

HENDON RESIDENTS FORUM

VENUE: Hendon Town Hall

Tuesday 24th January 2017 – 7.00PM

Chairman: Councillor Sury Khatri BSc Hons) MSc (Lond)
Vice Chairman: Councillor John Hart BA (Hons) MA (Vice-Chairman)

ISSUES TO BE CONSIDERED AT THE FORUM MEETING

Items must be submitted to Governance Service (Hendon Residents Forum Hendon.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).

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1.	<p>Subject: Petition to propose a new pedestrian Crossing in Langstone Way Mill Hill East NW7 Ward: Mill Hill Lead Petitioner: Irene Kahan No of signatures: 146*</p> <p>Background: There are 61 flats within a block of retirement apartments just facing the Waitrose carpark in Langstone Way and the average age of owners is 87 years. Some use walkers or wheelchairs and a few are assisted by carers. The building next door is a home for the disabled. We are all regular Waitrose customers and from our balcony I have seen some very near misses with traffic whizzing around at speed from both directions to and from the supermarket, the Sports Centre and Bittacy Hill. Please regard the pedestrian crossing favourably and hopefully prevent a nasty inevitable accident.</p> <p>Further information: http://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/mgEPetitionDisplay.aspx?id=39</p> <p><i>*No of signatures at the time of publication</i></p>	<p>To be dealt with in line with the Council's constitution:</p> <p>The Lead Petitioner will be given three minutes to present the petition to the Forum. Following the presentation the Residents Forum Chairman will decide to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take no action; • Refer the matter to a chief officer to respond to within 20 working days; or • Refer the matter to the relevant Area Committee (if funding is required)
2.	<p>Subject: Petition to Install CCTV cameras in West View footpath NW4 Ward: Hendon Lead Petitioner: Aliza Medina No of signatures: 267*</p> <p>Background: We the undersigned petition the council to In light of recent violent</p>	<p>To be dealt with in line with the Council's constitution:</p> <p>The Lead Petitioner will be given three minutes to present the petition to the Forum. Following the presentation the Residents Forum Chairman will decide to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take no action; • Refer the matter to a chief officer to respond to within 20 working days; or

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	<p>robberies in the West View footpath, we would request that CCTV camera be installed in this alleyway which is used by many people every day. These include people with children and elderly residents. A few cameras could discourage violent behaviour and aid in quickly identifying anyone who has committed such acts.</p> <p>Each year in the winter, when it gets dark early, the footpaths become dangerous, no-go areas due to safety concerns. This could be resolved if a few CCTV cameras were strategically positioned and lighting improved. It would make a huge difference for the residents to be able to walk in the footpaths without fear of being violently attacked.</p> <p>Further information: https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/mgEPetitionDisplay.aspx?ID=500000026&RPID=562545094&HPID=562545094</p> <p><i>*No of signatures at the time of publication</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refer the matter to the relevant Area Committee (if funding is required)
3.	<p>Subject: Petition - Path leading to a school gate, Broadfields Primary School Ward: Edgware Lead Petitioner: Sharon Keane No of signatures: 133*</p> <p>Background: We the undersigned petition the council to Tarmac, the stoned path leading to Broadfields Primary School.</p> <p>It is the only path used by a huge school. It is extremely difficult to push buggies along it and can be treacherously slippery when it is wet. Several members of the community have fallen.</p>	<p>To be dealt with in line with the Council's constitution:</p> <p>The Lead Petitioner will be given three minutes to present the petition to the Forum. Following the presentation the Residents Forum Chairman will decide to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take no action; • Refer the matter to a chief officer to respond to within 20 working days; or • Refer the matter to the relevant Area Committee (if funding is required)

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4.	<p>Subject: Petition - Deansbrook and Matilda Marks Kennedy Schools-20 mph scheme Ward: Hale Lead Petitioner: Eric Attwell No of signatures: 41</p> <p>Background: The residents of Hale Drive wish to object to parts of the above proposed scheme. The main issue for the residents of Hale Drive has always been the inconsiderate parking of some parents during school run times, and their behaviour towards us if we ask them to move their cars from across our driveways. This happens all along Hale Drive and not just immediately opposite the school gates. We are also affected by the volume of traffic passing through, and the way that some parents manoeuvre their vehicles causing grid lock and chaos for 15 minutes in the morning and afternoon. Once they have gone normality and peace returns.</p> <p>In the past there has never been a safety issue for children and parents crossing Hale Drive, it's only been in the last 15-20 years with the advent of children being driven to school. If parents are deterred from driving their children to school there would be no issue with parking outside the school gates or with children crossing, thus there would no need for a zebra crossing</p>	<p>To be dealt with in line with the Council's constitution:</p> <p>The Lead Petitioner will be given three minutes to present the petition to the Forum. Following the presentation the Residents Forum Chairman will decide to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take no action; • Refer the matter to a chief officer to respond to within 20 working days; or • Refer the matter to the relevant Area Committee (if funding is required)

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5.	<p>Subject: Ayesha Community School in Montagu Road NW4 Ward: West Hendon Issue submitted by: Judy Shepherd</p> <p>Background: What is happening regarding the Ayesha Community School in Montagu Road NW4 - we are still suffering dreadful parking problems, building works on a bank holiday, no one taking responsibility for helping us with this, temporary measures to come in in February - what are they? Why does no one challenge the school on the problems they cause?</p>	ACTION: Highways - Infrastructure
6.	<p>Subject: Dangerous Pedestrian Crossing [Junction of Edgware Road & Colindale Avenue] Ward: Colindale Issue submitted by: Patrick Jacob & Kirit Patel</p> <p>Background: Below points are raised on behalf of Colindale inhabitants, primarily residents living in the area referred as the "Hyde Area".</p> <p>At the junction in question, pedestrians virtually take a perilous chance, each time they cross this extent of road. Traffic light is quite rapid in operation, so delayed or impatient drivers</p>	ACTION: Highways

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	<p>swerve in or out of Colindale Avenue quite sharply, especially during the peak hours, thereby making it treacherous for all vulnerable pedestrians.</p> <p>In addition, there is no designated pedestrian light to indicate or signal when it is safe to cross neither is there any formal crossing to alert drivers to be aware of vulnerable pedestrians.</p> <p>One is not suggesting that any new safety proposals to restrict, inhibit or slow the natural flow of vehicular traffic, but ensure pedestrians can safely cross from one zone to another without danger to themselves or other vulnerable road users.</p> <p>Therefore, in the absence of a safe crossing method at this intersection, Barnet highway officials need to investigate this issue as a matter of urgency and come up with a realistic and sustainable resolution for the safety of pedestrians at this location.</p>	
7.	<p>Subject: 20mph speed limit Ward: Mill Hill Issue submitted by: Richard Logue, Chair Mill Hill Residents' Association</p> <p>Background: Will Barnet Council consider extending 20mph speed limits around schools and residential roads?</p>	ACTION: Highways - Infrastructure
8.	<p>Subject: Demolition notice Ward: Hendon Issue submitted by: Ms M. McHale</p> <p>Background:</p>	ACTION: Building Control

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<p>A demolition notice is required to be submitted to Barnet council at least 6 weeks before it is carried out according to the Building Act 1984, Section 80. This is ensure that the council and neighbouring residents and the public are aware of the intended demolition and that other bodies are notified in regard to utilities and matters such as asbestos checks. What actions will the council take when DEMOLITIONS WITHOUT NOTICE occur at sites that are not in the conservation area and where the building to be demolished is not listed? What actions will the council take if a demolition has been carried out without the site being properly secured, without protective screening for neighbouring properties and without warning to pedestrians and neighbours and it has been brought to the council's attention? The arrangements for carrying out such demolition or dismantling must be recorded in writing before the demolition or dismantling work begins. What penalty does the householder or developer face when such arrangements have not been submitted to the council? Residents would like to see immediate action from the enforcement department if any building is reported to be undergoing demolition without prior notice. We would request that a stop notice is issued without delay so that the status of the works can be verified. If demolition progresses without interruption, the neighbours and the public are put at risk especially where gas supply lines, asbestos in buildings, dust and noise, property damage or bodily injury are concerned. This will also prevent any unauthorised breaches to carry on where the demolition and subsequent building progress to a stage when it becomes difficult to enforce for example if a new house is already built before retrospective applications are placed and dealt with by the planning department.</p> <p>Please issue stop notices immediately when notified of demolitions taking place without notice. Please have enforcement investigate promptly together with Environmental Health to make sure that</p>	

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	residents and public are not adversely affected by unauthorised demolition. This should apply to all properties, not just those listed and in conservation areas.	
9.	<p>Subject: Traffic Lights – Station Road/ A41 Junction Ward: Hendon Issue submitted by: Dr Michael Holmes</p> <p>Background: Since the installation of new traffic lights on the slip road off Station Road NW4 heading north onto the A41, there has been markedly increased traffic congestion along Station Road. The queuing goes all the way from house no. 159 Station Road NW4 down to the Vivian Avenue junction during peak hours and can add 15 minutes to a journey. This is due to having to wait for a number of traffic light, Station Road NW4, A41 Junction rotations to get to the top of Station Road. It also has made it more difficult to get out of our properties' driveways as other motorists are understandably unwilling to allow cars to join the queues if they themselves are trying to get to their destinations on time. Added to that, our cars have to sit across the pavements for longer as we wait to pull out into traffic and we are impeding pedestrians regularly. This is unavoidable as we pull out when we see a gap in pedestrian activity but we are not then considerately given a space on the road. Pedestrians come along and have to walk on the road to avoid our cars. This is obviously unsafe. How many accidents involving motorists or pedestrians have occurred at that junction? How many accidents involved motorists or pedestrians using the slip road? What was the rationale of installing traffic lights on that slip road? Prior to their installation, traffic was flowing quite well with very little queuing. Bollards placed along the pavement also</p>	ACTION: Highways

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	<p>prevented vehicular mounting the pavement and kept pedestrians safe. I have been a resident in Hendon for nearly 3 decades and there has never been traffic lights for this slip road. Residents feel that the new traffic lights have caused unnecessary congestion and increased pollution as more vehicles are sitting in traffic queues discharging exhaust fumes whilst pedestrians, many are school children and babies pushed in buggies, walk down the length of Station Road. Please remove the traffic lights to allow the free flow of traffic by easing congestion and reduce the pollution in the area.</p>	
10.	<p>Subject: Building works Ward: Hendon Issue submitted by: Ms M. McHale</p> <p>Background: If a neighbour begins building works which are obviously not permitted development, what action will Barnet Council take when it is contacted by neighbours during 1) normal office hours 2) weekends or public holidays? If a neighbour's building works during 1) with or 2) without planning permission begins to damage an adjoining property, what action can / will Barnet Council take? The instance we are referring to has resulted in noise disturbance, materials from site spilling onto next door including a broken window, stress, traffic congestion, pedestrian safety concerns when passing the site, and, now land subsidence to a next door neighbour's property. All this to a site that we know does not have planning permission for the work being carried out. Barnet Council has a duty to protect residents and neighbours from such illegal and dangerous works. What is the timescale for any prescribed action when a building breach with accompanying damage to adjoining properties is reported? Sometimes on building sites, residents notice construction workers placing themselves or the public at risk. Can the Council please advise how and to whom we should report such</p>	<p>ACTION: Highways/ Planning/ Building Control</p>

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	<p>breaches? As these are health and safety concerns, how quickly will the Council respond?</p> <p>Can we please have definitive action within specified time frames and guidelines as to what to do when we encounter building without planning consent or worrying Health and Safety issues of workers?</p>	
11.	<p>Subject: Extension bus lane Ward: West Hendon Issue submitted by: Mr Levy</p> <p>Background: The northbound bus lane on West Hendon Broadway seems often to actually delay buses during its evening period, because they get stuck in the approaching traffic queuing to funnel into the remaining lane. Will the Council consider therefore extending this bus lane back down the slip road leading from Staples Corner, which the bus routes follow and is two lanes wide?</p>	ACTION: Highways
12.	<p>Subject: Fly Tipping & Indiscriminate Littering [Numerous Locations] Ward: Colindale / Burnt Oak Issue submitted by: Jose Luis, Joe McKeever & Kirit Patel</p> <p>Background: This is an issue that is very evident throughout our area and a matter which we raised on our letter of 7th September 15 to Andrew Travers as far back as last year. Most streets in our locality are blighted by this antisocial behaviour and even the Silk Stream is not spared from this issue. Areas that affect us immediately; A) Junction of Sheaveshill Avenue & Colin Close, B) Junction of Sheaveshill Avenue & Court Way, C) Junction of Colindeep Lane & Sheaveshill Avenue D) Sheaveshill Avenue at entrance to Colindale Park, E) Colindale Park.</p>	ACTION: Street scene

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	<p>It is generally observable that issues have got worse recently and some perpetrators are even tipping during the day.</p> <p>In addition to household waste, large volumes of garden & tree cuttings are being discharged into the Silk Stream, with the net result being that water source gets blocked and properties along this stream gets flooded.</p> <p>Item 5 raised by Andrew Dismore on 26th October 16 is a telling example of concerns by residents in this locality.</p> <p>Council officials need to consider this issue as a matter of urgency and come up with a realistic and sustainable awareness & deterrent campaign to dissuade persistent offenders.</p>	
13.	<p>Subject: Trees and Pavements, Sunnyfield NW7 Ward: Mill Hill Issue submitted by: Richard Logue, Chair Mill Hill Residents' Association</p> <p>Background: A resident at Sunnyfield NW7 advises that the trees next to her house (I can supply the exact address) need to be replaced and pavements are in disrepair and dangerous as it's easy to trip. Trees opposite x 2 verges and to the right of her house x 2 verges. Opposite trees were promised 2 years ago. Pavements outside and left and right of her house are very uneven which is even more hazardous when conditions are poor.</p>	ACTION: Highways – Trees and Woodlands
14.	<p>Subject: Driveway Watford Way NW4 Ward: Hendon Issue submitted by: Mr Levy</p> <p>Background:</p>	ACTION: Highways

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	<p>(i) No. 46 Watford Way NW4 has been derelict and hoarded-across since at least 2008, and its drop kerb driveways could have afford parking space for 4 cars, so helping local businesses gain passing trade. Please can Barnet council therefore temporarily allow parking in front of it?</p> <p>(ii) Please can the council also look to allow temporary parking in front of other such cases?</p>	
15.	<p>Subject: Unsafe Pavements & Kerb Stones [Most Streets] Ward: Colindale Issue submitted by: Jose Luis, Kirit Patel & Patrick Jacob</p> <p>Background:</p> <p>This was another issue that is very evident throughout our area, a matter which we raised on our letter of 7th September 15 to Andrew Travers as far back as last year. We indicated pavement flags were cracked, fragmented, uneven, misaligned and dangerous, especially & particularly for the vulnerable pedestrian groups.</p> <p>Tree roots have grown aggressively & pushed up pavement surfaces & causing dangerous obstructions & trip hazards. Tree roots are dislodging kerbstones giving rise to dangerous surface misalignment.</p> <p>Accidents have occurred and continue to do so, on a regular basis due to the disregard of proper or serious consideration for public safety. We raised this via email communications recently on no less than three occasions [1st alert being on 31st August 16], but observe nothing has been done to implement these critical rectifications.</p>	ACTION: Highways

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	Therefore, on the non-actions to our previous alerts, council highways officials need to investigate this issue as a matter of urgency and come up with a realistic and sustainable programme of rectification.	
16.	<p>Subject: Hamers Lane Parking Ward: Mill Hill Issue submitted by: Richard Logue, Chair Mill Hill Residents' Association</p> <p>Background: Grass Verges on Hammers Lane next to Winterstoke Gardens are being churned up by lorries and buses. We have been asking for wheels on pavement parking on parts of Hammers Lane for some years now and have still not seen any progress on this. What is the current position?</p>	ACTION: Highways
17.	<p>Subject: Zebra and Pelican crossing Ward: Mill Hill Issue submitted by: Richard Logue, Chair Mill Hill Residents' Association</p> <p>Background: What is the current Zebra and Pelican crossing, rollout plan for the Hendon wards?</p>	ACTION: Highways
18.	<p>Subject: Pizza Hut, Mill Hill Broadway Ward: Mill Hill Issue submitted by: Richard Logue, Chair Mill Hill Residents' Association</p> <p>Background:</p>	ACTION: Highways

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	When will Pizza Hut on Mill Hill Broadway be stopped from permanently parking their motorbikes on the street? Residents have to pay and today there was a near miss when a Pizza Hut bike nearly knocked one of our members over.	

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Future meeting dates:

Date of next meeting(s)	Location
22 nd March 2017	To be confirmed