

CHIPPING BARNET RESIDENTS FORUM

Barnet House, 1255 High Road, Whetstone, N20 0EJ

Tuesday, 26 June 2012

6.00pm

Chairman: Councillor Kate Salinger

Vice-Chairman: Councillor Barry Evangelii

Updates

	Issue Raised	Response	Update(if any)
	On the proposal for three pedestrian crossings the Council wishes to construct at Russell Lane N20: the following (Mr Daniel Hope)		This issue was referred to the Chipping Barnet Area Environment Sub-Committee, which was held immediately after the forum meeting. The Sub-Committee: RESOLVED – That 1. the consultation period is extended to the 20 July 212. 2. the council ensure the consultation area is expanded to include those residents in neighbouring roads and Ward Councillors. 3. the consultation is made readily accessible to residents via the council's website. 4. any decision on the proposed pedestrian crossings be made by the Sub- Committee. 5. the results of the consultation and subsequent recommendations are reported to the to a future meeting of the Sub-Committee.
1.	Which Councillor(s) initiated or supported this proposal?	Councillor Andreas Tambourides	
2.	Where are the funds for this proposal coming from? Who authorised this and why?	Should the scheme proceed the funds would come from the Traffic and Road Safety Allocation (TfL LIP) The scheme is not yet approved.	
3.	Who in the Council gave authority for a commencement date for this proposal to be listed on the highways maintenance	The road space for the scheme has been booked provisionally to enable it to be delivered without delay should it be approved, hence its mention on the highways maintenance programme. It is accepted that this needs to be made clearer so that any provisional dates are noted	

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	programme?	as just that.	
4.	What was the rationale for three crossings over such a short stretch of road with the need for so much double yellow lineage?	The three crossing points would cater for pedestrians approaching the shopping parade from the top bottom and middle section of the central reserve. The double yellow lines would seek to ensure good visibility for safe crossing by minimising obstructive parking. Some are also provided as part of this scheme to improve safety for traffic coming out onto Russell Lane from the side roads.	<p>UPDATE:</p> <p>The Committee will be considering a further report at its meeting following this Forum meeting.</p>
5.	The Council now claims that this proposal is now, suddenly, only an idea to be consulted on. If this is the case will the Area Environment Sub Committee make the decision whether to proceed. If not, why not?	Officers position on this scheme has not changed. The possibility of introducing improved pedestrian access was always to be consulted on. Authorisation to proceed or otherwise will come from either a delegated powers report or the Chipping Barnet Area Environment Sub-Committee .	
6.	The car parking at the bottom of Russell Lane obstructing the widened junction with Church Hill Road. <i>(Mr Daniel Hope)</i>	Officers are not aware of any significant on-going issues at this location and will therefore welcome views and information on this matter.	Officers have since monitored this location and have not identified any specific concerns and as such it is not planned to take any further action at this stage.
7.	The zebra crossing on Friern Barnet Road N11 just passed (travelling East) the turning for Beaconsfield Road N11 is extremely dangerous for pedestrians. Cars turning out of Beaconsfield Road do not always see them.	When this crossing was first installed officers considered the possibility of three different locations. At the time it was considered that the current location was the most appropriate. However, officers would be happy to review this crossing location and this would include reviewing the purpose it serves, usage, practical difficulties identified from site surveys, traffic and road safety issues and accidents	Due to other priorities it has not been possible to commence the review of this location. However, it is still intended that this will take place before the end of this financial year.

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	<p>My neighbours & I cannot understand why it is placed where it is. Please will the Forum ask that this matter is placed before the Environment Committee so that an investigation may be carried out into its safety and suitability. Ideally, the crossing should be placed further down Friern Barnet Road on the west side of the Beaconsfield Road turning.</p> <p><i>(Ms Joy Denny)</i></p>	<p>statistics.</p>	
8.	<p>The pavements along East Barnet Road are very dirty particularly the stretch between Victoria Road and Margaret Road. They make the area look run down. Please can you make sure that these pavements are cleaned in the next six months.</p>	<p>The New Barnet Town Keeper sweeps the pavements in East Barnet Road, including the section between Victoria Road and Margaret Road on a daily basis Monday to Friday. He has access to a pedestrian sweeping machine which he uses in conjunction with manual sweeping and litter picking.</p> <p>Additionally, the Town Centre is cleared of litter and all litter bins emptied over the weekends and on Bank Holidays.</p> <p>The area will be inspected by a supervisor and should it be considered necessary he will instruct the graffiti team to use a jet washer on the pavements to assist in shifting any difficult to remove stains and food residue.</p>	None
9.	<p>What plans are there to upgrade Church Farm</p>	<p>There are currently no plans to upgrade Church Farm</p>	None

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	<p>Pool and make it accessible for disabled and less able swimmers. (Mr Dix)</p>	<p>Pool. Copthall Leisure Centre and Finchley Lido both provide facilities and easy access for disabled and less able swimmers. Finchley Lido has recently had a specialist changing room created with the use of grant funding which has included the introduction of a changing bed, hoist and shower room. Both facilities also have pool hoists.</p>	
10.	<p>The residents of the cul-de-sac end of Hillside Avenue (numbers [REDACTED] [REDACTED]) are experiencing increasingly severe access problems because vehicles are able to park on both sides of this small and narrow section of road. Emergency vehicles are unable to reach our homes and on many occasions we are unable to drive either in or out of our homes. Would the council please consider permitting vehicles to park with two wheels on the wide pavements on both sides of this section of road? Could we please have an urgent assessment of this request and a solution to</p>	<p>Officers will be happy to investigate the concerns raised. It would be helpful if contact details could be provided and any evidence (photographs) are provided to demonstrate the problems being experienced.</p>	<p>Officers have carried out some investigations and have not identified any specific problems on the occasions they have visited. Contact has been made with the Councils contractors who operate large vehicles to identify if they experience any problems at this location. This has included the refuse service team, recycling contractor, street lighting contractor and the Green Spaces contractor. None of these contractors have experienced any problems turning in and out of this road.</p>

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	the problem? <i>(Alison St Helene)</i>		

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11.	<p>Zebra crossing on Brunswick Park Road between Marshall Close and Darwin Close</p> <p>Ms Paola Dentamaro</p>		<p>This issue was referred to the Chipping Barnet Area Environment Sub-Committee, which was held immediately after the forum meeting. The Sub-Committee:</p> <p>RESOLVED – that officers be instructed to further investigate the feasibility of installing traffic lights or a Zebra crossing on Brunswick Park Road between Marshalls Close and Darwin Close, including conducting further speed surveys and that a report on the outcome of the investigation and any appropriate recommendations be brought to a future meeting of the Sub-Committee.</p> <p><u>UPDATE:</u> Investigation has been conducted at this location and the outcome is that there is no merit in proposing any physical measures to be installed. This has been based on assessment against the Councils criteria when assessing all such requests borough wide. Assessments criteria includes: Speed of traffic. Volume of traffic. Accident Statistics. Volume of pedestrian footfall at location. (demand) Existing facilities. Visibility and sight lines.</p>