

**FINCHLEY & GOLDERS GREEN RESIDENTS FORUM  
ACTION SHEET  
19 FEBRUARY 2009**

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

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

	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Response</b>	<b>Action</b>
1	<p>a) review/extension of the Temple Fortune CPZ and b) speeding/road safety</p>	<p>The Council have no plans to extend the Temple Fortune Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) at this time. However, we are undertaking a rolling review of all CPZs throughout the borough where occupants are given the opportunity to express their views on how the CPZ meets there needs and whether any changes to the CPZ might be desirable. Once the response to the review questionnaires have been analysed and what changes if any have been identified, attention is then turned to issues that have been raised from roads that lay outside of the CPZ boundaries. These concerns are then considered in context of the outcome of the CPZ review and a view taken as to whether further investigation in these periphery roads is justified i.e consideration of extending the CPZs etc. All such requests that are submitted to the council from areas that lay outside a CPZ boundary are held on file in anticipation of the CPZ review, and it is anticipated that the Temple Fortune CPZ review will take place in 2010.</p> <p>Records show that there has been no recorded personal injury accidents in Temple Fortune Lane in the last three years a factor that is considered when investigating road safety concerns.</p> <p>A speed survey has been arranged but this will not be undertaken until the second week in March due to prior survey commitments.</p>	<p>The Council has decided that in the first instance it will carry out an informal consultation with occupiers of all properties in Hampstead Way to determine the exact nature of the parking concerns that exist in this road. The outcome of this survey will inform how to approach similar issues in neighbouring areas that would in turn assist in the planned review of the CPZ in early 2010. The consultation in Hampstead Way is expected to take place shortly after easter.</p>

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2	When will be Council be able to resurface Somerton Road?	Somerton Road was assessed as part of the 09/10 Highways Planned Maintenance Programme. The condition of the road was ranked "Medium to Low" priority following assessments undertaken and therefore was not considered as part of next year's planned maintenance programme. The road is included in the "Reserve Schemes List" and may be considered in next years programme if the conditions deteriorate and additional funding is made available for the resurfacing. In the meantime, our reactive maintenance team will make safe any defects within adopted highway until planned maintenance works are programmed.	No update necessary
3	<p>a) Whose responsibility is it to renew the low brick wall, damaged in an accident approximately two or more years ago, located on East End Road (landscaped area) on opposite side to Cemetery and Christ's College entrance?</p> <p>b) In addition, whose responsibility is it to ensure this landscaped area is kept litter-free? As school children from nearby schools frequent the area before school, during lunchbreaks and after school, perhaps the schools could be contacted for a compromise?</p>	<p>a) Transport for London are responsible for this wall. It has been reported to them on several occasions, and although it was made safe, it has not yet been repaired. We have again reminded them of the need to carry out repairs.</p> <p>b) Responsibility for the landscaped areas is split between Transport for London and the Council. Those areas the Council is responsible for are on our regular maintenance and cleansing schedules. We are arranging for additional inspections to be carried out.</p>	Nick Bell
4	Proposal to place a no entry sign at the North Circular Road exit onto Beaufort Drive.	Residents have previously made requests for this junction to be made no entry, or access for residents only. The aim being to reduce the number of vehicles using Beaufort drive as a short cut through to the A1. The request has been considered against the Council's Traffic Management Budget process and members have agreed for further	Nick Bell

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		<p>investigation to be carried out.</p> <p>The Council are reluctant to close the entrance/exit from the A406 into Beaufort Drive as it would mean the only point of access would be via the A1. This may cause problems for the emergency services, or when maintenance work needs to be carried out.</p> <p>As an alternative, the Council are considering proposals to redesign the junction between Beaufort Drive and the A1 in order to make it less attractive to people as a short cut. The proposals are at an early feasibility stage and we will consult residents as the proposals are developed.</p>	
5	<p>PCNs being put on cars under strange circumstances such as parking on single yellow lines and cars with blue badges.</p>	<p>Single yellow lines means that parking is prohibited during some hours. This is usually done for safety reasons and parking can be prohibited on Sundays. It is the responsibility of the driver to check. Parking attendants have no target quota to fill.</p>	<p>No update necessary</p>
6	<p>Pardes School have put a fence on the area where their wall had been broken. The children play football there. As the wall is missing, the football constantly comes over the fence. It is ideal for a wire netting to be placed above the fence to stop the football coming over causing smashed windows, smashed windscreens and potential hurt to passers by.</p>	<p>The Council has served a listed building notice to re-build the wall with bricks to match the existing building. This has not been done and the case has now been passed to the Legal team. The School is in breach of the notice for the wall to go back, The situation is currently with the Legal department who are in consultation with regards to summoning a prosecution.</p> <p>The School has stated that a netting will be put up as this is a requirement for the building which is listed. A temporary resolution to the problem will be taken up with the Acting Director of Children's Services.</p>	<p>Legal/Education</p>
7	<p>The road surface by the bus stop in Finchley Road is very uneven. This results in deep puddles forming when it rains, and people waiting at the bus stop get splashed</p>	<p>The carriageway has been amended in order to improve the bus stop and there appears to be some differential settlement between the existing surface and the new area. There has recently been a water leak at this location</p>	<p>Nick Bell</p>

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	when the buses pull up.	and it is possible that this has contributed to the settlement. The contractor who carried out the work is carrying out some temporary repairs to make this section safe pending further investigations to identify the most appropriate long term solution.	
8	37 signature petition requesting to make Glenhurst Road a one-way road with traffic entering from Friern Park and exiting into Torrington Park	<p>The concerns and requests raised through the petition will be assessed against the Council's agreed criteria used in deciding whether there is justification in introducing traffic management measures at any given location. When considering whether measures or changes should be made, factors such as recorded personal injury accidents, speed and impact that any identified measures may have on traffic movement on the road network are taken into consideration as limited resources need to be directed to those locations where there are known issues to be addressed.</p> <p>The sentiments expressed in the petition will be considered very carefully and the lead petitioner has been advised that a Senior Engineer of the Design Team tasked with investigating the issues raised and will make contacts in the next few weeks to advise on how the Council intend to take the matter forward.</p>	Nick Bell
9	40 signature petition objecting to plans which would stop parking in Hill Top Road NW11	<p>The Council has no plans to change parking arrangements in Hill Top. However, there are proposals to amend restrictions near the Red Routes in the borough.</p> <p>Transport for London (TfL) are responsible for the Red Routes (A1, the A41 and the A406) which includes Market Place. In the past, this responsibility has included varying lengths of side road junctions with the Red Routes (for example Hill Rise). However, in 2008 TfL made an Order which</p>	Nick Bell

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		<p>had the effect of relinquishing their jurisdiction over certain lengths of a number of these side roads, transferring full responsibility to the Council.</p> <p>Accordingly, in order to ensure that a suitable level of protection would be provided to replace the removal of the Red Route restrictions the Council undertook a survey of these side road junctions, and it was considered that the yellow line waiting restrictions should apply at the certain locations as either direct replacements of Red Route restrictions such as those proposed for Hill Rise; or new lengths of restriction where no previous Red Route restriction had been in operation, and in certain locations where similar facilities had previously been in operation under TfL jurisdiction, limited stay free parking places.</p> <p>A parking bay is located at the A1 end of Hill Rise which under Red Route control was restricted as a loading only bay. As part of the transfer from Transport for London to the Council, we are considering changing this bay to a 20 minute maximum stay bay. This would make more parking available for shoppers.</p>	
10	<p>a) Why only half of the pavements have been renewed. The stretch from Nether Street to the Library (in fact the part of the town centre that is in Church End Ward) has not been re-slabbed so that the town centre renewal looks, and is, half finished?</p> <p>b) Before the repaving started residents were told that the opportunity would be taken to remove unnecessary and unsightly street furniture. The opposite has happened and there are at least two new telephone kiosks.</p> <p>c) Despite earlier complaints delivery and construction</p>	<p>a) The extents of the scheme were determined by the available budget and the existing condition of the footway. Those areas resurfaced were in the worst condition and the length resurfaced was the maximum possible within the scheme budget.</p> <p>b) All unnecessary street furniture was removed as part of the work. The Council has limited powers to prevent telephone companies providing additional facilities, and any statutory undertaker has the power to place equipment in the highway. Wherever possible we work with the companies to try to</p>	No update necessary

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	<p>vehicles continue to park wholly or partly on the new pavements, which have already had to be repaired. The cost of this comes, presumably, from residents' taxes rather than from the pockets of the offending drivers.</p> <p>d) Another hazard residents have to face is the continued use of the pavements by cyclists. It seems to me that this and the offending vehicle obstructions could be dealt with rapidly and effectively by the council staff who are constantly in the town centre.</p> <p>e) A further, and unexpected, hazard is the extent to which traders are taking over the pavements and in some instances causing considerable inconvenience.</p>	<p>minimise the impact on pedestrians and other road users.</p> <p>c) If lorries are parked on the footway and are seen to cause damage, the Council will attempt to trace and recover the cost of any repairs from the vehicle owner. The Council's own contractor would not normally park on newly laid footways, but has been reminded about this.</p> <p>d) As previously advised through the forum, the Council cannot enforce against cycling on the footway. This is an offence for which only the Police have enforcement powers.</p> <p>e) The Council has been licensing premises for street trading in Finchley Church End since 16 Jun 2008.</p> <p>So far the Council have approx 10 premises with a licence in Finchley Church End/West Finchley.</p> <p>No licence was granted unless the premises had adequate clear footway (at least 2.5 metres from the end of display to the edge of the pavement in most cases, rising to 3 metres + on busy streets) and did not cause a nuisance. All premises who could demonstrate this then had to display a notice for 14 days making people aware of their application and inviting people to make representations against the granting of the licence. No representation were received in relation to any of the premises in Finchley Church End or West Finchley, therefore they have been granted.</p> <p>All these premises have to display their licence which will contain a plan of the area we have licensed. The Council invite people to look out for these at premises and alert us when</p>	

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		<p>traders do not have a licence or when they are exceeding their licensed area. The Council also would like to be aware of any particular nuisance issues that this street trading is causing. The Council can always consider reviewing the granting of/conditions on a licence if there is a particular nuisance issue.</p> <p>Some premises are continuing to trade when we have refused their application due to lack of clearance, the Council is currently dealing with these premises to ensure they cease to trade on the public footpath.</p>	
11	How much has the council spent on the Future Shape programme so far? Could you give us a breakdown of what it has been spent on? How much more do you expect to spend?	Cabinet has approved fees to be incurred in carrying out exploratory work into the project. A £250 000 cap has been placed. Cabinet had also agreed to find full time Trade Union officials.	Richard Grice

The forum, which had started at 6.30pm, finished at 8:10pm

**Officers Present:**

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