

CHIPPING BARNET RESIDENTS FORUM

**Chipping Barnet Library
Greek Cypriot Centre**

5th July

7PM

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 Wednesday evening, questions must be received by 10am on the preceding Wednesday)

	Issue Raised	Response
1.	<p>Subject: Barnet High Street Widening Consultation. A petition of 1326 validated signaures at the time of publication.</p> <p>Lead Petitioner: Keith West Chairman of Union Street Residents Association</p> <p>Ward: High Barnet</p> <p>Union Street Residents Association (USRA) Members and Residents oppose the siting of loading bays in Union Street which is already under intolerable pressure on parking and usage.</p> <p>Barnet High Street traders and residents across the CPZ area oppose the proposal to remove parking bays and the loading bay on the western side of the High Street from the Post Office to the Spires and to site loading bays in Salisbury Road and Union Street.</p> <p>I write as Chairman of Union Street Residents Association (USRA) and delegated spokesman and for Barnet High Street Traders and the local community likely to be most affected by the proposal.</p>	<p>This petition is being considered as part of the consultation responses received during the Informal Consultation that has taken place on the proposed Chipping Barnet Kerb Buildouts.</p> <p>The results of the consultation are being reported to the Chipping Barnet Area Committee on the 17 July 2017.</p> <p>It is therefore proposed to refer this pertition up to the Area Committee where the report is being considered.</p> <p>Highways.correspondence@barnet.gov.uk</p>
2.	<p>Subject: Growth in traffic in the New Barnet area</p> <p>Submitted by: David Howard on behalf of New Barnet Residents Association</p> <p>Ward: East Barnet</p> <p>Nationally there has been a growth in traffic in most areas. Locally New Barnet is well into an increase of 1000 new homes by 2020. There is chronic congestion with regular gridlock to the roads of New Barnet. various mitigation measures are possible at a number of key junctions</p>	<p>The volume of road traffic in London in 2015 was 10% lower than in 2000. The reduction was particularly intense in central London, at 21%, but there were also significant falls in both inner and outer London since 2000 (17% and 6% respectively) .</p> <p>With expected growth in london's population till 2041 there is, however, a potential for 5 million more trips to be made on the London wide transport network. accordingly the borough needs to plan for the long term future of the boroughs transport system and network.</p>

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	<p>and sections of the roads. The council has, or is getting, nearly £10 million of CIL money which should be used for such improvements.</p> <p>Action proposed: To undertake a comprehensive area study of the roads and traffic issues so that a programme of improvements can be carried out alongside Section 106 traffic works arising from various developments in the area.</p>	<p>The Council is in the process of commissioning a long term Transport Strategy for the borough. This will include an analysis of how congestion can be managed over the long term and will also address the increase of those travelling around the borough as a result of the new homes and development that is taking place.</p> <p>The transport strategy will have delivery section and an action plan for improvements to the boroughs transport network.</p> <p>Highway Commissioning. CommissioningGroupCommunications@Barnet.gov.uk</p>
3.	<p>Subject: New Leisure Centre in the Victoria Recreation Ground</p> <p>Submitted by: David Howard on behalf of New Barnet Residents Association</p> <p>Ward: East Barnet</p> <p>Formal planning approval has now been given for the new Leisure Centre in the Victoria Recreation Ground. We understand that a contractor has been appointed to construct the building. Please will you publish details of when the work will start and the estimated completion date.</p> <p>Will the previously promised outdoor adult physical exercise trail be incorporated in the associated works to upgrade the Rec?</p>	<p>In October 2016 the Council appointed Graham Construction as delivery partner for its portfolio of major capital works, this includes the enhancement of education, community, leisure and operational assets across the borough</p> <p>On the 25th January 2017, planning applications for new leisure facilities at Barnet Copthall and Victoria Recreation Ground, New Barnet were granted approval by the Planning Committee.</p> <p>The Sport & Physical Activity (SPA) Project has proceeded in discharging the pre-commencement planning conditions for both applications. This has coincided with the technical refinement of the architectural, building services and structural engineering designs known as RIBA Stage 4. Upon finalisation and confirmation, the Council will ensure that construction information is communicated to residents.</p>

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		<p>A start on site date is to be confirmed on completion of the Stage 4 process, this process has not yet been finalised and is anticipated for August 2017. A typical construction period for a leisure facility of this nature is 78 weeks, therefore upon completion of proposals and contracts we anticipate commencement post the summer period (late September/ early October) with a completion date in early 2019 (April/May).</p> <p>Throughout the construction period correspondance will be co-ordinated via the Council website, newsletters and social media platforms.</p> <p>In respect of wider park developments, the Council are seeking to co-ordinate a site masterplan which will review options for delivery. Once this process has formally commenced and been developed, the Council will endeavour to engage with residents.</p> <p>Until then, it is not possible to guarantee a list of future opportunities without first completing the strategic masterplan piece. The masterplan will guide an approach that maximises the use of Victoria Rec and compliments usage, maintenance and safety.</p> <p>Adults Services Commissioning CommissioningGroupCommunications@Barnet.gov.uk</p>
4.	<p>Subject: Proposed 20mph zone Hadley Green/Highstone</p> <p>Submitted by: Elisabeth Kahn on behalf of Hadley Commoners Association</p> <p>Ward: High Barnet</p>	<p>This issue, stating that a 20mph zone is an unnecessary measure, is being considered as part of the feasibility study that has been undertaken to address traffic and speeding concerns on Hadley Highstone.</p> <p>The results of the feasibility study and the proposed mesures for</p>

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	<p>Proposed 20mph zone Hadley Green/Highstone. I have been a Hadley Common resident for 50 plus years and consider it a ridiculous, unnecessary and unenforceable proposal just when the rest of London is dispensing with these zones.</p> <p>Action proposed: The Council turns down the 20mph request</p>	<p>consideration are being reported to the Chipping Barnet Area Committee on the 17 July 2017.</p> <p>It is therefore proposed that this petition is referred up to the Area Committee where the report is being considered.</p> <p>Highways.correspondence@barnet.gov.uk</p>
5.	<p>Subject: The road seal on Great Bushey Drive and Oak Tree Drives (N20)</p> <p>Submitted by: Mrs Umran Asman on behalf of neighbours on Great Bushey Drive and Oak Tree Drive N20.</p> <p>Ward: Totteridge</p> <p>The current road seal on Great Bushey Drive and Oak Tree Drives (N20) are not working. It is very poor quality and stone chips keeps coming of the surface. There are several puddles formed in the middle of the road and tar comes up to the surface in hot days, damaging the car tires and paint.</p> <p>We surely deserve better and a long lasting road seal for the Council tax we pay. A regular seal will look better but more importantly last much longer, costing less to the council, therefore to us.</p> <p>Action proposed: Please re-seal the roads with proper asphalt, before summer.</p>	<p>Surface dressing applied in Great Bushey Drive is a different treatment process from traditional road strengthening inlay resurfacing and is one of the cost effective treatments available designed for roads at early stages of deterioration. It is recognised as industry standard – tried and tested and will prolong the life of your road as it protects it from water damage, which is the main cause of damage to our roads.</p> <p>Evidence of some loose chips remaining after the road sweeping is normally expected following the surface treatment process. Notable scuffing marks on the surface although not aesthetically pleasing, will not affect the sealing process.</p> <p>We will continue carry out inspections and monitor the surfacing dressing.</p> <p>Highways.correspondence@barnet.gov.uk</p>

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6	<p>Subject: A petition of 89 signatures (at the time of publication calling for a cease in the use of the chemical Glyphosate on pavements, green spaces etc instead of environmentally friendly methods of weed control.</p> <p>Submitted by: Philip Fletcher</p> <p>Ward: High Barnet resident</p> <p>We the undersigned petition the council to stop using Glyphosate on pavements, green spaces and anywhere else where Barnet LB currently uses Glyphosate, and employ environmentally friendly methods of weed control</p> <p>The World Health Organisation has stated that it is highly probable that Glyphosate is carcinogenic. Glyphosate is also an endocrinal disruptor affecting our hormones, and also kills microbes thus being detrimental to intestinal flora.</p> <p>As it is chemically stable, Glyphosate is highly detrimental to the environment, being accumulated the higher up the food chain you go. As it is soluble in water, it is highly damaging to all forms of aquatic life and soil organisms, including earthworms. Many other countries have banned or severely restricted Glyphosate, for example Sri Lanka, France, Germany, the Netherlands, Italy, Belgium, to name a few.</p> <p>In the UK, many local authorities have also banned or severely restricted Glyphosate, including Shaftesbury, Hammersmith and Fulham, Glastonbury, Aberdeen and Edinburgh, We believe it is time that Barnet followed the lead that others have shown and protected our environment and public health for the future.</p>	<p>Response to follow: from Open Spaces: Greenspaces Parks.Countryside@Barnet.gov.uk</p> <p>A further response will be provided. In the meantime, please find existing information on the website in the link here - https://www.barnet.gov.uk/citizen-home/parking-roads-and-pavements/Street-cleaning/Weed-Control.html and extracted below:</p> <p>Weed control Weed treatment programme 2017 Treatment involves the application of glyphosate to the weeds present on roads, pavements, and tree pits (young staked trees are maintained separately).</p> <p>Generally, noticeable dieback of weeds happen within 14 days of the treatment taking place.</p> <p>The latest weed treatment programme (PDF) is for June 2017 but may alter due to weather conditions.</p> <p>Please feel free to contact us if your local road requires attention, email: sbs@barnet.gov.uk or call 020 8359 4600.</p> <p>Weed control on streets The council's Street Cleansing team is responsible for the control of weeds on streets including around established trees, this is done by an external contractor, but is managed and coordinated by the Street Cleansing team.</p> <p>Weeds are treated between two and three times per year</p>

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<p>We believe it is time that Barnet followed the lead that others have shown and protected our environment and public health for the future.</p> <p>http://issuu.com/pan-uk/docs/glyphosate_monograph_complete?e=28041656/43997864</p> <p>http://www.bfr.bund.de/cm/349/glyphosate-in-urine-concentrations-are-far-below-the-range-indicating-a-potential-health-hazard.pdf</p> <p>https://www.foeeurope.org/sites/default/files/press_releases/foee_3_growing_doubts_glyphosate.pdf</p> <p>Dangerous Chemicals in roundup slip past EU Regulators http://www.euractiv.com/sections/science-policy/german-states-call-ban-household-pesticide-314508</p>	<p>(spring, summer and late autumn) depending on growing conditions.</p> <p>Weed control around street trees The control and management of weeds around established trees is carried out at the same time as the treatment of weeds on streets.</p> <p>Weeds in young tree pits are cleared by hand only, no chemicals are used for our young trees and mulch is applied to the bed. Newly planted trees are watered for the first 2 years and weeds are removed on first and last watering visit each year.</p> <p>Young trees are determined as trees that are still staked and guarded. Once this is removed, the trees are then classed as established trees.</p> <p>Invasive plant control The Council has a legal responsibility to control invasive plant species on its land such as Japanese Knotweed, Giant Hogweed and Himalayan Balsam. Glyphosate is the only proven and effective control mechanism for Japanese Knotweed and Giant Hogweed.</p> <p>The treatment of these species is targeted and must be completed on a cyclical basis in order to manage the spread of these invasive species.</p> <p>Weed control of shrub beds on streets, housing estates, parks, open spaces (including sports courts)</p>

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		<p>The control of weeds in shrub beds and sports court hard surfaces is limited to targeted control in order to ensure the use of chemicals is kept to a minimum. A maximum of two applications are undertaken in spring and then mid to late summer.</p> <p>Pesticides and herbicides</p> <p>We and our nominated contractors use glyphosate primarily to control weeds on pavements, paths, kerb edges, sports courts, and shrub beds on streets, housing estates and in parks and open spaces.</p> <p>These chemicals are fully compliant with legislative requirements and a full COSHH (Control Of Substance Hazardous to Health) assessment is undertaken by the service prior to any use.</p> <p>The EU Commission adopted an 18 month extension of the current approval of glyphosate on 21 June 2016 until the European Chemical Agency (ECHA) has concluded its review.</p> <p>We're always seeking to minimise the use of pesticides and herbicides and is investigating alternative solutions for the management and control of weeds with neighbouring local authorities and the wider industry. However at this time trials have not proven to deliver the same output on the ground within the same resource constraints.</p> <p>Contacts</p>

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		<p>Street based services Building 9, Mill Hill Depot, Bittacy Hill, London, NW7 1BL</p> <p>Tel: 020 8359 4600 Email: sbs@barnet.gov.uk</p>
7.	<p>Subject: Report back by Ward Councillors on the survey they undertook with residents of Bushey Drive and Oak Tree Drive, N20 on the problem of commuter parking in their roads.</p> <p>Ward: Totteridge The minute of the January Residents Forum stated the following:-</p> <p>COMMUTER PARKING IN BOTH GREAT BUSHEY DRIVE AND OAK TREE DRIVE N20 – SUBMITTED BY DAVID HARVEY</p> <p>The Forum received a representation from David Harvey. The Chairman thanked David Harvey, noted the issue and following a suggestion by Councillor Stock, requested that Ward councillors should carry out an informal survey with results being available by the next Forum.</p>	<p>The results of the survey undertaken by ward Councillors has been collated and will be discussed at the forum.</p>

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GREAT BUSHEY DRIVE AND OAK TREE DRIVE CPZ SURVEY RESULTS:-				
No. of residents from Great Bushey Drive who responded				
Pro CPZ	Anti CPZ	Pro CPZ MON-FRI	Pro CPZ MON-SAT	Pro CPZ MON-SUN
34	12	36	7	2
72%	25%	77%	15%	4%
No. of residents from Oak Tree Drive who responded				
Pro CPZ	Anti CPZ	Pro CPZ MON-FRI	Pro CPZ MON-SAT	Pro CPZ MON-SUN
30	9	26	3	4
77%	23%	67%	8%	10%

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Future meeting dates:

Date of meeting	Location	Deadline Date for Issues
5 July 2017	Greek Cypriot Centre 2 Britannia Rd, London N12 9RU	10am 28 June 2017
18 October 2017	Chipping Barnet Library 3 Stapylton Rd, Barnet EN5 4QT	10am October 25 th 2017

Items and questions must be received by the Governance Service by 10am on the fifth working day prior to the meeting for the item to be discussed at the Forum.