

CHIPPING BARNET RESIDENTS FORUM

Chipping Barnet Library
3 Stapylton Road, Barnet EN5 4QT

Wednesday 21st October 2015

6.30PM

Chairman: Councillor Lisa Rutter
Vice Chairman: Caroline Stock

ISSUES TO BE CONSIDERED AT THE FORUM MEETING

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1	<p>Barnet's Health and Wellbeing Board, which consists of Barnet Council, Barnet's Clinical Commissioning Group and Barnet Healthwatch are planning how they will support residents to stay healthy and lead active, independent lives over the next four years (2016 – 2020).</p> <p>There has been lots of engagement work over the last three months with key stakeholders, including at the Health and Wellbeing Board and Partnership Board Summit in July to develop the priorities of the strategy.</p> <p>Based on this engagement the Board has written a draft strategy called "Keeping Well, Promoting Independence" which sets out our plans.</p> <p>The draft four-year strategy is intended to give greater numbers of people, of all ages, the opportunity to live healthy, active lives and help prevent avoidable illnesses.</p> <p>We want to hear your views on whether our plans are right for the people of Barnet.</p> <p>You will find the online consultation on Barnet Council's Engage Space - https://engage.barnet.gov.uk/commissioning-group/joint-hwb-strategy-2016-2020</p> <p>Please contact Zoë Garbett if you have any questions or to arrange for a paper copy to be sent to you. The consultation ends on the 25th</p>	

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	<p>October ahead of the final Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy being approved by the Health and Wellbeing Board on the 12 November 2015.</p> <p>Telephone – 020 8359 3478 Email: zoe.garbett@barnet.gov.uk</p> <p>No response required.</p>	
2.	<p>Vehicles Paring on Well Approach</p> <p>Submitted by Zed Red</p> <p>Ward - High Barnet</p> <p>Thank you for your response we the residents hope you can please assist and help resolve this on going issue.</p> <p>Vehicles park on Well Approach causing difficulties and obstruction due to vehicles parking on this narrow Road.</p> <p>Vehicle struggle to get by due to the obstruction caused by vehicles parked on the road , this happens on a daily basis, what happens in the event of an emergency, ambulances / fire brigades will not be able to gain access</p> <p>On several occasions the refuse collectors have also experienced problems and not being able to collect the refuse due to vehicles parking on the road.</p> <p>Zed Red</p>	
3.	<p>Totteridge Lane, Exit to Waitrose, submitted by Eileen Eskenzi</p> <p>MBE. JP</p>	

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<p data-bbox="168 233 763 268">Submitted by - Eileen Eskenzi MBE. JP</p> <p data-bbox="168 308 443 343">Ward – Totteridge</p> <p data-bbox="168 383 1137 451">I am writing to you because I would be grateful if you could place my comments before the Residents' Forum.</p> <p data-bbox="168 491 1189 710">Last week, we had our monthly Totteridge Residents' Association meeting. Repeatedly, the matter arises regarding this dangerous section - namely the entrance and exit to Waitrose in Totteridge Lane. Each member of our committee has either had personal experience, or knows of someone who has been involved in an accident or had a 'near miss' at this junction.</p> <p data-bbox="168 750 1189 1082">I had an experience last year when I gingerly edged out from Waitrose whilst all the traffic was at a standstill. A motorist came speeding up Totteridge Lane, overtaking the single line of vehicles, resulting in a collision. The insurance company argued, that in spite of the "Keep Clear" gap, there was insufficient road signage for an on-coming vehicle to be able to anticipate a motorist making an exit into the main road, even though at this juncture the road is narrow. It only widens out beyond this point towards the traffic lights. I therefore had to pay for the damage to my car.</p> <p data-bbox="168 1121 1189 1305">Almost daily there is an accident or 'near miss' at this busy inter-section. We have raised this 'accident point' repeatedly to our local Councillors - requesting white lines or some signage - but to no avail. It has been a point raised by residents at our AGM - again with no positive result to this dire problem.</p> <p data-bbox="168 1345 1032 1380">Do we have to wait for a fatality before some action is taken?</p> <p data-bbox="168 1420 1099 1453">I am writing to you, not only on behalf of this Association, but as a</p>	

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	<p>responsible, caring citizen who surely must represent thousands of pedestrians and motorists travelling up and down this busy thoroughfare.</p> <p>I look forward to a response.</p> <p>Eileen Eskenzi MBE. JP. President Totteridge Residents' Association</p>	
4.	<p>Safety campaign group Walk Safe N10 Submitted by Sarah Perman Ward - Coppetts</p> <p>Our road safety campaign group Walk Safe N10 has recently been in touch with the councillors for Coppetts' Ward about the following issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. implementation of a 20 mph zone in North Muswell Hill to coincide with the introduction of the 20 mph borough-wide limit in Haringey. This has to happen simultaneously. Borough boundaries are such in North Muswell Hill that there is a real risk of confusion to motorists and danger to pedestrians as we will end up with 30mph on one street and 20mph on the next. b. progress on the two promised pedestrian crossings for Colney Hatch Lane: there is no evidence yet of a consultation c. introduction of traffic calming measures on the existing Barnet roads in Muswell Hill (Trott, Sutton, Wilton and Halliwick) where 20 mph has been introduced. The 20mph limit is not enforced and is being widely disregarded by motorists. Further measures are necessary to achieve a reduction in traffic speed, eg road humps. The problem will only get worse when Haringey introduces 20mph on Colney Hatch Lane as motorists will use Sutton, 	

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	<p>Halliwick and Wilton as shortcuts to avoid slower speeds and queuing traffic on Colney Hatch Lane.</p> <p>Sarah Perman</p>	
5.	<p>Swan Lane N20</p> <p>Submitted by Ms Ward</p> <p>Ward –</p> <p>Along with other residents we are tired of asking for a number of problems in the area to be rectified. We find either that no action has been taken or that any action taken has not remedied the problem.</p> <p>a. At a previous area forum held in Barnet House the request was made for a double yellow line to be painted from the end of the yellow zig zags outside the school gates to the end of the nursery school grounds. Swan Lane is very narrow and when cars are parked both sides of the road, as they are when it is at the beginning and end of the school day, it is impossible for anything larger than a small car to get down the road – eg ambulance, fire engine etc. As it is a cul de sac there is no other way in to the properties in the road. At the Forum we were told that subject to certain things eg putting a notice in the London Gazette etc there should be no problems granting this. We were told that this work would be completed in the financial year 214/15. We have heard nothing further.</p> <p>b. Lighting on the Swan Lane Estate. For many years the lighting on the estate has been beset by problems. I have emailed, written</p>	

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	<p>and spoken to a number of people many times, most recently at the end of July. The lighting manager of Mears visited me last month and agreed that there is indeed a problem. Several of my neighbours have also rung on countless occasions to complain about the lights and the danger that the lack of them in certain areas eg near steps causes but still nothing is done. At present there is only one light working in the car park and all neighbours contacted by the police today in the burglary reduction campaign told the police how unsafe they feel in the car park. Part of this campaign emphasises how important good lighting is to prevent anti-social behaviour. In addition the steps from the car park have no lights working either at the top or the bottom. Some of the lights on the estate are on all day and all night, some just flicker, others come on at the night but it's not always the same ones and some never work. It is not only the residents and visitors to these properties who are affected as the members of the public cross the estate from the footpath which links Ridgeview/Naylor Road to Swan Lane, usually on their way to and from the underground station to the High Road. We suffer also from opportunistic fly tipping and in addition over the years we have had a number of burglaries including a distraction burglary of a very elderly resident.</p> <p>Sue Ward</p>	
6.	<p>Concerning Barnet Council's "Barnet First" magazine</p> <p>Submitted by - Aziz Tözün Zeynel</p> <p>Ward – Borough Wide</p>	

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	<p>Since 2013 I have raised questions concerning non delivery of “Barnet First” magazines to those living in Southgate, which is in Chipping Barnet’s Brunswick Park Ward. Eventually at the last residents form meeting on 2nd July 2015 I was told the Council’s Chief Operating Officer will be instructed to investigate and a response will be issued to me within 20 working days.</p> <p>Unfortunately a response I've received from a Council Official on 1st October 2015 was actually 65 working days later and its content was inappropriate & failed to address the questions I’ve previously raised.</p> <p>In response on 6th October 2015 I wrote the Council Official enclosing a copy of my previously raised questions & requested an appropriate investigation and response. My expectation is for the Council to issue result of their investigation as well as their appropriate responses to my questions by or before the forthcoming residents form meeting on 21st October 2015."</p>	
7.	<p>Moving Traffic Contraventions</p> <p>Submitted by – John Dix</p> <p>Ward – East Barnet</p> <p>At the Environment Committee of 24 September a report was submitted relating to moving traffic contraventions. Appendix 1 listed a number of locations where the CCTV will be used including the following:</p> <p>East Barnet Road Box junction marking at Margaret Road Box Junction - 20 East Barnet Road Banned right turn into Margaret Road Banned Right</p>	

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	<p>Turn - 50 Margaret Road Banned right turn into East Barnet Road Banned Right Turn - 51</p> <p>Please could you clarify if these are traffic measures you plan to introduce or simply an error, as currently there are no box junction markings at the junction of East Barnet Road and Margaret Road nor are there any banned right turns at this junction.</p> <p>Thanks</p> <p>John Dix</p>	
8.	<p>Vehicle Activation Sign (VAS) at Chanctonbury Way/Southover</p> <p>Submitted by Robert Shutler</p> <p>Ward –</p> <p>a) I requested this VAS at the same time as I requested one for Walmington Fold, many months ago. The Walmington Fold sign was installed a few weeks back (thank-you) but the Chanctonbury Way/Southover VAS remains outstanding.</p> <p>Could I have an update, please? Perhaps</p> <p>Double Yellow Lines – Sussex Ring N12</p> <p>b) We have requested that double yellow lines replace the single yellow lines at Sussex Ring N12 on the roundabout. At the moment cars park on the single yellow lines preventing the movement of the larger vehicles including buses and there are many large vehicles using this roundabout due to the building</p>	

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	<p>works being carried out at the new Millbrook Park Estate.</p> <p>It would be most helpful if this could please be carried out sooner rather than later and I am writing to ask if there is a date for this so that I can inform residents.</p> <p>Robert Shutler Chair Woodside Park Garden Suburb Residents' Association</p>	
9.	<p>Sutton , and Wilton, Halliwick and Trott</p> <p>Submitted by – Local Resident</p> <p>Ward –</p> <p>a) The 20mph for Sutton , and Wilton, Halliwick and Trott seems not to be working .Could you add this as an item to the Area Residents Forum to that any further options can be discussed.</p> <p>Borough wide 20mph.</p> <p>b) Harringay is shortly due to roll out its Borough wide 20mph. Either for the Residents Forum or the Area Committee , or if there is an answer now , could you let me know If we are liaising with Harringay to make the adjoining Barnet roads 20mph at the same time ?</p> <p>Local Resident</p>	
10.	<p>Libraries</p> <p>Submitted by – John Dix</p> <p>Ward – East Barnet</p> <p>a) Why are New and East Barnet Residents being treated like</p>	

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	<p>second class citizens with our library being downgraded to a volunteer library one third of the size of the current library and open only 15 hours a week.</p> <p>b) How will the library downgrade impact on local schools who regularly use the library?</p> <p>c) Where will the partnership library be based?</p> <p>d) What will happen to the current East Barnet Library site?</p> <p>e) What will happen to activities such as Rhyme Time and summer book clubs when run by volunteers?</p> <p>f) Will volunteers be subject to DBS checks and who will pay for them?</p> <p>g) What will happen if the library fails to meet the KPI's set by the Council?</p> <p>John Dix</p>	
11.	<p>Parking at the junction of Holden Road and Station Approach N12 7EG</p> <p>Submitted by - Steve Hyman</p> <p>Ward -</p> <p>I have for some time now been concerned about the cars which have been parking at the junction of Holden Road and Station Approach N12 7EG</p> <p>There have been a number of instances where large mini cabs park on or even over the corner of this junction which makes it almost impossible to see oncoming vehicles.</p> <p>There are single yellow lines currently and I would like to request that these are converted to double yellow before somebody is involved in a</p>	

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<p>serious if not fatal accident.</p> <p>I have noticed that these vehicles are frequently parked around 08:00 but they park there at random times throughout the day.</p> <p>I do not believe they are part of Abetta Car Service but I do not know who they are serving.</p> <p>They appear totally oblivious to the problems they are causing</p> <p>I have enclosed some photographs to demonstrate my concerns</p> <p>I hope something can be done to improve this situation</p> <p>Steve Hyman</p>	

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Future meeting dates:

Date of meeting	Location
13 th January 2016	To be arranged
30 th March 2016	To Be arranged