

CHIPPING BARNET RESIDENTS FORUM

Chipping Barnet Library
3 Stapylton Road, Barnet EN5 4QT

Wednesday 13 January 2016

6.30PM

Chairman: Councillor Lisa Rutter
Vice Chairman: Caroline Stock

ISSUES TO BE CONSIDERED AT THE FORUM MEETING

Items must be submitted to Governance Service (ChippingBarnet.ResidentsForum@Barnet.gov.uk) by 10.00am on the fifth working day before the meeting (for example, if a meeting is due to take place on a Thursday evening, questions must be received by 10am on the preceding Thursday)

Draft Parks and Open Spaces Consultation

On 18 January 2016 Barnet will be launching two consultations related to how we manage parts of our environment and environmental impact in the future. These consultations are for our Draft Parks and Open Spaces strategy and Draft Recycling and Waste Strategy. Please refer to tabled document for more information.

	Issue Raised	Response
1.	Junction of Woodside Avenue, Woodside Park Road, Gainsborough Road Submitted by A M Poppy Ward - Totteridge	Response from: Richard Chalmers Email: Richard.Chalmers@capita.co.uk

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<p>1. Junction of Woodside Avenue, Woodside Park Road, Gainsborough Road: In July Jane Shipman kindly informed me that "design work is expected to start for this location over the summer." What is the latest please? What have the designers come up with?</p> <p>Traffic easing</p> <p>2. What is planned to ease the pressure of traffic on Chipping Barnet's roads?</p>	<p>1. As subsequently advised to the questioner the design work has started later than originally identified. The feasibility design will now be completed by 31 March 2016 and is likely to recommend either a mini-roundabout or a raised junction table. Implementation could be in the first half of 2016/17 subject to approval and funding.</p> <p>Response from: Highway Services Email: HighwaysCorrespondence@Barnet.gov.uk</p> <p>2. The level of growth in Barnet has an impact on traffic. Barnet's Local Plan and the Local Implementation Plan of the Mayor's Transport Strategy identify a number of policies and objectives that address this. These include making transport improvements in major development areas to provide the road and public transport facilities necessary to support these. The Chipping Barnet area is affected less directly by this than other parts of the borough but other junctions which are forecast to come under pressure are also the subject of studies to identify improvements that may be pursued in future. Demand management takes place through land use planning, travel planning with developers and work with schools to support</p>

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		<p>travel by more sustainable means. All developments, including those at schools, that meet the Transport for London travel plan thresholds are required to submit, implement, monitor and report on a travel plan that aims to reduce vehicle use and increase walking, cycling and public transport use. This is achieved through the implementation of both hard measures such as improved crossing facilities, cycle storage and electric charging points as well as soft measures such as education, events and incentives. Schools who are not required through planning to have a travel plan are encouraged to develop and implement a voluntary travel plan.</p>
2.	<p>Pavement on Beaconsfield Road</p> <p>Submitted by Andrew Dismore</p> <p>Ward - Coppetts</p> <p>a. Will the Council take action to repair the pavement on Beaconsfield Road, which has several large defects?</p> <p>Safety on Victoria Road</p> <p>Ward – East Barnet</p> <p>b. What action will the Council take to improve pedestrian safety on Victoria Road in East Barnet due to the speed of traffic passing through the road?</p>	<p>Response from: Richard Chalmers Email: Richard.Chalmers@capita.co.uk</p> <p>a. The Council will inspect the location and instruct any immediate repairs required. If larger areas of repair are required then more major works may be programmed as part of the Network Recovery Programme.</p> <p>Response from: Highway Services Email: HighwaysCorrespondence@Barnet.gov.uk</p> <p>b. The results of the recent public consultation for traffic management improvements on Victoria Road is being</p>

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<p data-bbox="168 678 728 715">Lighting and flytipping in Swan Lane</p> <p data-bbox="168 753 443 790">Ward – Totteridge</p> <p data-bbox="219 828 1200 898">c. What action is being taken to improve lighting and reduce flytipping in Swan Lane?</p>	<p data-bbox="1319 236 2069 272">reported to the Area Committee on 13 January 2016.</p> <p data-bbox="1225 715 1720 751">Response from: Cory Sunderland</p> <p data-bbox="1225 764 1798 801">Email: Cory.Sunderland@barnet.gov.uk</p> <p data-bbox="1272 874 2145 1054">c. There has only been two reported instances of fly tipping in Swan Lane in the last six months. The Streets Area Supervisor has confirmed that we have not recorded this area as being a regular problem. We encourage residents to report any fly tipping to streets@barnet.gov.uk.</p> <p data-bbox="1225 1096 1720 1133">Response from: Martin Drakeford</p> <p data-bbox="1225 1134 1843 1171">Email: Martin.Drakeford@barnethomes.org</p> <p data-bbox="1225 1173 2145 1315">The freeholder Mrs Sue Ward was advised via email communication last year that the external lighting of the blocks and car park areas were surveyed and Barnet Homes confirmed at the time that all block lighting was fully operational.</p> <p data-bbox="1225 1356 2145 1423">A further query was raised in respect of the car park lighting columns and ownership responsibility. Barnet Homes confirmed</p>

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		<p>to Mrs Ward that these lighting columns were the responsibility of Barnet Homes to manage.</p> <p>A further email communication was received from Mrs Ward on the 10th November 2015 validating that No2 lighting lamp posts to the car park had failed. Barnet Homes repairs contractor visited the car park area on the 13th November 2015 and identified the individual lamp posts that required repairs and a further email was sent to Mrs Ward on the same day confirming the aforementioned.</p> <p>Unfortunately, lamp column repairs are not part of the contractual repair process we have in place with Mears and as a result of this we have an in-house process of requesting a separate quotation to undertake shall we say repairs that sit outside the repairs contract currently in place with Mears. This process allows Mears 3 weeks to deliver this cost for review of Barnet Homes to accept or challenge.</p> <p>As the purse holders of public funds the cost presented by Mears is scrutinised and on this occasion was challenged in respect of the use of access equipment and general associated costs which has to a degree delayed the process along with the Xmas break.</p> <p>Mears have now been authorised to undertake the repairs which involves the use of a cherry picker to access the top of light column to effect any necessary repairs and co-ordinate a safe working area which will require placing notices to parked cars not to park where the light columns are located due to the cherry picker requiring full access to the area. The works are to be progressed in the next few days.</p>

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		Mrs ward was emailed to the above effect last week along my apology for not responding earlier as I was out of the business prior to Xmas and after just returning on the 4th January 2016.
3.	<p>Libraries</p> <p>Submitted by Barbara Jacobson</p> <p>Ward - all</p> <p>a. Who will run events such as Rhyme Time and Storytelling in volunteer libraries and how frequently, and will they be DBS checked?</p> <p>b. What is the proposal for Partnership libraries if no organisation comes forward to run them?</p>	<p>Response from: Val White Email: Val.White@barnet.gov.uk</p> <p>a. The proposal is for each partnership library to develop the service offer that best responds to local needs. All volunteers will be required to be DBS checked. We are consulting on a range of library proposals, we will listen to what residents tell us of their concerns before a final decision is made by the Children's, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Committee'</p> <p>b. If no organisation comes forward, this would be considered by the Children's, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Committee. We are consulting on a range of library proposals, we will listen to what residents tell us of their concerns before a final decision is made by the Children's, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Committee'</p>

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Future meeting dates:

Date of meeting	Location	Deadline Date for Issues
30th March 2016	Chipping Barnet Library	21 March 2016 – 10am

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