

CHIPPING BARNET RESIDENTS FORUM
BARNET HOUSE, 1255 HIGH ROAD, WHETSTONE, N20 0EJ
WEDNESDAY, 13 MARCH 2013, 6.00PM

Chairman: Councillor Kate Salinger
Vice-Chairman: Councillor Barry Evangeli

UPDATES

	Issue Raised	Response	Update (if any)
1.	<p><u>Traffic issues in Queens Road Barnet</u></p> <p>We are residents of 28 Queens Road Barnet EN5 4DG. Queen Elizabeth's Boys School is situated at the end of Queens Road and attracts a large amount of traffic during the morning drop off and afternoon collection periods. The traffic comprises private cars, mini buses and large 40 seater coaches. This large volume of traffic causes congestion and associated safety issues for both residents and the boys attending the School. We have met with Mr Tim Bennett an Assistant Head Master at the School and he shares our concerns. We have also been in touch with Cllr David Longstaff regarding this issue. We feel that a speed</p>	<p>A meeting to discuss the issues took place on Tuesday 12 March with officers and a local resident. It is intended to include the review of school signage in the discussion. A verbal update on the meeting will be provided at the Forum.</p>	<p>Barnet officers are currently undertaking a traffic and pedestrian safety feasibility study that covers Wellhouse Lane and Wood Street including the junction with Queens Road. In addition to recent meetings with both Transport for London (Buses) officers and some concerned residents, a meeting with QE II Boys is in the offing.</p> <p>Officers are therefore happy to widen the scope of the current investigation to include giving consideration to the 'introduction of 1) School street signage in Queens Road 2) a review of the traffic signage at the junction of Queens Road and Granville Road'.</p>

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	<p>limit of 20mph would improve matters however we understand from Cllr Longstaff that the police generally do not feel that this measure helps but that road signage notifying and reminding drivers that a school is nearby is worthwhile. We are also concerned about the junction of Queens Road with Granville Road. Although the road signage indicates that the traffic entering Queens Road from Granville Road must stop there are many occasions when this does not happen and the problem is made worse by the junction being congested with poor sight lines during the school drop off and collection times. A review of the current road markings and signage and any improvements that can be made would be worthwhile from a road safety standpoint. We would request that the Forum support our request to consider the introduction of 1) School street signage in Queens Road 2) a review of the traffic signage at the junction of Queens Road and Granville Road.</p> <p><i>(Chris Cormie)</i></p>		

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2.	<p><u>Woodhouse Slip Road</u></p> <p>1) Traffic calming to the slip road that runs east/west parallel to the north side of Woodhouse Rd N12 - serving the row of shops between Ashurst Rd and Horsham Ave. This is proposed in the hope of avoiding the frequent accidents caused by speeding traffic using the slip road (as a rat-run) to circumvent the queues waiting at the Town Hall traffic signals. Particularly at issue is that the nearby bus stop is heavily used by homeward bound school children who spill onto the slip road every afternoon between approx' 3pm and 4.30pm</p> <p>2) The introduction of (as yet to be agreed method of) parking restrictions to the slip rd, thus freeing up the limited parking facility during office hours, to help shoppers using the local stores etc. At present there is no restriction resulting in the spaces being used for long term parking (days and in some instances weeks).</p> <p><i>(Mark Livemore)</i></p>	<p>Officers have met on site with traders, residents and a local Ward Councillor, to discuss the issues of concern. Additionally the matter is also on the agenda as a Members Item for the Chipping Barnet Area Environment Sub Committee where it may be decided that Officers should investigate the location with a view to formulating improvements where possible.</p>	<p>Officers are in the midst of considering options for the slip road and any proposals that may be circulated during consultation are likely to include traffic calming measures, one-way and possible changes to parking arrangements. It is hoped that a report will be presented to the next meeting of the Chipping Barnet Area Environment Sub-Committee for consideration.</p>

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3.	<p>Petition: To implement a controlled residential parking scheme on Naylor and Birley Road (N20) and any other residential areas around Totteridge and Whetstone Tube station where resident parking is badly affected by non-resident parking</p> <p><i>(Rob Inglis)</i></p>	<p>The roads referred to and their neighbouring roads are known to be subject to high levels of parking demand due to their location and in particular proximity to the Totteridge and Whetstone Tube Station.</p> <p>Historically the council has not investigated the possibility of introducing a CPZ in this area, and currently have no plans to do so.</p> <p>However, as there appears to be renewed support for such action it may be, should the council choose to do so, that officers will be requested to investigate the matter further and discussion at the Forum in the first instance is welcomed.</p>	<p>Following the petition being submitted to the Council it was agreed that an informal consultation to ascertain views on parking issues and controls should be carried out primarily centred on Naylor Road and Birley Road.</p> <p>Having sought views from the local ward members on the extent of the area to be consulted concerns were raised on the appropriateness of such consultation being carried out.</p> <p>It is therefore anticipated subject to the outcome of tonight's meetings that this matter will be discussed further to determine a suitable way forward.</p>
4.	<p><u>Oakleigh Road north - Traffic</u></p> <p>Traffic jams occurring every week day evening on Oakleigh Road North, the traffic back up from the junction with Myddleton Park / Oakleigh Park South all the way back to the High Road, the traffic lights appear to give priority to the side road rather than ORN.</p> <p>There was a problem like this previously but it stopped, but now it has started again</p>	<p>The Council are not aware of any issues with the operation of the Oakleigh Road North/High Road junction. The query has been sent to TfL to investigate as they are responsible for the operation of traffic signals and a Council Officer will also monitor the operation of the junction during evening peak periods to determine what may be causing the increased congestion on Oakleigh Road North.</p>	<p>TfL have investigated the operation of the existing junction. Following these investigations improvements have been identified which would improve the operation of the junction, especially during peak periods.</p> <p>These junction improvements are to be included as part of this year's planned modernisation works for the junction</p>

	<p>leaving many vehicles wasting time and fuel while the traffic lights turn many times.</p> <p><i>(Mr Peter Campbell)</i></p>		
5.	<p><u>Bethune Park</u></p> <p>1. Can you do something about the rubbish being left after the football on a Sunday at Bethune park.</p> <p>2. Also at Bethune the man made hole near the footpath & the houses be covered up as my dog put his foot down it?</p> <p><i>(Frances Briers)</i></p>	<p>1. There are provisions within the pitch hire agreements to deal with such issues, including fines and in extreme cases termination of the hire agreement. It is important that we are clear about which football team is responsible for creating the rubbish before action is taken. It would therefore be helpful if further information can be provided in relation to dates as the pitches are shared between different football clubs.</p> <p>2. An officer will investigate this concern on site. However, a more specific location will be required in order for this to take place.</p>	No further update
6.	<p>Most of the lines on road in the Chipping Barnet area need repainting. Are there any plans to do so?</p> <p><i>(Frances Briers)</i></p>	<p>There is a limited budget allocated to signs and lines maintenance and as such maintenance is carried out following reports of problems at specific locations and/or from specific problems being identified by the Councils highway inspectors.</p> <p>It would be helpful if some examples of specific locations could be provided.</p>	No further update

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Items must be emailed to chippingbarnet.residentsforum@barnet.gov.uk by 6.00pm on the day before the meeting

Future meeting dates:

Date	Venue
Tuesday, 25 June 2013	Barnet House, 1255 High Road, Whetstone, N20 0EJ
Tuesday, 22 October 2013	Barnet House, 1255 High Road, Whetstone, N20 0EJ

