

CHIPPING BARNET RESIDENTS FORUM

TUESDAY, 20 SEPTEMBER 2011

ISSUES TO BE CONSIDERED AT THE FORUM MEETING

	Issue Raised	Response
1.	<p>Petition: Stop the issue to Sellwood Drive of parking tickets (33 signatures)</p> <p>The residents of Sellwood Drive, Barnet have been receiving parking tickets for parking on the pavement. We have always parked on the pavement as there is not enough room on the road, for some 20 years. We would like all of our parking tickets to be refunded immediately, and for business to return to normal i.e. no tickets. At the moment, we are parking in the street which is causing serious issues to larger vehicles gaining access i.e. emergency services and bin men.</p> <p><i>(Ms Serena Wilson - Lead Petitioner)</i></p>	<p>The general enforcement of footway contraventions in Sellwood Drive ceased on 27 July 2011 and Penalty Charge Notices will not be issued at this location for this reason other than in exceptional circumstances.</p> <p>Any motorist who wished to challenge a Penalty Charge Notice already issued should do so through the proper channels. This is a statutory process, and the challenge ,must be in writing although it may be emailed to parking@barnet.gov.uk</p> <p>Similarly, if any motorists wishes the Council to refund a penalty Charge Notice already paid they should submit a request in writing. It should be noted, however, that it is unusual for such a request to be accommodated as payment is generally accepted as an admission of liability.</p>
2.	<p>Petition: Controlled Parking on Milton Avenue, EN5 (33 signatures) <i>(Mrs Kate Collington - Lead Petitioner):</i></p>	<p>The concerns highlighted in the petition are noted and it is anticipated that investigation into these concerns will commence within the next few months.</p>
3.	<p>When will the covering on the green man pedestrian pole on Oakleigh Road North (by junction of Whetstone High Road) be removed and the green man reinstated? <i>(Mr McKenny)</i></p>	<p>The green man at this location has been covered up since April 2010 as part of a trial to assess the operation of the junction without this facility in place. It will remain covered until a final decision has been made with regards to its removal or permanent reinstatement. Such decision is expected by spring next year.</p>

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4.	<p>Queen Elizabeth Leisure Centre has been closed to the public which affects my children who used this facility at weekends. Why were local residents not informed of this closure before the premises were transferred to QE Girls school and what alternative arrangements been made to maintain public leisure facilities in the north of the borough.</p> <p><i>(Mr Dix)</i></p>	<p>The Academies legislation requires the council to transfer all land used wholly and mainly by the school on a 125 year lease. Legal opinion has been sought and we have established that the sports centres used by Queen Elizabeth Girls School fall within the definition and therefore where to be transferred.</p> <p>Provision has been included in the lease for the facilities to be available for public use outside school hours, and the school is agreeable to this provision.</p> <p>As noted on the Schools website they are looking to invest in the Sports Centre over the coming months and years in order to benefit the School and local community.</p>
5.	<p>In New Barnet there are two council car parks. There are, however, no signs indicating where you can make alternative payment. When will a sign be erected in these car parks indicating that the public can pay at a PayPoint outlet and identify the nearest PayPoint outlet to the car parks?</p> <p><i>(Mr Dix)</i></p>	<p>When payment by PayPoint is available signs will be erected indicating that fact and giving information on the locations. PayPoint is not yet available which is why there are no such signs at present.</p>
6.	<p>In DPR1330, the Council has decided to spend £4.93m on energy saving nodes that will permit street lights to be turned down or turned off remotely (please confirm which it is)</p> <p>What are the hours during which it is proposed to turn down / turn off the street lights and provide the different hours which are proposed for different zones if that is the case (e.g. for bus routes, for A roads, for residential roads, etc etc)?</p> <p>Has any research been undertaken about the possible effect on burglaries, pedestrian injuries, car accidents or muggings or indeed any factor at all?</p>	<p>The technology which we propose to install will allow the street lights to be dimmed and/or switched off completely.</p> <p>It will be dependent on the hierarchy of each street. Those that are heavily trafficked and/or where there is a high pedestrian usage will be dimmed at an appropriate time when the volumes of usage are known to reduce.</p> <p>The Council will ensure that relevant guidance and in particular Codes of Practice are fully complied with in determining proposals.</p> <p>Monitoring will be undertaken to identify any potential impacts. The technology allows for adjustments to be made should monitoring</p>

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	<i>(Mr Dishman)</i>	identify the need to do so.
7.	<p>Puller/Calvert and Sebright Roads – please can we be advised regarding the progress of implementing short double yellow lines on the left hand corners of these three adjoined roads? I was last advised it was dependent on budgetary constraints, but urge the council to consider this high priority as Calvert Road is significantly obstructed should emergency services need to attend. Refuse lorries and other large vehicles are constantly having to reverse back up Puller Road as they cannot get around the corners.</p> <p><i>(Ms Jill Stocker)</i></p>	<p>No action has been taken at this location since the original decision not to proceed further with proposals. However, officers would be happy to review this if local ward members consider there is merit in doing so.</p>
8.	<p>I would also like to know about the possibility of a similar scheme (short double yellow lines) to that in Brunswick Park Road where all vehicles have to park with two wheels on the curbstone within designated markings. This is free to all but penalties apply for non compliance. As so many non residents now park here I am concerned about the limited access for large vehicles i.e. emergency services (we have no limited tonnage signs) and the resulting traffic problems and damage to vehicles which is being caused by poor parking alongside an increased traffic flow. This would probably be acceptable to the majority of residents in all three roads and would undoubtedly be a source of revenue for the council as many non-residents obviously have problems parking well. It would also bring much needed parking enforcement to the area. It would not result in the pavements being too narrow for wheelchair/mobility scooter users as the remaining footpath width would measure 130cm and as things are some parked vehicles are left obstructing the pavements significantly. This parking scheme would help eradicate most of our access problems.</p> <p><i>(Ms Jill Stocker)</i></p>	<p>The comments regarding viability of footway parking in Puller, Calvert and Sebright Roads are noted, but at this time there are no plans to consider its introduction, and it should be noted that one of many factors to be taken into account when considering the possibility of footway parking is the need to reconstruct and strengthen the footway and hence the cost in so doing. Also to be considered would be the potential ‘overhang’ of vehicles when manoeuvring into a space which, in this instance could encroach well in to the 130cm available width quoted.</p> <p>Officers are aware of the on-going concerns generally with parking issues in these three roads.</p> <p>We anticipate investigating the concerns relating to these roads and Milton Avenue to determine what action may be appropriate.</p>

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9.	<p>Does the Council have any plans to install street lights and/or CCTV along the St. Albans Road where there is an ever increasing amount of vehicles being parked, stretching as far as The Shires Golf Club entrance ? This is going to be a potentially dangerous problem in the winter as the road is extremely busy and visibility is poor.</p> <p><i>(Ms Jill Stocker)</i></p>	<p>No the Council has no plans to install street lights or CCTV at this location.</p> <p>Street Lighting is currently provided up to the last property in St. Albans Road. The section between the end of the lighting and the borough boundary is no different to the section beyond the borough boundary which is currently not lit by Hertfordshire County Council.</p> <p>CCTV is currently provided in Town Centre locations or in areas where crime statistics show that it would be most beneficial.</p>

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Future meeting dates:

Date	Venue
Thursday, 24 November 2011	Arkley Village Hall, Brickfield Lane, Arkley, Herts, EN5 3LD
Wednesday, 18 January 2012	To be confirmed
Monday, 12 March 2012	To be confirmed