# FINCHLEY & GOLDERS GREEN RESIDENTS FORUM ACTION SHEET 11 MARCH 2008

held at Trinity Church, 15 Nether Street, Finchley, N12 7NN Forum Officers' Action Notes

# \*Chairman: Councillor Dean Cohen Vice Chairman: Councillor Jazmin Naghar (\*denotes Councillor present)

	Subject	Response	Action By
1.1	Petition to ask the Childs Hill Allotment Society to use the maintenance funds allocated by Barnet Council to install toilets worth £5,500	The Council currently provide portable toilet facilities at the site, available for all plot holders to use. The Committee have for some time been proposing to install toilets at the site which they can seek permission to do so from the Council and apply for planning permission. Discussions with the Committee are likely to take place. Apparently the site Committee are locking the current toilet facilities preventing use by all – this will be addressed.	No further update required.
1.2	To control and monitor the allocation of plots providing absolute priority to Childs Hill Residents who are currently under represented.	London Borough of Barnet residents are prioritised in the letting of allotment plots, which are also available to non-residents. As the allotment budget is self-limiting and influenced by the levels of income generated from the letting of plots; the level of lettings influences the funds available to the Council for maintenance, it is therefore in the interests of the Council to have maximum plot occupancy. As vacancies arise priority is given to Barnet residents on the waiting list, in cases where there are no Barnet residents waiting for plots, plots are allocated to non-Barnet residents on the list, or in the cases of no waiting lists; on a first serve basis. Due to the locality of Childs Hill Allotment on the boundary of the Borough this has overtime resulted in high usage levels from non-Barnet residents.	No further update required.
1.3	To allocate 4 Plots to create a gardening club for local children This again to make the allotment more inclusive and part of the community.	Schools are welcome to apply for allotment plots to set up a gardening club. This is something that is encouraged but with little success as the school groups loose interest. We have a number of community groups within some sites that prove to be more successful. At this present time it is not Council policy to allocate plots FOC to schools.	No further update required.

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1.4	To restrict available parking space to non residents allowing access to the allotment by car only for short periods and only to load or unload goods	The Council cannot restrict parking spaces for non-residents. This could be escalated into all sorts of issues. The implementation of parking controls requires enforcement to ensure compliance – which in an allotment is not a priority and would be an additional cost to the service within an already limited budget.	No further update required.
2	Repair of pavements needed for the roads leading up to the high road including Friern Park.	<ul> <li>Friern Park was last inspected on a cyclic basis on 10 October 07. A total of 16 footway defects were noted for attention and orders placed for repairs to be carried out.</li> <li>A further inspection will be carried out if the resident can identify specific areas of concern, otherwise the next routine inspection is scheduled for April.</li> </ul>	No further update required.
3	How much money was made by the Council with regards to the North Finchley & Golders Green CPZ?	The following figures are <u>gross income</u> and do <u>not</u> allow for the costs of enforcement, costs associated with processing penalties and payments, equipment installation and maintenance costs or administration costs. The figures are for the financial year 2006/07, the most recent complete year available. Figures for pay and display income are not immediately available, these will either be reported verbally to the meeting, or at the next meeting. <b>North Finchley CPZ</b> Gross PCN income: £316,492.53 Gross Permit income: £95,320 <u>Golders Green CPZ</u> Gross PCN income: £674,124.64	No further update required.
		Gross Permit income: £87,960	
4	What Library facilities are there for the partially sighted?	These are mainly in three areas; There are large print books, Music CDs and Spoken Word cassettes and CDs. The Spoken Word cassettes and CDs have a concessionary rate of no charge.	Geoff Allen

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5	Barnet's plans to participate in the The London LightSwitch, that is to introduce LED lighting in Barnet	Barnet Cyclists would be consulted over the use of LED lighting in Barnet. It has been tested in area of Golders Green and Transport for London are taking the pilot forward and want LED lighting in place due to safety reasons.	Nick Bell
6	Will the Council consider putting a cycle/pedestrian crossing in Barnet Lane where the Dollis Valley Walk crosses it?	Detailed work on the review will start in the new financial year, and preliminary results should be available in May or June. Barnet Cyclists will be one of the groups consulted.	Nick Bell
7	Can Church Lane N2 be made part of a 20 MPH zone to include Trinity Road, Long Lane, Leslie Road and Leopold Road?	This was a query raised recently at the Finchley & Golders Green Area Environment Sub-Committee and having heard oral representations and a verbal briefing from the Chief Highways Officer, the committee resolved that the Director of Environment and Transport be instructed to investigate and submit a report to a future meeting in respect of the following: (i) a 20mph speed limit on Church Lane supported by vehicle actuated signs; (ii) signage at either end of Church Lane warning motorists of concealed junctions and the one-way working over the bridge over the tube line; (iii) junction signs at Long Lane and King Street; (iv) liaison with local schools to bring forward complementary pedestrian measures; (v) the extension the cycle lane from Leslie Road to East End Road; and	Nick Bell
8	A Portable toilet installed at Garth Road has now been removed, would it be possible to put it back?	(vi) any other potential measures. This is a mater which would be brought to the attention of Greenspaces and an update would be given at the next meeting.	Toilets are normally provided each year from April to October. They are removed from all sites during the winter. The provision for 2008 is to be confirmed shortly.

#### The forum, which had started at 6.30pm, finished at 7:00pm

Officers Present: Nick Bell – Highways

Jeff Lustig – Director of Corporate Governance Anne Watkins – Planning

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Date of next meeting: 30 June 2008. Avenue House, 17 East End Road, Finchley N3 3QE.

# PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

The Town Hall, The Burroughs, Hendon, NW4 Democratic Services Contact: Jonathan Regal – 020 8359 2012 or email jonathan.regal@barnet.gov.uk

#### 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.

<u>Public requests to speak at Planning & Environment Committee on matters other than planning matters</u> Written requests to speak on matters other than planning applications 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 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 7<sup>th</sup> working day before the day of the meeting.

#### PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE AND SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS (meetings usually start at 7.00pm)

# **AREA PLANNING SUB-COMMITTEE**

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**Hendon -** The Town Hall, The Burroughs, Hendon, NW4 Democratic Services Contact: Pauline Bagley – 020 8359 2023 or email <u>pauline.bagley@barnet.gov.uk</u> Date: 2 June 2008

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**Finchley & Golders Green -** The Town Hall, The Burroughs, Hendon, NW4 Democratic Services Contact: Stephanie Chaikin – 020 8359 2019 or email <u>stephanie.chaikin@.gov.uk</u> Date: 19 June 2008

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