

**FINCHLEY & GOLDERS GREEN RESIDENTS FORUM  
ACTION SHEET  
27 JULY 2009**

held at Avenue House, 17 East End Road, London, N3 3QE

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

	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Response</b>	<b>Action</b>
1	There are several items of cardboard boxes on Somerton Road. Could you please have these removed asap	The boxes have been removed by the Streetscenes team.	No further update.
2	On June 27 2009, following heavy rain, there was a flash flood of water from Finchley Rd down Hoop Lane, flooding several gardens. The Unitarian Church at 31 1/2 Hoop Lane was not damaged but other houses may not have been so lucky. This follows the serious flooding in 2006 when a water main on Finchley Rd burst. In that case damage was extensive. Is there more that could be done to improve the drainage in the area, and protect Hoop Lane from flooding?	<p>This was an extreme rainfall event and reported flooding incidents were recorded across the southern part of the Borough from East Finchley to Colindale. The widespread nature of the flooding reflects the intensity of the rainfall and the movement across the Borough.</p> <p>Investigations indicate that locally the public surface water sewers and rivers to which the sewers outfall were unable to cope with the intense rainfall that fell over a relatively short period of time. Highway drainage systems that connect to one of these systems were unable to discharge freely due to the surcharge in the sewers and rivers. In low lying areas, some road gully grates became obstructed due to debris carried by the surface water and this may have exacerbated flooding in these locations.</p> <p>Sewer capacity issues are for Thames Water to address and one of the issues we propose to discuss with them when we have captured the full extent of recent flooding in Barnet.</p> <p>It is acknowledged that road gullies in this area were obstructed at times by street debris deposited by the flood waters and following</p>	No further update.

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		<p>inspection we have increased the size of the gully grates to reduce the effect of obstruction by debris.</p> <p>Although the Council is compiling a list of addresses flooded during this event, where flooding occurs as a result of a deficiency in the sewerage system, it is beneficial for residents to contact Thames Water direct on tel no. 0845-9200-800 and inform them of the flooding situation and request that they include the property on their Flooding History Database. The more reports they have of local flooding, the more likely it is that they will commit funds to addressing the problem.</p>	
3	<p><u>The Terraces</u></p> <p>a) Alcohol consumption in the street eg Kara way, steps by Gratton terrace.</p> <p>b) Request to hang baskets for terraces for 2010</p> <p>c) late night entertainments licence of public house opposite the terraces but on Brent side of Edgware Road</p> <p>d) Removal of Pay and Display parking machine on Kara Way.</p>	<p>3a) this is a complex issue and without a specific focus the answer will be very generic and very long</p> <p>3c) the problem premise as reported would be in LB Brent. We are conducting enquiries with LB Brent licensing but again more specifics would be required.</p> <p>d) An update for this would be given at the next meeting.</p>	Item d) – Neil Richardson
4	<p>There is concern about some aspects of the proposals for the redevelopment of Finchley Memorial Hospital, in particular, the possible centralisation of GP practices there.</p> <p>This could be exceedingly difficult for some residents, especially those living at some distance.</p>	The resident would be contacted and an update would be given.	<p>As was outlined in the FMH meeting the purpose of the meeting was for NHS Barnet to present the proposals for the hospital and to listen to residents views. As a result they are co-ordinating responses to the issues raised and the concerns have been forwarded on to them.</p> <p>In terms of consultation, when an application is submitted the</p>

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			<p>Council will write to residents and invite them to submit comments which will then be formally considered as part of the proposal. The Council can only consider planning matters such as the design and height of the building not the services that are provided within it. NHS Barnet has been asked to respond with regards as to what consultation they may be carrying out in terms of the service provision proposed from the new building.</p>
5	<p>It is understood that the Conservative Administration's 2006 Election Manifesto stated under the heading "Support for Successful Suburbs":</p> <p>"We will do everything in our power to prevent the further destruction of family housing to make way for flatted accommodation. We will insist on the highest standards of design and build in new developments".</p> <p>Please would officers advise:</p> <p>a). What advice that they have given the Council Administration with regard to the implementation of this Manifesto commitment.</p> <p>b). What are the criteria used by officers to assess planning applications for the conversion of single family houses into flatted accommodation and for the demolition of houses and</p>	<p>Planning applications for conversions of single family dwellings into self contained flats are determined based on the Adopted Barnet UDP, National guidance, The London Plan and Supplementary Planning Documents including the Three Strand Approach of Protection, enhancement and Grow.</p> <p>It is not the responsibility of the Council's Officers to deal with and advise upon Party Political Manifestos.</p>	<p>No further update.</p>

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	<p>their replacement by flatted accommodation.</p> <p>It is understood that the Conservative Administration's 2006 Election Manifesto stated under the heading "Support for Successful Suburbs":</p> <p>"We will build on the success of our planning service to further develop detailed planning guidance aimed at securing the success of our 3 strand policies, key to which is the protection and enhancement of our suburbs"</p> <p>Please would officers advise how this Manifesto commitment has been, is being and/or will be implemented.</p>		
6	<p>The Finchley &amp; Golders Green Area Planning Sub Committee on 23 June 2009 considered a report on "Torrington House, 811 High Road, N12 8JT (F/01417/09)" that did not appear to:</p> <p>(i) Require any parking provision for the proposed residential units or, in consequence, propose that future residents of the proposed development should not be entitled to on street residential parking permits in the North Finchley CPZ or contract parking facilities in the Lodge Lane Car Park.</p> <p>(ii) Require compliance with the Council's Sustainable Design and Construction SPD (June 2007). It is also noted on the same evening a report to the Chipping Barnet Area Planning Sub Committee on "Land at the Rear of Marian Hose, Holden</p>	<p>In relation to application F/01417/09 for Torrington House, 811 High Road, the Highways department had commented that given that the site is located in close proximity to several bus routes, is within a town centre and close to amenities, and is also in an area of an all day CPZ the proposal was acceptable. It was not considered that a condition or S106 was needed to restrict future residents from applying for a parking permit.</p> <p>In relation to application B/00165/09 for the Land to the rear of Marian House, Holden Avenue there was a recommendation and financial contributions to amend the North Finchley CPZ to exempt future residents of the development from purchasing parking permits. This was however a different situation to that of 811 High Road. The location is not as accessible. It is not in a town centre and is not in such easy reach of amenities or public</p>	No further update.

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	<p>Avenue N12 8HY (B/00165/09)" included recommendations and proposed financial contributions to amend the North Finchley CPZ to exempt future residents of the proposed development from purchasing residential parking permits as insufficient parking provision was being proposed in the development and also included conditions requiring compliance with the Council's Sustainable Design and Construction SPD (June 2007). Please would officers advise why their recommendations in respect of the proposed development at 811 High Road:</p> <p>a). Did not appear to exclude future residents of the development from obtaining on street residential parking permits in the North Finchley CPZ or contract parking facilities in the Lodge Lane Car Park, and</p> <p>b). Did not appear to require compliance with the Council's Sustainable Design and Construction SPD (June 2007).</p>	<p>transport. It is a more suburban, residential location than 811 High Road.</p> <p>In relation to the compliance with the SPD on Sustainable Design and Construction, the application was submitted with information on sustainable measures and the application was assessed with this in mind. The application did refer to PPS1 – Delivering Sustainable Development Draft Planning &amp; Climate Change Supplement to PPS1. The Planning Committee on 23<sup>rd</sup> June approved the application on the basis of the conditions before them.</p> <p>Both applications are not conversions from single family dwelling houses. The application at 811 High Road related to the part of the building that consists of a restaurant at ground floor and residential flats at first floor. The Land to the rear of Marion House is vacant land and not therefore the loss of a single family dwelling house.</p>	
7	Blind corners in Corringham Road, particularly the right angle bend by the junction with Corringway	This would be investigated and an update will be provided.	Neil Richardson
8	Outside some houses in Corringham Road there is unrestricted parking. No doubt it was intended for visitors, trades and so on. The problem is that the spaces have been high jacked over the years by motor car traders and there is not a day when one of them is not occupied by an	This would be investigated and an update will be provided.	Neil Richardson

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	old car. They are delivered in the early hours, replacing one vehicle with another. One example is an old Alpha sitting in one of them which had been there for 3 weeks. Nothing has been done by the Council and the Police. In the meantime car spaces are at a premium with some of us finding it difficult to get a slot.		
9	Plastic items are not collected or recycled unlike other materials such as glass and metal objects.	The Council have been successful in general with regard to recycling, however there does not currently appear to be a market for plastic materials. A remedy for this is being explored.	No further update.
10	Residents of Huntingdon Road are unhappy about the consultation process with regard to replacement street lighting.	Corrected plans for the street lighting would be circulated to the residents of the area and residents would also be consulted on any further improvements that may need to be made.	No further update required
11	Residents of Burlington Parade are being given keys to the refuse area in The Terraces NW2. Other neighbours who live in Gratton Terrace do not have access to this area and have nowhere to put their refuse	This would be examined.	Environmental Health – Dave Ward.
12	37 signature petition requesting to make Glenhurst Road a one-way road with traffic entering from Friern Park and exiting into Torrington Park. The traffic speed limit of 30mph is too fast for this area.	Implementing a one-way system is not likely to improve conditions, and might make things worse. A 20mph zone is also unlikely to deter drivers from the type of driving (on the footway etc) described at the meeting.	No further update required

The forum, which had started at 6.30pm, finished at 8:30pm

**Officers Present:**

Jeff Lustig – Director of Corporate Governance  
Nick Bell – Highways Strategy Manager  
Karina Sissman – Planning  
Jenny Warren – Environment & Transport

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Date of next meeting: 14 October 2009, venue to be confirmed

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