

<u>MEETING</u> POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE
<u>DATE AND TIME</u> TUESDAY 13TH FEBRUARY, 2018 AT 7.00 PM
<u>VENUE</u> HENDON TOWN HALL, THE BURROUGHS, LONDON NW4 4BG

Dear Councillors,

Please find enclosed additional papers relating to the following items for the above mentioned meeting which were not available at the time of collation of the agenda.

Item No	Title of Report	Pages
1.	PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS – WRITTEN COMMENTS	3 - 8

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Name and Agenda Item	Comment
Loretta Cowen – Agenda Item 7: North Finchley Town Centre Framework SPD	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. When the hug Tally Ho development and the Mosque development happened we in Gainsborough Road, round the corner, N12 8AA received no information or opportunity to comment despite the fact that both have had a massive impact on the traffic going down our road, which is also just near Woodside PARK STATION. e would all like our road to be made a cul de sac to prevent this happening again with this development. The emergency services cannot get through even now because of the huge flow of traffic, and I am sure will be pleased to divert their formal routes elsewhere anyway. 2. You appear not to have consulted any of the emergency services, police, ambulance etc about the development and this needs to happen before it goes any further. 3. We object to the possible night club in this residential area because of crime and noise.
Jimmy Haralambous - Agenda Item 7: North Finchley Town Centre Framework SPD	<p>I am the residential house manager at 100 Kingsway N12 0EQ. I am ok with the Regeneration of North Finchley but i have some big concerns about some parts mainly the Bus station, The report about the Regeneration North Finchley has many mistakes, the ones that affect me are the “parking and the bus station”. The report mentions turning most of the bus station to commercial shop use, the parts shown covered are the residential loading bays, refuse bay and bins it also covers my main transformer for the power to the building, all of them cannot be moved. The report does show limited excess to Aldi loading bay this will not work as the majority of the vehicles that use the loading bays are 18 wheeler semi-trailer trucks (the space is to small). Please can you make note of my concerns.</p>
Jim Haryott - Agenda Item 7: North Finchley Town Centre Framework SPD	<p>I'd like to register my objection to the current regeneration plans for North Finchley. Whilst I accept the current high street is tatty and tired, these plans are way too ambitious - with too much emphasis on taller buildings and more residential properties. A few things that spring to mind:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Buildings are far too tall The Arts Depot building is already completely incongruous - we don't need any more 12-story buildings blighting the area and we don't need to raise the height of any other buildings on the high street. - Not enough provision for parking, school places, other services For all these grandiose residential plans, there's simply not enough thought gone into the kinds of services people will need.

	<p>Parking, for example - where will new residents park? It's wishful thinking to imagine new residents won't want cars. The roads are busy already.</p> <p>- Too many Victorian buildings earmarked for demolition They might be tatty, but it feels like more wishful thinking to suppose that newer and slightly larger shop fronts will make any difference. The retail landscape has changed - who's to say this approach would be successful?</p>
<p>Ian Dunkin - Agenda Item 7: North Finchley Town Centre Framework SPD</p>	<p>As a local resident I wish to register these objections to the SPD to be considered by the Policy and Resources Committee, as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposals have been poorly communicated and consulted upon. • It is surely not enough to make materials available online if they are not widely advertised. Everyone in the local area should be consulted Proactively on such radical proposals. • The consultation received scant publicity, and most residents became aware only through local alarm raised by affected communities, such as the United Service Club. • I received feedback on my own responses, by email from the Forward.Planning team just yesterday, with notice of one working day for comments or questions to be received for the PRC! <p>If this is not a deliberate abuse of process, it is certainly not transparent or inclusive.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Even with the consultation thus minimised, it is clear that many concerns were received, and few of these have been addressed. • Concerns from Historic England about the architectural impact, including to the Grand Arcade, are ignored because they would constrain the financial return of developers. The aggregate loss of so many vernacular Victorian and Edwardian buildings would be a great loss to the local environment. • Concerns about the environment impact of 12 storey towers to the south of the site, are not addressed. The SPD proposals merely to step back these towers from the street continues to ignore the impact on the wider environment, and would transform an area of human scale into a cluster of tower blocks that would dramatically impact the area not just for local residents but for miles around. • This focus on high-rise developments is wholly out of keeping with the surrounding area and implies greatest emphasis on developer profitability. With the exception of the Arts Centre tower, there is nothing else of this scale in the area. • Since the SPD depends on this, to defer any study of the impact

	<p>on traffic movement, by diverting local and through traffic onto half the road space, is poorly thought through and unrealistic.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Likewise, not to consider the impact of thousands of new flats on local health and educational services at this stage, also undermines the coherence of the SPD. <p>Rather than hurrying through plans for dramatic change to the local community, with inadequate consultation and consideration, alternative plans should be prepared for options with less dramatic local impact, and presented broadly to all local people for a full and proper consultation. I hope you will represent these concerns in the discussion.</p>
<p>Barbara Pearce - Agenda Item 7: North Finchley Town Centre Framework SPD</p>	<p>If the council think there was extensive publicity about this project. We will have to agree to differ. 500 responses proves that hardly anyone knew about it.</p> <p>1.3 12.000 leaflets were only delivered in response to a request from Friern Barnet and Whetstone Resident's Assoc.</p> <p>Two businesses around the Tally Ho Pub knew anything about the proposals at the end of November, the rest didn't</p> <p>One company in Percy Road P/C Laptop Tablets who has been there since 1995 knew nothing about it all until last Saturday</p> <p>Who gets on the Councils Local Data Base? No one I know.</p> <p>1.4 If we were talking about a village, these numbers might sound impressive. For a large suburb of London, no!</p> <p>1.5 About the same as above. 200 responses from a population of over 12,000 is derisory. The people didn't know about the plans, however much Barnet Council which to deny this.</p> <p>1.9 There is no clear operational or passenger benefit for moving the bus station. It worked quite well as it was. Obviously a thorn in the side of the developers, but they probably aren't used to waiting in the rain for a bus.</p> <p>The comprehensive study on road network performance should have been done long before all the other plans were drawn up. Is the tail wagging the dog? Or perhaps it has been done. If so I am sorry.</p> <p>1.10 Perhaps an interpreter could let the uninformed know exactly what the sentence beginning, " In locations where the adjacent context is of a lower scale etc. etc. etc. means.</p> <p>1.10 The Grand Arcade obviously has not been a success even</p>

though it had a massive waste of public money spent on it in 2013.

Who really cares when it is not their money!

The whole paragraph sums up the complete callous nature of those who making these decisions. "The Gold Leaf" Jewellers and others wiped out in one sentence.

Make way for the developers please, your time is up.

1.11 Will the local jobs be gathering in the new public realm space in Ballards Lane at night?

Or maybe a few of the growing homeless evicted by local councils to make way for the rich might find it a satisfactory place to sleep.

Tall buildings will be required to improve the microclimate as is written in this report.

Tall buildings take away the sun and sky, they are usually oppressive and bring about depression. Who will deal with all the depressives with a rocketing population and so few GP's. The people who design these buildings will never live in them.

On the sentence starting "The approach to affordable housing will be in accordance with...."

Where is the affordable housing that has been built in the last year? Affordable by whom? Not the nurses, police, shopworkers or anyone else on a moderate salary. £1,000,000 + to buy a new house near Sweets Way!

1.12 Good to hear the Finchley United Services Club has been spared in the 100th anniversary year of the ending of the First World War.

1.13 If Barnet Council really go ahead with a multi-storey block of flats on Lodge Lane Car Park, right next to Northside School, we will all know just how uncaring the Council is.

1.14 Looks like Waitrose's days are numbered. Do they know they could be up for "grabs" if that is what is being said. Obviously a great site for 2 or 3 tower blocks on the boundary of the Town Centre.

1.15 - 1.17 Don't worry too much about the "gateways". If all this goes ahead no one will want to pass through unless they have a few hours to spare sitting in gridlock traffic or dodging the cyclists going at 30 miles hour in the cycle lanes. How will people north of the area travel through. Will it take 4 hours to drive from Barnet in the rush hour?

(But probably cars will ultimately be banned.)

1.18 There seems to be an opinion that North Finchley is another Barcelona and everyone is going to be sitting outdoors under a newly planted Fig Tree. We will all have so much money that we can drink and eat the whole day without a care in the world. We are all going to be sitting in Public Spaces in the good old British weather.

Pedestrians will be given priority, whilst maintaining access for all users .

Which other users? Cyclists? Probably not cars.

Most people want to go to the supermarket or local shops, get what they want, pick up their children from school, go to work, have lunch or dinner out for a special treat and go home. They are far too busy to sit and pass the time of day in a public space in North Finchley. Anyone who wants to sit and enjoy the open spaces can go to local parks, Hampstead Heath or walk along Dollis Brook. If you intend to build multi- storey flats, who will want to sit in their shadow. Not me.

1.22 Sounds very problematical to me. May be sorted in 20 years time or longer, after the whole western economy has collapsed and millions have no jobs because robots are doing them. No cars to worry about then. And no money to sit and drink coffee and eat cakes.

1.23 The presence of buses is never negative. Long live the bus! If the bus Station is so dreadful, who passed the plans for the building in the first place?
He/she should give the money back.

1.24 Most people in North Finchley know where to find the underground stations.
Maybe the underground network could be rerouted through Finchley Town Centre,
in case people really can't find the trains. Or else buy an A-Z or look on their Iphone, or even ask someone. A sign post might help but this could have been done years ago.
The Cyclists figure big in this report. Are non- cyclists considered real people?

1.25 Have found out the Transport Review is pages long. As we are given hardly 3 days to look at this report, I will leave it to others. Torture by degree!

1.26 A load of waffle until we get to the last sentence, about "car free development"

Please tell me how people are going to get their children to school, whose school can be miles away. What about all the goods delivered by Amazon and other companies.

Drones will probably rule the skies, just as long as it isn't cars on the road.

If the Mayor of London and all the councils of London are so concerned about pollution why do they allow so many aircraft to fly over our city? It should be an aircraft free zone.

Why is the car always blamed. Will planes be banned? Never!

1.30 KS06 Where exactly are they intending to relocate the parking of cars.

Suggestion: Compulsorily purchase Torrington Park and make it into a Public Space and a car park. The residents will be so shell shocked by all the other plans, they won't notice.

KOS5 Looks like you might have to do the same in Friern park, but they also will probably not notice either, due to perpetual shock at what

	<p>is happening all around them. Have the Estate Agents been warned, moving to North Finchley will bring great anxiety to their prospective buyers?</p> <p>3.1 Why couldn't the Town Centre Framework for North Finchley be put on hold for another 6 months to help people in the area digest all that many still do not know about, and to pass comment? Or do the Council want to face complete meltdown in the May elections?</p> <p>4.1 I have been told this is an important document but the Council is carrying on as if they are just discussing some small minor issue. This is people's lives and livelihoods from now on in. Do people matter so little to Barnet Council or the developer.</p> <p>The infrastructure as it is at present will not support thousands more people moving into the Borough of Barnet. Not enough schools, hospital beds, GP's, ambulances, public transport, room on roads, even if everyone walks with a rucksack, and all sorts of other things needed for peoples welfare. But it seems we will have more trees. The birds will be very happy.</p> <p>5.2.2 The report says the costs of delivering this planning document have been met by the developer in full. "He who pays the piper calls the tune"</p> <p>Today's newspaper article 7th February "Care system on brink of collapse". Everything very soon will be on the brink of collapse, so let us get ready. Melt down is coming.</p>
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