

CHIPPING BARNET RESIDENTS FORUM
BARNET HOUSE, 1255 HIGH ROAD, WHETSTONE, N20 0EJ
WEDNESDAY, 16 JANUARY 2013, 6.00PM

Chairman: Councillor Kate Salinger
Vice-Chairman: Councillor Barry Evangeli

ISSUES TO BE CONSIDERED AT THE FORUM MEETING

	Issue Raised	Response
1.	<p>Does the WalkSafeN10 campaign have Barnet Council's support? The campaign's aim is to have a 20mph speed limit adopted on the roads around Coldfall and Coppetts Wood Primary Schools in N10. <i>(Sarah Perman)</i></p>	<p>Issues linked with travel to and from schools are investigated via the School Travel Plan process whereby issues and concerns about travelling to school which may be barriers to the school community travelling more sustainably are recorded in the school's Travel Plan and collated by the Council.</p> <p>Where funding is available the issues identified in the School Travel Plans are prioritised and those at the top of the priority list are investigated and where possible potential engineering measures identified and consulted on.</p> <p>Officers have met with the WalkSafeN10 group so that the issues could be discussed and the processes the group need to follow explained.</p> <p>Other WalkSafeN10 concerns such as obstructive parking at the named junctions of Colney Hatch Lane and the renewal of faded carriageway markings are already under consideration.</p>
2.	<p>What will Barnet Council do to make it safer and easier for school children and others to cross Colney Hatch Lane? <i>(Sarah Perman)</i></p>	<p>See above</p>
3.	<p>My question to the 16.10.12 meeting of this committee referred only to the Council's statutory policies for protecting Tier 3 roads. Nevertheless the response was that "officers (are proposing to) undertake engagement with (the) local community via a consultation</p>	<p>This response is in reply to questions 3 to 6</p> <p>Officers apologise if it was not apparent that this matter was being progressed, as they have been liaising over the last few months</p>

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	<p>exercise to gauge support for capacity improvements at the FBL and CHL junctions".</p> <p>Why has there been no engagement with the local community on any of these issues over a 3 month period?</p> <p><i>(Ms Di Moore)</i></p>	<p>with the nominated resident contact.</p> <p>The contact is aware that a number of options have been considered which would achieve the desired outcome of reducing 'rat running' through the area, but also that any solution would bring inherent problems to other areas that also need to be considered ie motorists diverting through other local roads ie shifting the problem elsewhere.</p> <p>It is intended that an experimental scheme will be introduced in March, but prior to this a meeting will take place with the local representative to discuss the optimal experimental scheme where the pros and cons of any particular actions can be discussed.</p> <p>The meeting has been arranged for the 30th January most likely at NLBP and Officers are open to the representative being accompanied by a small number of fellow residents. Ward members have also been invited.</p> <p>Once an agreed start date has been established appropriate publicity via letter drops and signage will be distributed throughout the area advising of the experimental measures and also inviting comments as to their effectiveness or otherwise.</p> <p>After a minimum of 6 months operation the Council will, after giving consideration to all comments received determine whether the scheme should be made permanent or otherwise either as introduced or with appropriate modification.</p>
4.	<p>When this committee met on 16.10.12 it resolved that "officers be instructed to investigate the feasibility of imposing Temporary Traffic Order" (in respect of Hillside, Hollyfield and St Johns Avenues and Queens Parade Close). Until the last few days, 3 months after the committee met there has been no approach to the local community.</p> <p>Will the Director now confirm that officers have been instructed to undertake this investigation, where it sits within the 2013 work programme for those officers and when it is expected to be complete?</p>	<p>See above</p>

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5.	<p>At the last meeting on 16th October 2012 I had to ask a question requesting a follow-up on discussions which the Highways Manager was considering having with TFL about the sequencing of the traffic lights at the junction of Friern Barnet Lane and Friern Barnet Road as the item was not mentioned on the meeting agenda for that day. The response given showed that the Highways Manager had in fact done nothing about this and appeared to have no intention of doing so.</p> <p>At this last meeting it was resolved that the Highways Manager investigate the possibility of imposing a Temporary Traffic Order to close the exit onto Friern Barnet Lane from Hillside Avenue.</p> <p>May we please have a response from the Highways Manager on this matter?</p> <p><i>(Ms Vivienne Kennedy)</i></p>	See above
6.	<p>Why is there no update on the Hillside/Hollyfield/St John's Traffic matter discussed at the October meeting? The Officers were given a clear directive, but the lack of a tabled update and recent correspondence only giving vague suggestions of meeting dates later this month suggest that the matter is not being given proper attention. The Committee will recall that the written report to the last meeting was only submitted on the day, not published in advance as required by the correct process. This denied residents the opportunity of studying the response and putting questions forward in advance. It appears that the same tactic is being used again.</p> <p><i>(Graham & Frances Kantorowicz)</i></p>	See above
7.	<p>Drivers parking at the corner of Greenway at the intersection with Longland Drive create a dangerous situation, with many near misses. When will the council paint double yellow lines to prevent parking near the intersection in accordance with the distances recommended in the Highway Code?</p> <p><i>(Barbara Jacobson)</i></p>	Like any report received about dangerous parking, Officers will investigate parking at the junction with Greenway and Longland Drive, and will seek to address through proposing appropriate measures if parking is considered an issue.

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8.	<p>Is the painting of double yellow lines the responsibility of one of the Development & Regulatory Services or is it part of the responsibility of the parking enforcement service run by NSL?</p> <p><i>(Barbara Jacobson)</i></p>	<p>Yes the DRS provider will be responsible for the painting of new yellow lines.</p>
9.	<p>With whom will residents discuss issues such as dangerous parking, double yellow lines and potholes if the Development & Regulatory Services are privatised?</p> <p><i>(Barbara Jacobson)</i></p>	<p>The DRS provider will liaise with residents in relation to these matters in addition to other providers and organisations including NSL and the Police.</p>
10.	<p>I understand that our recycling boxes will be replaced with wheelie bins this year. When will that change take place? What size will the new bins be? Will there be a choice of size? If the new bins are any wider than the domestic waste bins currently available, it will not be possible to manoeuvre them in the space alongside our house, so what are we meant to do in that case? What studies were done in Barnet and what consultation took place in Barnet before deciding on this change?</p> <p><i>(Barbara Jacobson)</i></p>	<p>New collection services starts on 7 October 2013 and the 240 litre wheeled bin in the weeks leading up to this. This new wheeled bin will be the same size as the existing refuse bin; it is very likely that only one size will be available. Consultation took place in November 2011 with focus groups discussing waste recycling. The decision to implement the new service was made at the Cabinet meeting on 4 April 2012.</p>
11.	<p>I am a resident of Galley Lane, Arkley. Recently Galley Lane has been resurfaced.</p> <p>However the material used is extremely porous, consisting of small stones and very little binding material. Manure from horses from the nearby stables simply sinks into the surface layer with ease! It does not take much imagination to envisage that during a cold snap any water present in this layer will freeze and expand, thus loosening the road surface.</p> <p><i>(Phil Fletcher)</i></p>	<p>We do not anticipate any problem using Tuff Pave which is used through out UK and in Barnet Council. We select material based on the road type and ensure that material last long and the Council achieve value for money. The material used resist rutting and will last longer than other material and has porous properties and we do not anticipate any problem.</p>
a.	<p>Did Barnet LB Highways Department stipulate what sort of material was to be used when repairing Galley Lane, or was this left to the Contractors, Eurovia?</p>	<p>London Borough of Barnet Highways Department decides and instructs the contractor to use approved material. The contractor does not decide it. It is HAPAS approved and tested material and used through out UK.</p>

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b.	How often are road repairs inspected, and by whom? What are the regulations governing this?	Highway works promoted by the Council are checked for quality and completion before any financial reconciliation is agreed.
12.	When Customer Services are outsourced to Capita, who will be controlling inspections of work done on roads? If inspections are to be done by Capita, then who will be controlling how Capita is carrying this out? <i>(Phil Fletcher)</i>	Inspections of roads will be the responsibility of the DRS provider.
13.	When contracts for road repairs are to be given, by what criteria will the quality of road materials for repairs be decided? Will this solely lie with Capita? <i>(Phil Fletcher)</i>	This will be the responsibility of the DRS provider.

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Future meeting dates:

Date	Venue
Wednesday 13 March 2013	Barnet House, 1255 High Road, Whetstone, N20 0EJ
Tuesday, 25 June 2013	Barnet House, 1255 High Road, Whetstone, N20 0EJ
Tuesday, 22 October 2013	Barnet House, 1255 High Road, Whetstone, N20 0EJ