

**FINCHLEY & GOLDERS GREEN RESIDENTS FORUM
ACTION SHEET
17 SEPTEMBER 2008**

held at St Michael's Church Hall, The Riding, off Golders Green Road, NW11 8DA
Forum Officers' Action Notes

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

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1	New signs needed for Somerton Road as the present ones are all weather borne and look very tacky.	This has been passed to the Highway Maintenance team to be inspected and replacements to be provided as appropriate.	Nick Bell
2	Joint representation containing 19 signatures regarding enforcement action against pavement parking in Cornwood Close N2.	The residents need must be met by the Council. Only specially designated footpaths in London are allowed pavement parking. Originally, complaints were received by the residents regarding pavement parking and warning notices were distributed. Following consultation, enforcement action was suspended.	Nick Bell
3	Consultation for the Core Strategy on the Local Development Framework (Issues and Options)	Residents are encouraged to contact the Planning department and specify whatever local development issues are considered to be important, such as Town Centres. It is the Residents opportunity to submit ideas concerning the future development of the borough.	No further update necessary
4	765 signature petition; Request for an installation of a zebra crossing in Temple Fortune/Finchley Road.	The Council has recently completed a study of the A598 including this part of Temple Fortune as part of a congestion improvement scheme, and as part of the study took into account crossing points along the route and their continued appropriateness. However, as there is obviously concern amongst the local population regarding safety with appropriate pedestrian crossing facilities the request will be investigated and assessed against the Council's agreed criteria which considers aspects such as vehicle flow, pedestrian volume and recorded accident statistics. If it is determined that an additional crossing facility in this section of Finchley Road is merited then a proposal would be put forward for consideration as part of the	Nick Bell

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		Council's Traffic Management Budget funded schemes. Mrs Shalom will, as lead petitioner, be made aware of any progress and possible timescales in this regard.	
5	Petition regarding the need of extra parking for Summerside School Crossway.	All schools are expected to have a School Travel Plan in place by March 2009. As part of the travel plan process the school will identify travel issues and can make suggestions for proposed engineering measures to address the issues. Funding will be sought from Transport for London to allow engineering measures to be put in place that are raised in the school's travel plans. This may include the consideration of improved parking options if deemed appropriate by the Council. Residents concerned about this particular matter are advised to contact the local Safer Neighbourhood Team and address this to the next CAP meeting.	Nick Bell
6	Street cleansing issues in North End Road and Golders Green town centre	This issue is being assessed and worked on. Litter is cleared regularly and the resources to deal with the issue has increased in North End Road. New technology to tackle the issue is being examined.	Litter clearance continues on a regular documented basis, hot spot visits remain at 7 per week, the leaf clearance programme will see additional visits to North End Rd.
7	The Council have recently agreed change of use at the former Golders Green Hippodrome so it is now used as a church by the El Shaddai sect	Permission was granted by the Planning and Environment Committee on 9 th May 2007. 424 residents were consulted on the application and 14 replies were received. All matters were taken into consideration as reflected by the report. The Council is not aware of the premises holding events such as weddings and this needs to be investigated as a separate license would be needed for this.	Karina Sissman / Licensing
8	There have been reduced 'Pay and Park' bays in Ravenscroft Avenue NW11. These are much needed by residents and patients and is inconvenient to people with walking disabilities.	Pay and Display bays are located in Ravenscroft Avenue at its junction with Golders Green Road and there has previously been concern expressed regarding their positioning and impact on vehicle movements at certain times. Although consideration has been given	Nick Bell

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		to the continued appropriateness of some of the bays, there are no plans to reduce the number of bays. However, a proposal is currently being progressed to upgrade the existing single yellow line at the junction to an 'At any time' waiting restriction in order to ensure that the junction itself is kept clear of parked vehicles at all times.	
9	The faded Neighbourhood Watch sign at the top of Llanvanor Road still has not been removed.	<p>As explained at the previous meeting of the forum, Neighbourhood Watch signs are the responsibility of the Police. Complaints about worn, faded or damaged signs should be directed to them in the first instance.</p> <p>As this issue has been going on for a long period of time without resolution, the Council's own contractors have now been instructed to remove the sign and this will happen in the next few days.</p>	Nick Bell
10	I have been informed by the Council that there will be a refuse collection contract change in mid November. This will result in certain plastics - water and milk bottles - card, food sleeves and cardboard being collected by LBB to be recycled. When will the changes occur? - and also when will the existing bins be changed for a larger alternative?	A new expanded recycling service is to be provided from 17 November to residents of houses, with roll-out to flats subsequently. This will expand the range of materials collected to include plastic bottles and cardboard. The council will not be able to collect plastics other than plastic bottles, as there are very limited and unreliable markets for other plastics. Residents of houses will be provided with an additional blue recycling box for the new materials, and there will be a explanatory letter and leaflet delivered to all houses to provide details of exactly what can be collected, plus a range of other publicity to inform residents. The black box will continue to be used alongside the new blue box, and there is no change to any other containers.	No further update necessary
11	Vehicles blocking footway at 56-58 Crewys Road. Enforcement officer is present for a brief moment between 11am-12 noon (Mon-Fri), and adopts a unaccountably lenient approach, turning a blind eye to vehicles parked on the footway outside the offices - he said he had 'No instructions' to ticket these	<p>This issue was raised at the previous forum meeting (issue 9). It was explained that the Council's Civil Enforcement Officers can only issue penalties where the vehicle has one or more wheels on the footway or verge. The problem in this location has been that the vehicles overhang the footway, but usually without their wheels being on the footway.</p> <p>In these circumstances, as noted</p>	Nick Bell

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	cars. Parking across the pavement outside these offices continues during day and evening, 7 days a week, and is usually worse after the officer has been.	previously, only the Police can take enforcement action. The Civil Enforcement Officer is acting correctly if they do not issue penalties to vehicles parked in this way. If residents witness a Civil Enforcement Officer ignoring a vehicle in this location where its wheels are clearly on the footway then they should contact Nick Bell giving full details of the date and time the incident occurred.	
12	Urgently replace padlock at Nant Road width restriction. Padlock should be replaced before posts are removed altogether, as has happened previously.	A request for the urgent replacement of the padlock was made on 15 September 2008 and will be checked to ensure it has been put in place.	Nick Bell
13	New planning regulations for householders from next month, as reported in national press. According to press reports, starting next month no planning permission will be needed for 2-storey 3m extensions, or loft conversions up to 50 cu m, unless local authority opts to impose stricter controls. What will be the situation in LB Barnet?	The new changes to the General Permitted Development Order will come into force on 1 October 2008. Local Authorities will have to work with the changes. Given that Local Authorities were only informed of the changes on Thursday, we are still investigating what changes to our controls we will be making if any are necessary.	Nick Bell
14	How much councillors have cost in allowances over the last financial year? How much they are allowed in expenses?	Sheet Attached and available online at barnet.gov.uk .	No further update necessary
15	Temple Fortune Hill & Asmunds Hill NW11 - Temple Fortune Hill. Willifield Way NW11 -Resurfacing - Speed danger along Willifield Way due to resurfacing works and the removal of speed tables and mini - roundabout at the Willifield Way / Asmunds Hill junction.	A review was carried out and one mini roundabout will be reinstalled	Nick Bell

The forum, which had started at 6.30pm, finished at 8:16pm

Officers Present:

Jeff Lustig – Director of Corporate Governance
Nick Bell – Highways Strategy Manager
Jim Ward – Cleansing
Karina Sissman – Planning
Martin Cowie - Planning
Met Police

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Date of next meeting: 5 January 2009. St Michael's Church Hall, The Riding, London NW11 8DA

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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.

Public requests to speak at Planning & Environment Committee on matters other than planning matters

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 7th working day before the day of the meeting.

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

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Date: 15 December 2008

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