

CHIPPING BARNET RESIDENTS' FORUM

MEETING HELD ON 27 OCTOBER 2010 ACTION NOTES

held at: East Barnet School

Chairman: *Councillor Lisa Rutter

Vice-Chairman: *Councillor Barry Evangelini

*Denotes Councillor Present

	Issue Raised	Response	Update (and by whom)
1	A presentation was made by Nick Lynch, Planning Policy Manager in respect of Progress on Barnet's Local Development Framework (appended to the action notes)	There followed a question and answer session and input by residents on their views	
2	<p>Ms Hazel Block</p> <p>1. What benefits do the residents of Barnet get from this twinning?</p> <p>2. Can anyone join the support group for a specific overseas town?</p> <p>3. Do members of these groups pay their own expenses when visiting or entertaining the twinned town?</p> <p>4. Are councillors involved in these support groups?</p> <p>5. If they are, who pays their expenses, the borough or themselves?</p>	<p>Mayor's Secretary Barnet is twinned with 8 towns</p> <p>1. These connections were established to promote cultural, social and educational links between areas, as well as encouraging trade links and economic benefits.</p> <p>2. The support groups are known as The Friends of.....(Name of Twin Town) and operate independently.</p> <p>3. Yes, members of the Friends of..... ..pay their own expenses.</p> <p>4. Some Councillors are independent members of the The Friends of.....</p> <p>5. Unless Councillors have been nominated by the Leader of the Council to visit a twin town as an official delegate they would pay their own expenses.</p>	<p>The Mayor's Secretary to feed back on whether there was a specific budget for twinning and what was the actual cost to Barnet Residents during recent years.</p>

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	<p>6. If councillors' expenses are paid by Barnet rate-payers what is the annual cost to the Borough?</p> <p>At the meeting Ms Block said that the response did not clarify the actual cost to the council and therefore residents, and did not sufficiently inform of the benefits derived from such visits.</p> <p>It was Mr Massey's view that in these days of most people travelling world-wide, there seemed little point in these visits. He said the council should be asking whether they were now absolutely necessary.</p>	<p>6. When a Councillor visits a twin town as an official delegate the Council will pay for their travel (flight or rail) Although this is not the case for delegates visiting Morphou in Cyprus as this cost is borne by Morphou Municipality. In every case accommodation costs are borne by the Twin Town being visited.</p> <p>For more information please visit http://www.barnet.gov.uk/town-twinning for facts, information and contacts for the Friends of.....etc</p> <p>Councillors Rutter and Longstaff outlined their particular experiences on how the respective towns can learn from one another and how there were differing arrangements in terms of accommodation. They also outlined the history of how some of the town became twinned with Barnet.</p>	
3	<p>A request for an update on the CPZ Review</p>	<p>Neil Richardson</p> <p>Analysis of the review is complete and conclusions drawn. Based on this it was anticipated that internal consultation with local ward members on the recommended actions resulting from this review would have taken place to inform the final outcome as part of the decision making process.</p> <p>Subsequently though, the council's review of all activities related to funding streams for parking schemes and the interest and possible avenues</p>	

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		<p>of investigation related to the Barnet Town Centre strategy has meant that no further action as a direct result of the review will be taken for the foreseeable future, although the information gathered from the survey may be used to assist some elements of the strategy outcomes where applicable.</p> <p>However, the annotated response data is available for reference and should anyone wish to obtain details they are welcome to contact the council's Design Team who will be pleased to assist</p>	
4	<p>Mr Ashwood Raised an issue with regards to the quality of the pot hole repairs to Crocusfield and referred to his concerns about the status of the road in terms of whether or not it was adopted. Mr Ashwood held the view that adoption of this road should have taken place years ago.</p>	<p>Highways Department Currently Crocusfield is not an adopted road but we recognise that this road should have been adopted. Highways is therefore treating this road as if it was adopted and, at the same time, is working with Barnet Homes towards adopting this road. Essential drainage improvement works and carriageway resurfacing works have been identified to bring Crocusfield to adoptable standards. The Council intends to adopt Crocusfield once these works have been carried out. The drainage works involve the installation of new gullies and the replacing of undersized highway drains to avoid flooding. As the outfall of the new highway drain is proposed to be directly on the Dollis Brook, we are currently preparing a drawing for submission to the Environment Agency's for their approval. In the meanwhile essential repairs, like filling of potholes and kerb relaying, have been carried out at Crocusfield. This road will be regularly inspected for responsive highway maintenance until it is adopted</p>	

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5	<p>A resident raised a concern regarding the traffic problems in Chestnut Grove at school peak times. Parents were performing dangerous manoeuvres and parking inappropriately. He asked whether it was possible for the Council to consider making the road one-way. The issue had become worse due to the combining of the two school sites.</p> <p>At the meeting a resident said that there had been a school in Chestnut Grove for many years and she conceded that it was now much larger. She said that parents should not be dropping off their secondary school children so close to the site.</p>	<p>Sgt Coates responded by saying that the police could only deal with road traffic accidents and obstruction and that all other activities came within the remit of the council. Police no longer issued penalty notices and he confirmed that they had received very few complaints.</p> <p>Councillor Evangeli said that shortly officers would be issuing warning notices to parents as residents had raised concerns. It was also confirmed that issues in respect of pick up and drop off activities were included in the school's newsletter.</p>	
6	<p>Various other road related issues were raised at this point including rat-running in York Way and the congestion and off-peak speeding vehicles in Manor Drive.</p> <p>Concerns were also raised about the continual excavation of East Barnet Road, which caused extensive traffic problems. The resident said that there was no co-ordination with the works being carried out.</p>	<p>Chris Chrysostomou undertook to investigate the issue of speeding in Manor Drive.</p> <p>In respect of road works, Chris Chrysostomou confirmed that excavation was almost entirely due to the utility companies.</p>	Chris Chrysostomou to feed back on the issue of speeding in Manor Drive

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7	<p>Mr Howard</p> <p>Raised a concern at the poor accessibility to residents of the council's calendar of meetings. He said that easier access could result in better attendance at meetings. He also raised a concern that the dates for these forums regularly clashed with the more local residents' association meetings.</p> <p>One resident felt that the forums should start half an hour later so that people who worked would be able to attend more easily.</p>		<p>Chris Palmer</p> <p>To feed back on any new initiatives to better advertise the forums</p> <p>The Council is aware that the website is not easy to navigate. It is intended to revise it in the new year and improvements will include making it easier to follow the Council timetable and to provide information (potentially including 'push' information – sent to those who request it) by post code.</p>
8	<p>Ms Ann Fergusson</p> <p>Raised the subject of the withdrawal of the roundabout in Friern Barnet Lane/Torrington Park. She outlined the traffic issues as a result of this action and asked whether the decision could be reversed.</p>		<p>Chris Chrysostomou to feed back on the traffic issues in this area and why the roundabouts had been removed</p>
9	<p>Mr Massey</p> <p>Referred to the lengthy discussion that had taken place at the last forum and confirmed that a site meeting had taken place. A response was awaited from the Legal Section on issues raised by residents to Paul Bragg.</p> <p>In addition, residents had requested a meeting with the Cabinet Member regarding the Council's policy regarding crossovers.</p>		<p>Paul Bragg/Chris Chrysostomou to feed back on legal issues and the requested meeting with the Cabinet Member, Councillor Coleman</p>
10	<p>Mr Massey referred to the response requested in respect of the CPZ consultations. He said that although the Council has indicated that there was no</p>		<p>Neil Richardson to respond regarding feedback</p>

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	funding at the current time, residents should be informed of the outcomes so that it was clear on where Barnet would be heading in the future. Mrs Massey said that Neil Richardson had attended the last Strategy Board meeting and had come up with little information regarding a long term strategy. He undertook to respond in writing.		
	DATE AND VENUE OF THE NEXT MEETING	Coppetts Wood School on 29 November 2010 at 6.30pm	

The meeting finished at 8.05pm

Officers Present:

Chris Chrysostomou

Environment and Operations

Martin Cowie

Head of Planning and Development Management

Sgt Coates

Safer Neighbourhood Team, Metropolitan Police

Pauline Bagley

Democratic Services

Councillors Rawlings, Longstaff, Andreas Tambourides and Joanna Tambourides were also present

In addition, there were approximately 17 members of the public.

**FORTHCOMING PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
AND SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS**
(meetings usually start at 7.00pm)

AREA PLANNING SUB-COMMITTEE: - ALL TO BE HELD AT HENDON TOWN HALL, THE BURROUGHS, NW4 4BG

Chipping Barnet

Democratic Services Contact: Pauline Bagley, Tel: 020 8359 2023

Hendon

Democratic Services Contact: Paul Frost, Tel: 020 8359 2205

Finchley and Golders Green

Democratic Services Contact: Stephanie Chaikin, Tel: 020 8359 2019

Forthcoming meetings:

Finchley & Golders Green

Chipping Barnet

Hendon

9 November 2010

9 November 2010

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6 December 2010

6 December 2010

Public requests to speak at Area Planning Sub-Committees on planning applications

Written requests to speak on planning applications should be notified to the relevant Area Planning Officer by 10.00am on the 3rd working day before the day of the meeting.

Public requests to ask questions at Area Planning Sub-Committees

Any request to ask a question (exact wording) on the work of the Sub-Committee must be received by the Democratic Services Manager by 10.00am on the 7th working day before the day of the meeting.

• **AREA ENVIRONMENT SUB-COMMITTEES:**

Venue: Hendon Town Hall, the Burroughs, NW4 4BG

Chipping Barnet

Democratic Services Contact: Stephanie Chaikin, Tel: 020 8359 2019

Finchley & Golders Green

Democratic Services Contact: Nick Musgrove, Tel: 020 8359 2024

Hendon

Democratic Services Contact: Jonathan Regal, Tel: 020 8359 2012

Forthcoming meetings:

Finchley & Golders Green

Chipping Barnet

Hendon

Public requests to speak at Area Environment Sub-Committees

Written requests to speak on issues on the agenda must be received by the Democratic Services Manager by 10.00am on the 2nd working day before the day of the meeting.

Public requests to ask questions at Area Environment Sub-Committees

Any request to ask a question (exact wording) on environmental matters must be received by the Democratic Services Manager by 10.00am on the 7th working day before the day of the meeting.

PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Venue: Hendon Town Hall, The Burroughs, NW4 4BG

Democratic Services Contact: Maria Lugangira (tel: 020 8359 2761)

Public requests to speak at Planning & Environment Committee

Written requests to speak on planning applications should be notified to the relevant Area Planning Officer by 10.00am on the 2nd working day before the day of the meeting for non planning issues and the 3rd working day before the meeting on planning issues.

Public requests to ask questions at Planning & Environment Committee

Any request to ask a question (exact wording) on the work of the Committee must be received by the Democratic Services Manager by 10.00am on the 7th working day before the day of the meeting.

Forthcoming meetings:

11 November, 8 December 2010

**Chipping Barnet
Residents Area Forum
27th October 2010
Progress on Barnet's Local
Development Framework**

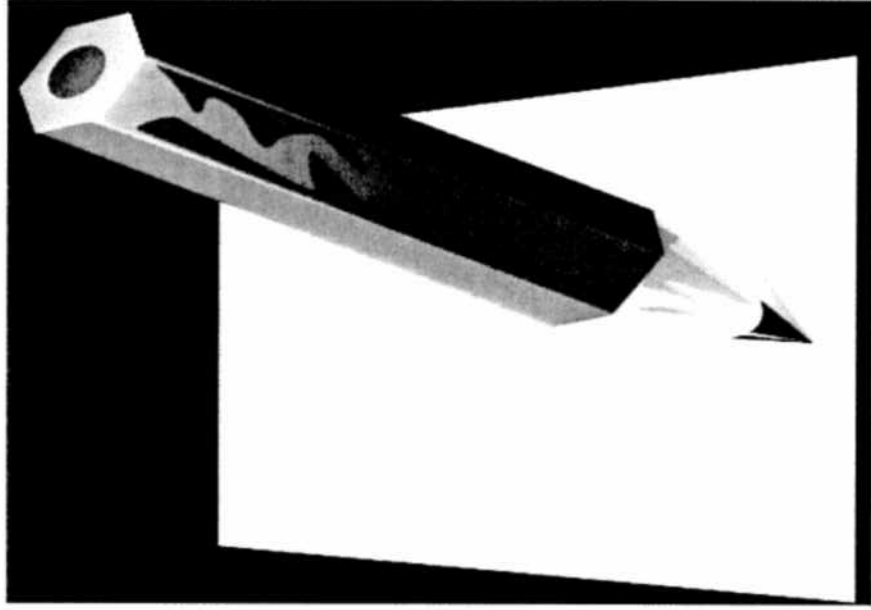
**Nick Lynch
Planning Policy Manager**

What is the Local Development Framework (LDF)?

- Incremental replacement of Unitary Development Plan
- LDF is a folder of documents
- higher level ones are Development Plan Documents (DPDs)
- lower level ones are Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs)
- Core Strategy is the key DPD – it sets out where, when and how change will take place by 2026
- Development Management Policies DPD provides day to day policy for decision making



Barnet's Core Strategy- Final Consultation Stage



Published for 8 weeks consultation - Sept 30th to
Nov 25th

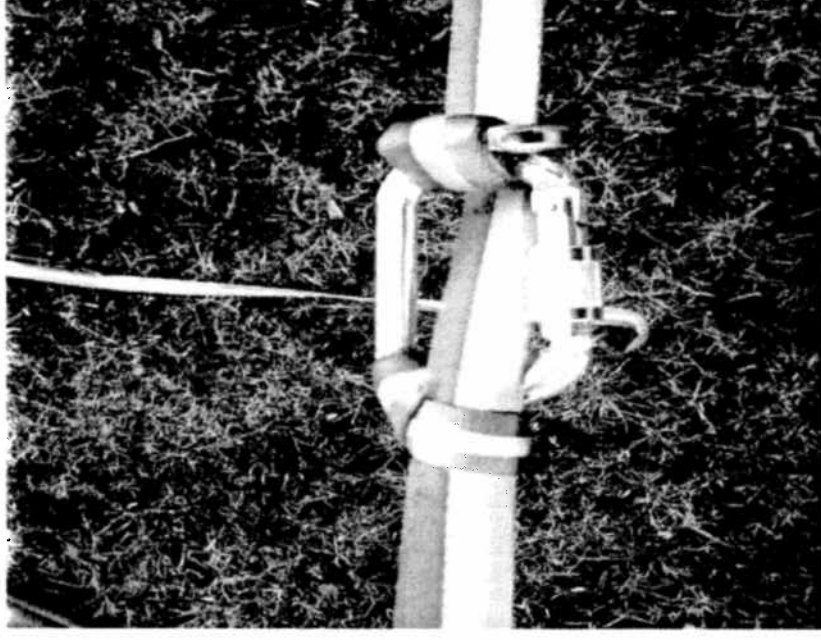
- ❑ Nearly 2,000 comments on last stage (Direction of Travel) told us of concerns about :
 - ❑ Housing Growth
 - ❑ Infrastructure Delivery
 - ❑ Future of Town Centres
 - ❑ Affordable Housing
 - ❑ Provision of Green Spaces

Our responses to these comments are set out in the document 'Representations to the Core Strategy Direction of Travel and the Council's Response'.

Barnet's Core Strategy- Final Consultation Stage

You now have the chance to tell us if our strategy is the right approach

1. Justified means that the document must be:
 - founded on evidence base*
 - the most appropriate strategy*
2. Effective means that the document must be:
 - deliverable*
 - flexible*
 - able to be monitored*
3. Consistent with London Plan and National Planning Policy



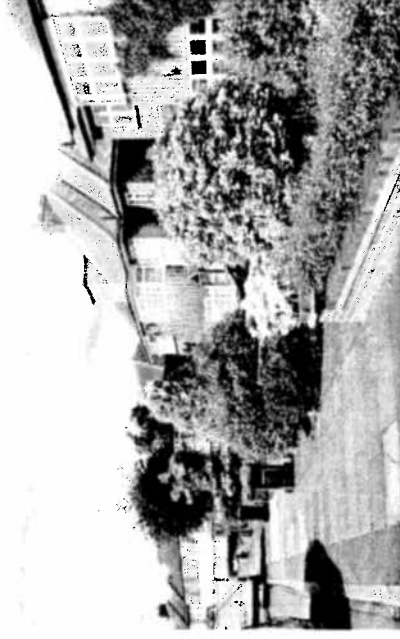
Consultation on Development Management Policies

- Preferred Approach launched September 30th for 8 weeks consultation
- provides detailed policies to deliver the Core Strategy.
- the policies will be used for day to day decision making and for planning committee determinations.
- a suite of 15 policies reflecting Barnet's priorities as a successful London suburb.
- although fewer the policies are stronger and more distinctive than the UDP



Main Changes to Core Strategy & links with Development Management

- Focus on Consolidated Growth – More emphasis on development in the pipeline (ie regeneration and development areas)
Specific policies on design considerations and protecting existing character in Development Management document.
- Housing Choice – New 30% affordable housing target. More emphasis on family accommodation
Specific policies on affordable housing, size of new homes and specialist housing in Development Management document.
- Town Centres - New evidence on where new retail floorspace is needed. New Barnet and Whetstone no longer identified as focus for mixed use development.
Boundaries for 15 largest Town Centres identified in Development Management document.
Development principles including protection of shops in town centres, local centres and parades are set out.



Main Changes to Core Strategy & links with Development Management

- Character - More emphasis on high quality design, protecting and enhancing Barnet's heritage, natural landscapes.

Development Management provides basis for more detailed guidance on Residential Design

- Open Spaces - More emphasis on linking green spaces and enhancing biodiversity.

Policy protection for all open spaces in Development Management along with requirements for new provision

- Transport – More emphasis on more efficient use of road network and delivery of infrastructure in regeneration areas
Development Management sets out parking standards and expects development with transport impact to locate in most accessible areas

- Brent Cross – Cricklewood – new policy to secure strategic policy framework for future regeneration of Brent Cross – Cricklewood.



Infrastructure Delivery Plan

- Infrastructure Delivery Plan sets out what, where, when and how important infrastructure projects will be delivered
- Sets out key infrastructure programmes and projects between 2011 and 2026 needed to deliver the Core Strategy and support housing development
- Provides 'prioritisation of infrastructure' ensuring a focus on delivery of the right infrastructure at the right times that best serves Barnet
- A 'living' document subject to updating by Council and key partners including NHS Barnet



Development Management Key Policies

- **DM01: Protecting Barnet's character and residential amenity** will help ensure that all development respects the existing character eg protect against conversion of family housing
- **DM02: Design considerations** will ensure all development makes a positive contribution to the borough
- **DM06: Ensuring a variety of sizes of new homes** makes family sized housing the priority



Development Management Key Policies

□ **DM09: Development principles for town centres**, sets out the day to day policy to protect retail uses and promote mixed use development

□ **DM13: Open spaces and biodiversity** will protect all open spaces in the borough and ensure that new space is provided where necessary

□ **DM14: Parking standards and travel impact** will ensure that development provides adequate parking



Moving Forward

- Core Strategy DPD will be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate in early 2011 with Examination in Public expected Mid 2011
- Development Management Policies DPD will be subject to another round of consultation in early 2011 and submitted to Planning Inspectorate in 2011

Downloadable versions of 'Core Strategy - Publication Stage' and 'Development Management Policies -- Preferred Approach' are available at

www.barnet.gov.uk/planning-consultations

Hard copies available from all borough libraries or from the council's Planning Reception at Barnet House.

Deadline for comments – 5pm on November 25th

