

## CHIPPING BARNET RESIDENTS FORUM DECISIONS

26 October 2016

Chairman: Councillor Lisa Rutter

Vice Chairman: Caroline Stock

The Committee considered the following issues raised and responses:

	Issue Raised	Response
1.	<p><b>Fitzjohn Avenue car park</b></p> <p><b>Submitted by John Dix</b></p> <p><b>Ward: Underhill</b></p> <p>Fitzjohn Avenue car park has parking spaces which are particularly narrow. Even with a small car this has led to my car being blocked in because cars are parked too closely together to open the doors and door dings on my car where other have hit it trying to get in. Can Barnet reconsider the markings in the car park. This is a matter I have raised in the past but nothing has changed.</p>	<p>Officers have visited the Fitzjohn Avenue Car Park and confirmed that the space sizes are compliant.</p> <p>If the car park was re-designed to allow for the spaces to be made wider this would reduce the overall number of spaces that could be provided within the car park. The reduction in the capacity of the car park would adversely affect residents, shoppers and other visitors to the area.</p> <p><b>The item was referred to the Area Committee to request funding for Officers to review the design of the car park.</b></p> <p><b>ACTION: GOVERNANCE TO REFER TO AREA COMMITTEE</b></p>
2.	<p><b>Moxon Street Car Park</b></p> <p><b>Submitted by John Dix</b></p> <p><b>Ward: High Barnet</b></p>	<p>Amendments were made to the tariffs of the Fitzjohn Avenue and Moxon Street car parks in 2012/13.</p> <p>The amendments included changing the Fitzjohn Avenue car park to an 'all day' car park and to allow business permit holders to use this car park. The Moxon Street Car park was made into</p>

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	<p>Has anyone assessed how often there are spare spaces in the Moxon Street car park when the Fitzjohn Avenue car park is full and can the short term parking status of Moxon Street car park be reconsidered.</p>	<p>'short stay' car park offering a free one-hour stay, short and medium paid stays and preventing business permit holders from using this car park.</p> <p>This made the car park nearer to the Town centre more focused towards shoppers and improved the turnover of spaces.</p> <p>This is accordance with Barnet Parking Policy which seeks to balance conflicting demands and priorities on parking across the borough and to make the best possible use of our parking assets for the benefit of all residents.</p> <p>An assessment of any spare spaces in the Moxon Street and Fitzjohn Avenue Car Parks has not been undertaken. However, since the receipt of this forum item, the car park has been visited and on that occasion, a Thursday afternoon approx. 4:30pm, there were only 5 or 6 spaces available in the car park otherwise it was fully occupied.</p> <p>Therefore there are currently no proposals to carry out a further assessment.</p> <p><b>The issue and response was noted and it was requested that Officers speak to Parking Enforcement with regard to assessing data.</b></p> <p><b>ACTION: PARKING CLIENT</b></p>
3.	<p><b>Electric Charging Points</b></p> <p><b>Submitted by John Dix</b></p>	<p>The London Borough of Barnet has recently installed eight electric vehicle charge points (EVCPs) in the Borough to meet</p>

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	<p><b>Ward: High Barnet</b></p> <p>There are no electric car charging points in high Barnet (other than at High Barnet Tube station). When will electric car charging points be installed either in Moxon Street, Fitzjohn Avnue or Stapyleton Road Car Parks.</p>	<p>the growing demand of electrical vehicle owners and residents. Two in Finchley Road (adjacent to M &amp; S Store), two in East Finchley High Road, two in Lodge Lane car park and two in Bunns Lane car park.</p> <p>The Council is currently also considering the installation of electric vehicle charging points as part of its Long Term Transport Strategy and is aware of a growing demand from residents for such infrastructure. The locations suggested have been noted and will be considered as part of the rollout of the electric vehicles charging points programme.</p> <p><b>The issue and response was noted and it was requested that Council should look to be moving towards electric charging points, encouraging developers to do so and promotint the use of electric cars.</b></p> <p><b>ACTION: JAMIE COOKE</b></p>
4.	<p><b>Chipping Barnet Venues</b></p> <p><b>Submitted by John Dix</b></p> <p><b>Ward: Various</b></p> <p>Why has the Chipping Barnet residents forum been moved out of Chipping Barnet to Hendon Town Hall. Who made the decision and were local councillors consulted? If so what was their feedback.</p>	<p>Since the refurbishment of Barnet House as part of the Office Accommodation Project and the consequent loss of the committee rooms in Barnet House the Chipping Barnet Residents Forum and Chipping Barnet Area Committee have been held at Chipping Barnet Library. As part of the implementation of the Libraries Strategy work will be taking place at Chipping Barnet Library which will prevent it being used as a meeting venue. The work is expected to start in October.</p> <p>The works and their impact were highlighted to the Chairman of Residents Forum and the Chairman of Chipping Barnet of Area Committee who in turn asked officers to consult with the membership of the Residents Forum and Area Committee on holding meetings for the remainder of the 2016/17 municipal</p>

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		<p>year at Hendon Town Hall.</p> <p>In accordance with Meeting Procedure Rule 4.2, a majority of the committee agreed for meetings to be held at Hendon Town Hall. The Chairman of the Forum, Councillor Rutter, has requested that officers review potential venues in Chipping Barnet. Officers will conduct a review and consult with the Chairman of the Chipping Barnet Residents Forum and the Chairman of Chipping Barnet of Area Committee.</p> <p><b>In addition to the information contained in the reply, the Chairman gave an update on some of the venues that were under review.</b></p> <p><b>The issue and response were noted.</b></p>
5.	<p><b>East Barnet Library</b></p> <p><b>Submitted by John Dix</b></p> <p><b>Ward: East Barnet</b></p> <p>“Today (26 October) there was a briefing regarding the future of East Barnet library. However as this took place during the day, many people who work will not have been able to attend. Please can you provide an update as to what is happening to East Barnet Library, especially in light of the planning application for the new swimming pool which indicates a library will be located at the new pool site.”</p>	<p>From April 2017 East Barnet Library will become a Partnership library with services delivered by a community organisation. The selection process for the successful community organisation is currently on-going.</p> <p>Today (26 October) there was a public engagement session to introduce the proposed changes to the current East Barnet Library site. An exhibition will remain in the library for several weeks following this event, supplemented by a series of drop-in sessions (see table below).</p> <p>Drop-in session location    Date    Drop-in between  East Barnet Library    Tues 15 Nov 2 – 4pm</p>

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		<p>East Barnet Library Tues 15 Nov 6 – 8pm            East Barnet Library Thurs 17 Nov 11am – 1pm            New Barnet Community Centre Thurs 1 Dec 11am – 1pm            St James Church, New Barnet Thurs 1 Dec 4 – 8pm            New Barnet Community Centre Mon 12 Dec 10am – 12noon</p> <p>A separate consultation exercise commenced earlier this week regarding a potential future co-location opportunity which would see the library re-provided within the area's new leisure centre.            Merritt-Morling, Andrew</p> <p><b>The issue and response were noted.</b></p>
6.	<p><b>Disabled Persons Freedom Pass</b></p> <p><b>Submitted by Mrs Trisha Gay</b></p> <p><b>Ward: Various</b></p> <p>I have a disabled persons freedom pass. It was revoked by the council which was reinstated. I have had this pass at least 10 years. I recently filled out a consultation document regarding this pass.</p> <p>Is the Council going to revoke it again or are people who already have their pass going to be able to keep it?</p>	<p>In 2010 when responsibility for the administration of Freedom Pass renewals passed to the Council 4,768 Disabled Person's Freedom Passes were issued to Barnet residents by the Authority, which were due to be renewed in 2015. When these 2010 passes came up for renewal, in order to guard against passes expiring without a renewals process being in place, an agreement was reached between the Authority and London Councils that passes due for renewal in 2015 would be automatically renewed and a retrospective check of eligibility would be performed. This work involved retrospectively checking eligibility for the 4,768 customers whose passes were automatically renewed.</p> <p>The Council recognises that the retrospective checking process resulted in 230 Disabled Person's Freedom Passes being withdrawn from residents in Barnet without appropriate guidance being provided. This situation understandably caused distress to a number of Freedom pass holders. As an immediate measure, deactivated passes were reactivated and temporarily returned to</p>

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		<p>194 residents whilst a full review was instigated to examine the Barnet's Disabled Person's Freedom Pass process and eligibility criteria. Once this review is complete the 194 residents who have had their passes temporarily reinstated will have their eligibility assessed again under the new criteria to ascertain if they are still eligible for their Disabled Person's Freedom Pass. We would anticipate that this reassessment will take place in early 2017.</p> <p><b>The issue and response were noted.</b></p>
7.	<p><b>London Cycling Campaign's request for a dedicated cycle lane from High Barnet to East Finchley</b></p> <p><b>Submitted by Andrew Dismore</b></p> <p><b>Ward: various</b></p> <p>Is the council considering implementing the London Cycling Campaign's request for a dedicated cycle lane from High Barnet to East Finchley? If so when can we expect consultation and implementation."</p>	<p>The Council is not currently considering implementing a dedicated cycle lane from High Barnet to East Finchley.</p> <p><b>The issue and response were noted.</b></p>
8	<p><b>Arkley Park estate</b></p> <p><b>Submitted by Andrew Dismore</b></p> <p><b>Ward: Underhill</b></p> <p>"Residents of the Arkley Park estate off Barnet Road have been inconvenienced by noise, lights, music and fireworks into the early hours. Although no recent activity has taken place, can the council</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fireworks are only permitted until 23:00 on most evenings. However they are allowed until midnight on fireworks night and 01:00 on the evening of Diwali and New Years Eve. It is the police who would enforce the curfews and any affected residents should contact them if any fireworks exceed the curfew.</li> </ul>

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	<p>guarantee that it's out of hours noise team deal with the problem effectively and attend the scene when called?"</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Any affected residents can be provided with the out of hours number to contact the noise team should they experience any issues. The telephone number is 0208 359 200 (option 2) or 07958 513 459 at the following times:   Wednesday 20:00 to Thursday 01:00  Friday 20:00 to Saturday 04:00  Saturday 12:00 to Sunday 04:00  Sunday 10:00 to Monday 03:00</li> </ul> <p><b>The issue and response were noted.</b></p>
9	<p><b>Oakleigh Road South</b></p> <p><b>Submitted by Andrew Dismore</b></p> <p><b>Ward: Brunswick Park</b></p> <p>“What efforts is the Council taking to reduce pollution and dust on Oakleigh Road South if the Abbots Depot opens?”</p>	<p>Regarding pollution the council fleet has a program of replacing refuse vehicles to Euro 6 Standards which means the amount of pollution from diesel HGV's using Abbots Depot will be significantly better than previous users Winters Skips who had older vehicles mainly of the Euro 3 or 4 standard.</p> <p>Dust and mud levels will reduce as refuse collection vehicles have refuse contained in an enclosure after the bin has been emptied, whereas Winter Skips covers on skips were not perfect and allowed some debris to leak on the road.</p> <p>When Abbots road area was used by Winters there were mainly unpaved muddy and dusty internal roads which will now be paved to reduce mud and dust entering Oakleigh Road South.</p> <p>As the Street Cleaning vehicles are likely to be based at Abbots Depot this is likely to see an increase in the cleaning of Oakleigh Road South which will reduce dust levels from the other Waste</p>

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		<p>management companies.</p> <p>Therefore in summary there will be significantly less dust and emissions produced at source from Abbots Depot compared with when Winters were using the site and better cleaning of debris in Oakleigh Road South. There is more information in the Air quality assessment which was produced as part of the Planning process.</p> <p><b>The issue and response were noted.</b></p>
10	<p><b>The junction of Friern Barnet Lane, Colney Hatch Lane, Woodhouse Road and Friern Barnet Road</b></p> <p><b>Submitted by Andrew Dismore</b></p> <p><b>Ward: Various</b></p> <p>“The junction of Friern Barnet Lane, Colney Hatch Lane, Woodhouse Road and Friern Barnet Road is a nightmare of poor traffic flow at certain times, what action can the Council take in the future to improve the situation?”</p>	<p>A study is currently in progress to consider what options might be available to address the current and future demand at this location.</p> <p><b>The issue and response were noted.</b></p>
11	<p><b>Prevalence of litter throughout the area</b></p> <p><b>Submitted by Nathan Weinstein</b></p>	<p>All town centres within the area have a daily town keeper presence throughout the day that follows an initial morning visit. Residential roads receive a fortnightly litter pick and flytip clearance. A deep cleanse of all residential roads is undertaken to maintain cleanliness levels at approximately every 8 weeks.</p>

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	<p><b>Ward: Various</b></p> <p>Instruct refuse collectors to pick up whatever they drop while emptying bins. Increase the number of litter bins throughout area especially parks and empty them regularly. Fine litterers and fly tippers.</p>	<p>We are currently replacing 250 litterbins across the borough.</p> <p>Parks are also cleansed at a frequency relative to need and seasonality. Ranging from daily through to a minimum of once per week. Play areas and very busy sites such as Oak Hill Park are cleansed daily, whilst quieter sites such as Stanhope Road are cleansed once per week in the winter, and these frequencies are increased during the summer months.</p> <p>The bin men are instructed to collect any litter dropped whilst emptying bins, this is also monitored by the service supervisors.</p> <p>The Council launched Keep Barnet Clean Campaign at the beginning of July which included active enforcement from the end of the month for littering and fly-tipping offences.</p> <p>If there are specific areas of concern please forward these to <a href="mailto:first.contact@barnet.gov.uk">first.contact@barnet.gov.uk</a></p> <p><b>The issue and response were noted.</b></p>
12	<p><b>Victoria Road New Barnet</b></p> <p><b>Submitted by David Howard</b></p> <p><b>Ward: East Barnet</b></p> <p>Last year the environment committee agreed for road safety and speed reducing measures to the south end of Victoria Road New Barnet. 8 months late that work has been completed and is partially successful. The committee agreed to consider the north end of the road when works were complete on the three Tesco housing sites and as part of the temporary enabling works when the large development on the former</p>	<p>Officers have been liaising with developer regarding traffic management construction traffic who are required to produce a Construction Management Plan as part of the planning permission.</p> <p>The proposed construction route is using the East Barnet Road A110, no construction vehicles should be using Victoria Road.</p> <p>Officers would be happy to meet on site to discuss concerns and request that the relevant contact details are provided to Committee clerk so this can be progressed in early November.</p>

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	<p>gas works started. Work has started on that site and there are still problems with speeding traffic and unsuitable vehicles on the section from Park Road to East Barnet Road. This problem will be made considerably worse as the contamination clearance lorries ( one every ten minutes) hit the roads later this month</p> <p>NBCA asks the council to honour the promises that were made last year and set up a meeting with the relevant traffic officers with NBCA , local residents who petitioned the committee last year and One Housing the developer to agree on some temporary measures during the construction period and a route to agree long term highways alterations or works to discourage through traffic from using Victoria Road</p>	<p><b>It was requested that a meeting be arranged with Officers, residents and ward Councillors to discuss this matter.</b></p> <p><b>ACTION: LISA WRIGHT</b></p>
13	<p><b>swimming pool and leisure centre in Victoria Recreation Ground New Barnet</b></p> <p><b>Submitted by David Howard</b></p> <p><b>Ward: East Barnet</b></p> <p>The council has submitted a planning application for a swimming pool and leisure centre in Victoria Recreation Ground New Barnet. At the opposite end of the Rec One housing are going to build about 360 new homes. We welcome both developments in principle and will make our comments through the planning system. However between the two sites is the remnant of the Rec looking very sad and neglected. We were promised an outside physical exercise trail last year and other improvements to the rec eg possible toddlers play area in addition to the reprovisioned older childrens play area and possibly a skate board park. We know how long the Council processes take and want to start</p>	<p>The Council is fully cognisant of the commencement of development on the Former Gas Works Site this year. Now that the new Leisure Centre designs have reached an appropriate stage, with detailed plans, it is possible to consider the open space areas between these two developments in a fully integrated and aligned manner. The provision of CIL funding from the new development is indeed recognised as a suitable source of capital funds.</p> <p>A master planning exercise to ensure that the park functions well and provides facilities for all residents of the area has already been commissioned. The sharing of initial draft proposals are timetabled for early December this year which will allow for consideration by the Council in early 2017. There will be consultation with the NBCA and other interested parties built into the process of developing the proposals, as suggested in the question, and the exact timetable for such stakeholder</p>

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	<p>planning now for the future of the Recreation Ground remaining after the other developments are completed</p> <p>NBCA is asking the council to arrange a meeting with the relevant officers, NBCA and the local community to discuss the options and for arrangements to carry out the work next year so it is finished at the same time as the leisure centre and first houses. Money is not a problem as the various new developments in New Barnet are raising circa £12million in S106, CIL contributions and New Homes bonus</p>	<p>consultation will be clarified with these parties in due course.</p> <p><b>The Issue and response were noted.</b></p>
14	<p><b>Traffic congestion has got worse in the New Barnet Area</b></p> <p><b>Submitted by David Howard</b></p> <p><b>Ward: Various</b></p> <p>With each passing year traffic congestion has got worse in the New Barnet Area especially on East Barnet Road between the railway bridge and Margaret Road. The large redevelopment on the former gas works will make matters worse</p> <p>NBCA is asking for a site meeting with the relevant highways officers, Councillors, NBCA , local residents and shopkeepers to consider what could be done to reduce the problem</p>	<p>As per item 12 above, Officers would be happy to meet on site to discuss concerns and request that the relevant contact details are provided to Committee clerk so this can be progressed in early November.</p> <p><b>It was requested that a meeting be arranged with Officers, residents and ward Councillors to discuss this matter.</b></p> <p><b>ACTION: LISA WRIGHT</b></p>

The meeting finished at 7.04pm

