

**FINCHLEY & GOLDERS GREEN RESIDENTS FORUM
ACTION SHEET
1 SEPTEMBER 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)

	Subject	Response	Action
1	<p>In the last four years the Unitarian Church in Hoop Lane has taken part in the London Open House weekend in September. This year there will be no participants from Barnet, because the Council has refused to contribute towards the costs. This is a great disappointment to us and to the other eleven venues that took part last year. The events are all run by volunteers and so the only cost to the Council was for publicity material. Can you tell us how much money was involved? Barnet is the only north London borough not participating in Open House this year, and we would like to urge the Council to restore the grant to Open House in 2010.</p>	<p>Although in previous years the Council had participated in the London Open House architectural festival, it has been decided, because of budgetary constraints and lack of public interest that the Borough should no longer be involved.</p> <p>Participation in this year's event would have required the Council to make a £3,800 contribution to the Open House organisers. It was felt that this contribution could not be justified in these very difficult economic times.</p> <p>If funding could be identified in 2010 which would not put additional pressure on already constrained Council budgets, perhaps through sponsorship arrangements, then the Council's participation in Open House would be reconsidered.</p>	<p>No further update. (Lucy Shomali, Head of Strategy [Planning and Housing], 020 8359 4749)</p>
2	<p>Residents requested improved pavement access from the bottom of Claremont Road NW2 to the Holiday Inn, Tilling Road, NW2 (just south of North Circular), as the current walk was difficult and quite dangerous; and heavily used by those residents in nearby houses, flats and schools.</p>	<p>Tilling Road's southern footway between Claremont Road and Templehof Avenue was recently assessed by the Council and designated unsuitable for pedestrian use due to the presence of a number of steep and narrow sections. It was also established that due to the limited road space and the required deflections needed to be maintained on the approaches to the mini roundabouts, that it was not suitable to widen these sections.</p> <p>Note that a fully segregated footpath is available on the north side Tilling Road with appropriate crossing point and access ramps from both Claremont Road and the commercial centre. This footpath also links to the footbridge leading to Brent Cross shopping centre.</p>	<p>No further update. (Nick Bell, Highways Strategy Manager, 020 8359 3053)</p>

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3	A resident enquired about what was happening with the Hendon Football Club site?	<p>The expected development arising out of the planning permission of October 2004 for 162 apartments became unsustainable in the collapsed market of 2007/2008. Although renegotiations had continued with the leaseholder (the owner of Hendon Football Club) these had not yet reached a conclusion.</p> <p>Development solutions are again being looked at with the slight upturn in market optimism and recent discussions with developers have resumed. The intent was still to seek to restart the development of the site as soon as the market permits.</p> <p>The Council was aware that over recent months the site has been occupied illegally by squatters who were sleeping rough in the stadium and related buildings. This occupation had raised many concerns among local residents, the police and social services. Meetings had been held on-site with the leaseholder suggesting that this illegal occupation contravened the terms of their lease, and be brought to an end. It was understood that they were taking action in the coming weeks to end this occupation.</p>	<p>Considerable effort is being made to resolve the issues concerning the squatters and their activity on the Hendon Football Club site.</p> <p>The Council has served notices under the Housing Act 2004 requiring use of the buildings as living accommodation to cease essentially on the grounds that premises are dangerous. Montclare (owners of HFC Ltd) are taking consequent legal action to remove the squatters when the order is granted which is likely this week.</p> <p>Montclare will also be hoarding the site as it fronts Claremont Road to tidy up the appearance and provide health and safety security. (Martin Cowie, Head of Planning and Development Management, 020 8359 4514)</p>
4	A resident was worried about the legality of their parking permit as they had sent in their renewal for a parking permit that was due to expire on 1 September.	<p>The resident had been advised that her dispensation number was valid until 24 September 2009.</p> <p>The resident was advised to display the dispensation in the vehicle windscreen; and that it had been issued for that period as there were still intermittent postal strikes.</p>	<p>No further update. (Nick Bell, Highways Strategy Manager, 020 8359 3053)</p>
5	There is a constant flow of water out of 490 Finchley Road that results in a muddy strip across the pavement, and a nuisance to walk through.	<p>The area had been dry for a few months, however some of the problems are on-going and it was not known yet when the road would be repaired.</p>	<p>No further update. (Nick Bell, Highways Strategy Manager, 020 8359 3053)</p>

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	Thames Water had attempted to fix the water leak but it had since transpired that the fault is located further away. This issue had been investigated further in collaboration with Thames Water and the fault had been traced to a private property that had temporarily rectified the problem.		
6	A resident requested that the materials and guarding left by contractors in April / May 2009 on Edgware Road (near Burlington Parade) be removed.	The guarding was part of the resurfacing works and had been arranged to be removed on 1 September 2009.	The guarding has been removed. Thames Water are now working further down the road by Matalan but this is unrelated. (John Walker, Network Services Manager, Highways Group, Environment & Operations, 020 8359 3038)
7	A resident asked whether it was possible to impose a fine on individuals who litter?	This would be investigated and a response would be provided.	The relevant legislation is the Environmental Protection Act 1990 sections 87 and 88 (as amended). A £50 Fixed Penalty Notice can be issued or a prosecution could be taken which if successful could result in a maximum fine of £2,500. (Paul Lamb, Community Protection Group Manager, 020 8359 7491)

The forum, which had started at 6.30pm, finished at 6:55pm

Officers Present:

David Seabrooke – Democratic Services Manager

Jonathan Tunde-Wright – LEAN Project Lead

Nick Bell – Highways Strategy Manager

Karina Sissman – Planning

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Date of next meeting: 26 October 2009, Avenue House, 17 East End Road, Finchley, London N3

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

PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

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Date: 12 November 2009

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.

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Date: 10 November 2009

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Date: 10 November 2009

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Date: 10 November 2009

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Date: 30 November 2009

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