Barnet NW7, who are objecting to the 'school-keep-clear' proposals being consulted.</p> <p>Sandy Clifford</p>	<p>The school keep clear proposal as a stand-alone item purely related to the location of the new school site has now been put on hold pending further guidance. Officers recognise, and have taken on board, the need to extend the scope of the parking review at this location and will be engaging with residents and ward members further as part of a wider remit that seeks to deal with traffic management concerns in the wider neighbourhood.</p> <p>Neil Richardson Neil.richardson@barnet.gov.uk</p>	<p>No further update at this stage.</p> <p>Neil Richardson Neil.richardson@barnet.gov.uk</p>
2.	<p>During the year the authority spends many thousands of pounds on planting throughout the Borough.</p> <p>Twice or more each year these are replaced and then discarded.</p> <p>Does there exist any reason as to why these plants which include Pansies, Geraniums and Wool Flower. Could these be offered for free to many Barnet Gardeners?</p> <p>Secondly would it be possible for the nectar and pollen yielding plants and shrubs to be chosen for the planting thus by helping Honey</p>	<p>The seasonal bedding that is removed/replaced twice per annum to provide colour and interest is not offered to for re-use as the plants are often well past their best and are in the main damaged during their removal, making them unsuitable for re-use. There is insufficient time to carefully remove each plant and re-pot or batch these for re-use as this would significantly increase the resources needed to carry out this task.</p> <p>There are nectar and pollen yielding shrubs located throughout the borough both in parks and on the public highway. The primary function of seasonal bedding is to provide a display rather than provide ecological value.</p> <p>However, many of the plants used in bedding displays are a good source of nectar and pollen, such as Marigold, Petunia, Fuschia etc.</p>	<p>No further response</p>

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	<p>Bees and Bumble Bee's and invertebrates.</p> <p>London Wildlife Trust, Barnet Group</p>	Greenspaces	
3.	<p>I have outlined below a concern regarding the safety of pupils on their journey to school outside Woodcroft Primary School (Goldbeaters Grove, HA8 0QF), especially at drop off and pick times, 8.55am and 3.15pm.</p> <p>Problems stem from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parked cars along Goldbeaters Grove outside of the school restricting the width of the road to 1 lane, making it difficult for two way traffic. • At drop off times car users are unable to park so stop in the middle of the road • Other drivers then mount the curbs to pass • This situation occurs on the road corner where drivers turn at speed into Goldbeaters Grove. • Adjacent to the school is a cul-de-sac. Driver use this to turn, this cause additional hazards with cars reversing and pulling out across pedestrians. • There have been a number of near miss accidents, with parents reporting that cars have made contact with parents and children. • There are often frequent incidents of road rage outside of the school at busy time and inform of young children. <p>Would the council consider making Goldbeaters Grove a one way street in order to improve pupil safety?</p> <p>Does the council consider it appropriate to wait</p>	<p>Schools in the Borough are encouraged to highlight matters of road safety concern, and are also encouraged to do this through completion of a School Travel Plan. The school is therefore encouraged to liaise the school's School Travel Plan (STP) Champion who can then seek further advice from the Council's School Travel Advisor as well as considering pupil led campaigns to encourage more sustainable travel and to remind those parents that have to drive to do so carefully and considerately. Further ideas can be found in the Modeshifter resources that have been sent to the STP Champion.</p> <p>Requests for the investigation of travel issues linked to a school are dealt with through the School Travel Plan process as successful completion of this can help lead to funding becoming available for investigation into the concerns raised. Whilst this does not mean that focus will be place on the proposed solutions they would be considered as part of an investigation and any proposed solution.</p> <p>The Woodcroft School Travel Plan is due to be updated in March 2012 and it is advised that the concerns raised appear in the updated Travel Plan in the issues section as well as requesting that the council investigates these issues in the action plan. If funding becomes available and the Woodcroft issues are prioritised then the Council will of course investigate.</p> <p>Neil Richardson Neil.richardson@barnet.gov.uk</p>	<p>No further update at this stage.</p> <p>Neil Richardson Neil.richardson@barnet.gov.uk</p>

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	<p>until there is a serious accident before taking any action?</p> <p>As a local resident and Governor at the school I am representing the views of a number of parents and these same issues have been raised at our own Parent Meetings in school.</p> <p>Please advise me of how this matter will proceed.</p> <p>Donna Dolphin</p>		
4.	<p>From all reports in the local press LBB has lost many authority and privately owned trees in the recent gales.</p> <p>What plans have and are being made to replace these trees hopefully like for like and encourage residents to do the same.</p> <p>Does the authority have stocks available to replace the trees for free or at low cost as the Woodland Trust until recently were supplying them for free?</p> <p>London Wildlife Trust, Barnet Group</p>	<p>The recent storms saw the loss of approximately 35 authority owned trees.</p> <p>The Council replenishes the tree stock annually, those trees that were lost in January are recorded and considered for replacement in the next years planting programme. This enables us to manage the tree stock sustainably.</p> <p>The Woodland trust schemes are for very specific projects aimed at woodland creation by local communities etc with whips which is not applicable to replenish the tree stock which is done with containerised standards.</p> <p>Greenspaces</p> <p>For trees included in a Tree Preservation Order or in a Conservation Area, if a tree is removed under the 'dead / dying / dangerous' provisions it would be exempt from the usual consent / notification procedures, but in accordance with the TPO legislation, there would be an obligation to plant a replacement. However, as the treework is exempt, the Council may not be aware that a tree has been removed.</p> <p>If a privately owned tree that is not protected has come down, the Council has no planning powers of control to require replacement planting.</p> <p>Ann Currell Ann.currell@barnet.gov.uk</p>	<p>The Mayor of London's 10,000 street tree project is now complete and Barnet successfully participated.</p> <p>This project was never designed to replace trees lost in storms and areas identified by GLA due to social & environmental factors.</p> <p>We have successfully restocked Barnet's street trees for many years and last year, following a dead tree survey, planted an increase of 100% more than usual. This has ramifications in establishment & aftercare costs and this was a factor in limiting this years planting, but only to effectively channel our resources at ensuring these young trees are looked after properly to have a chance of reaching maturity.</p> <p>Greenspaces parks@greenspaces.gov.uk</p>
5.	Church Farmhouse Museum and the	Operational funding was withdrawn from the council's museum	No further response

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<p>surrounding grounds have now been put up for sale. Does the council intend to protect the grounds of this historic building from development and preserve them as a greenspace for residents, or will they be sold off for development?</p> <p>Ms Musgrove</p>	<p>services at 31/3/2011 following a full council decision-making and public consultation process. The council elected to offer a 3 month window of opportunity for local interest groups to make proposals to run Church Farmhouse Museum and garden, as a community museum or related service. At the end of that period, no proposals were pursued. Church Farmhouse is now permanently closed to the public.</p> <p>The property being identified as surplus to the Council's service requirement, was reviewed and went through full consultation to Cabinet Resources Committee on 28 July 2011, with a decision to sell, as detailed below.</p> <p>CHURCH FARMHOUSE, GREYHOUND HILL, NW4 4JR (Report of the Cabinet Member for Resources and Performance – Agenda Item 7):</p> <p>For the reasons set out in the Cabinet Member's report, the Committee:</p> <p>RESOLVED –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) That the Council's freehold interest in the land identified in plan no. 24323 which includes the Church Farm Museum building be declared surplus to its requirements. (2) That the disposal of the freehold interest be advertised on the open market to seek details of proposed schemes and initial bids. (3) That the appraisal and results of the open market testing be reported to a future meeting of the Cabinet Resources Committee for further consideration. <p>The property which is the building and the garden is therefore currently being marketed.</p> <p>The garden is also subject to a S123a notice under the Local Government Act 1972 where residents are able to put in representation which will be considered at the same time of the proposals and reported.</p> <p>The marketing invites submissions from all parties, and all proposals</p>	<p>Suzanna Ellis Suzabba.ellis@barnet.gov.uk</p>

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		<p>will be reported to CRC.</p> <p>It should be noted that the garden is not public open space and falls within the curtilage of the property. It will therefore be part of the disposal. The property is grade 11* listed, and any changes to the land and buildings or use, will require planning permission and listed building consent, which will be subject to consultation with English Heritage.</p> <p>The garden will be sold subject to any rights and clawback clauses which will constrain development.</p> <p>Suzanna Ellis</p>	

The Forum which commenced at 6.00pm ended at 7pm

Date of Future Meetings

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14 March 2012	Hendon Town Hall, The Burroughs, Hendon, Hendon, NW4 4BG

Officers Present:

Neil Richardson –Highways Manager
Paul Frost – Business Governance Officer

Councillors Present:

Councillor Maureen Braun
Councillor Claire Farrier
Councillor Geoffrey Johnson
Councillor Julie Johnson
Councillor Brian Schama
Councillor Ansuya Sodha
Councillor Charlie O-Macauley
Councillor Hugh Rayner

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