

Environment Committee Public Questions/Comments – 11 January 2017

Question Number	Item Number	Raised by	Question Raised	Answer
1.	8	Mary O'Connor	In Appendix C, Cycle Routes, "Bridge designs for Dollis Valley started and Whetstone Stray cycle route designed". Will this be on Dollis Valley Greenwalk or separate to this? Will there be a public consultation? Where are the bridges to be placed that are being designed? Are the designs available to the public and if so, where?	The bridge designs are currently being developed and not available at this time. The replacement bridges will provide widened cycling facilities along existing routes through Oakdean Park connecting the previously widened routes. No public consultation is envisaged on the Whetstone Stray cycle route as this is primarily widening of an existing route used by cyclists.
2.	8	Mary O'Connor	Can LIP funding be used for Public Toilets which were identified as needed in the Parks and Open Spaces Strategy for Barnet document? If so, why have no funds been allocated for any?	LIP funding is not available for public toilets.
3.	8	Mary O'Connor	There are some footways which are very much in need of repair, specifically the path from Dollis Road to just before Windsor Open Space. Why is this path not considered for LIP funding and if it can be when is it proposed to be considered?	LIP funding is not available and permitted to be spent on maintenance works.
4.	11	Mary O'Connor	In developing this strategy for the sports listed, will this be to the detriment of other sports? Barnet have included tennis, which is not on Sport England's list, so why was netball not also included?	The draft Playing Pitch Strategy relates to the provision of facilities for outdoor sports. As they are significant outdoor sports in Barnet, Tennis and Gaelic Football are also referenced in the draft. Netball is not included as it is an indoor sport. The development of the Playing Pitch Strategy will not be to the detriment of other sports.

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5.	11	Mary O'Connor	Will you only consider having these sports' sites protected as playing fields within the local plan?	Once adopted, the Playing Pitch Strategy will inform the local plan which will also take the sites for other sports into account.
6.	11	Mary O'Connor	Has it become Barnet Council Policy to only support certain sports? In removing the deep pool and diving from the new Cophall Leisure Centre, but planning on the increased number of football pitches until 2031, is Barnet Council fulfilling it's duty in the Equalities Act 2010?	<p>The draft Playing Pitch Strategy relates only to facilities for outdoor sports and has been developed in accordance with Sport England Guidance and is Equalities Act 2010 compliant.</p> <p>The provision of leisure centres, including the provision of facilities for diving is beyond the terms of reference of this Committee.</p>

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Public Comment and Ward Members (3 minutes per comment)

Item No	Public Comment
10	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr Barry Carmody President Friary Park Bowling Club• Ron Smith Mill Hill Club• Geoff Johnson Blind and Partially Sited Club
8, 10 and 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mary O'Connor
Unknown	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Derek Epstein
6 – Member's Item Alan Schneiderman - Road Safety in Friary Road N12	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr Ivor Davies <p>On behalf of The Road Traffic Steering Group of the Friary Road Neighbourhood Watch</p>