

FINCHLEY & GOLDERS GREEN RESIDENTS FORUM

26 OCTOBER 2009

ISSUES TO BE CONSIDERED AT THE FORUM MEETING

	Issue Raised	Response
1	<p>Can the Council clear the litter bin outside the Unitarian Church in Hoop Lane on a weekly basis as the current emptying of this bin is rather haphazard with it sometimes being filled to overflowing resulting in litter on the pavement? (Andrew Tucker)</p>	<p>The Council had been previously aware of the problem from site inspections and the Town Centre Support Crew have been instructed to ensure that this litter bin and the surrounding bench area are serviced as required. Their daily route ensures that this can be inspected on a daily basis. (Dave Ward, Street Cleansing and Ancillary Services Manager, 020 8359 5137)</p>
2	<p>Residents are unhappy with parking proposals in East Finchley because it has an affect on traders in the high street and customers some coming to visit the area because they have to keep putting tickets on their cars. What will the Council do to address these concerns?</p>	<p>Following the review of the East Finchley CPZ and the advisory letter to residents regarding the outcome of the review and proposed actions, we have received a significant number of responses expressing concern with our conclusions. Depending on the origin of the correspondence the concerns are varied but we need to ensure that our conclusions and intentions do meet with the needs of the local community and therefore, further analysis of the representations received will take place and our original conclusions revisited before deciding on whether to pursue our original intentions for the area or not. (Neil Richardson, Acting Highways Manager, Traffic and Development Team, Environment & Operations, 020 8359 7525)</p>
3	<p>A ban on street drinking is being introduced in Cricklewood as there are huge problems with street drinkers. Councillor Monroe Palmer had initially requested a Barnet-wide ban on street drinking, but this was rejected by Committee, with a ban later introduced for Cricklewood. Residents are very pleased about this ban but want to know:</p> <p>a) how it will be implemented and the timetable for doing so? b) will notices go up saying it is an Alcohol Free Zone?</p> <p>The Police are very pleased about the ban as it will give them the power to move street drinkers on. Residents want this to progress quickly. (Jessica Howey)</p>	<p>The proposal for an area-limited alcohol free zone in Cricklewood has been discussed and the police are currently putting together an evidence-base to highlight the need and clearly delineate the area to be covered. The evidenced proposal is scheduled to be completed in the next 2-3 weeks and will then be considered under the established governance and decision-making procedures of the partnership (if approved this will take no less than 12 weeks from the time of the finalised proposal having been submitted).</p> <p>It is a statutory requirement that notices are displayed clearly showing the extent of the zone. (Paul Lamb, Community Protection Group Manager, 020 8359 7491)</p>

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4	<p>Please can you confirm the proposed parking at the Brent Cross redevelopment? (Mike Dawson, Finchley Society)</p>	<p>The proposed parking for the Brent Cross development is set out on pages 248-250 in the 20 October committee report. In summary there are some 11,700 non-residential parking spaces proposed, including the existing permitted 7,600 spaces at the shopping centre which will not be increased. All parking will be provided in accordance with the policies in the Barnet UDP or the London Plan, with caps applied to certain land uses and sites, such as the proposed employment and residential development and the Tesco site. Full details are set out in the table below:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="1099 456 2132 1358"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="1099 456 1626 488">Use</th> <th data-bbox="1626 456 2132 488">Standard</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="1099 488 1626 671">Residential</td> <td data-bbox="1626 488 2132 671">PDP and up to 2,000 units capped ratio 1.0 2,000 – 4,000 capped ratio 0.95 4,000 – 5,000 capped ratio 0.8 5,000 – 7,500 capped ratio 0.7</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="1099 671 1626 775">Retailing and related uses & Leisure within Brent Cross East zone</td> <td data-bbox="1626 671 2132 775">7,600 spaces (No additional parking applied for)</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="1099 775 1626 807">Other Retail and related uses</td> <td data-bbox="1626 775 2132 807">1 space per 75 – 50sq.m</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="1099 807 1626 839">Other Leisure</td> <td data-bbox="1626 807 2132 839">1 space per 22sq.m</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="1099 839 1626 919">Employment (B1 – B8)</td> <td data-bbox="1626 839 2132 919">1 space per 300sq.m (Cap at 1,000 spaces)</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="1099 919 1626 1031">Hotel</td> <td data-bbox="1626 919 2132 1031">1 space per 2 bedrooms, plus 1 space per 5 seats for conference facilities</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="1099 1031 1626 1062">Community Facilities</td> <td data-bbox="1626 1031 2132 1062">1 space per 3-5 staff</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="1099 1062 1626 1094">Private Hospital</td> <td data-bbox="1626 1062 2132 1094">1 space per 2-4 beds</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="1099 1094 1626 1206">New and Existing Mainline Station</td> <td data-bbox="1626 1094 2132 1206">Parking only for disabled passengers and staff, and pick up and set down</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="1099 1206 1626 1286">Rail Freight Facility</td> <td data-bbox="1626 1206 2132 1286">120 car parking and 40 HGV spaces</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="1099 1286 1626 1358">Other Uses</td> <td data-bbox="1626 1286 2132 1358">In accordance with the London Plan</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p data-bbox="1061 1385 2132 1453">(Mervyn Bartlett, Transport & Regeneration Manager, Environment and Operations, 020 8359 3052)</p>	Use	Standard	Residential	PDP and up to 2,000 units capped ratio 1.0 2,000 – 4,000 capped ratio 0.95 4,000 – 5,000 capped ratio 0.8 5,000 – 7,500 capped ratio 0.7	Retailing and related uses & Leisure within Brent Cross East zone	7,600 spaces (No additional parking applied for)	Other Retail and related uses	1 space per 75 – 50sq.m	Other Leisure	1 space per 22sq.m	Employment (B1 – B8)	1 space per 300sq.m (Cap at 1,000 spaces)	Hotel	1 space per 2 bedrooms, plus 1 space per 5 seats for conference facilities	Community Facilities	1 space per 3-5 staff	Private Hospital	1 space per 2-4 beds	New and Existing Mainline Station	Parking only for disabled passengers and staff, and pick up and set down	Rail Freight Facility	120 car parking and 40 HGV spaces	Other Uses	In accordance with the London Plan
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5	<p>Please can you confirm the proposed parking at the Finchley Memorial redevelopment? (Mike Dawson, Finchley Society)</p>	<p>216 parking spaces have been provided on-site for the proposed Finchley Memorial Hospital redevelopment. (Kishore Joshi, Senior Engineer, Planning & Safety Team, Environment & Operations, 020 8359 3046)</p>
6	<p>What are the current and future plans for the building of social housing, especially for families, in the Borough? (Lynn Scheffer)</p>	<p>In 2008/9, there were 424 affordable housing completions within the Borough of Barnet, 286 of these were rented homes. In 2009/10, it is expected that 308 affordable housing completions will be delivered, 162 will be rented. A further 839 in 2010/11 (rented 498), 783 (605 rented) in 2011/12 and 447 in 2012/13 of which 303 will be rented. In total the Council plans are to deliver 2377 affordable homes of which 1568 will be social rented homes for the period 2009-13. Over 75% of the social rented homes will be family homes of 2 or more bedrooms.</p> <p>Registered Social Landlords have secured £117.6 million of investment from the newly formed Homes and Communities Agency for affordable housing in Barnet for the period 2008-11. (Nicola Bird, Regeneration and Development Manager, Regeneration Service, 020 8359 4862)</p>
7	<p>Having regard to the fact that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Transport for London does not accept the transport proposals for the new Brent Cross development and has not signed off the Heads of Agreement b) The North London Waste Authority has no definite proposals for the Geron Road site despite proposals for a waste burning incinerator site at this location being included in the planning application c) The Leader of Barnet Council does not consider the proposed development to be viable for a number of years. <p>What steps are the Council taking to prepare a more sustainable, viable and socially acceptable scheme for the Brent Cross Area? (David Howard, Chair of the Federation of Residents Associations in Barnet (FORAB))</p>	<p>The Planning and Environment Committee report published on 6 October 2009 sets out the latest position in relation to the Brent Cross Cricklewood planning application. Consideration of the application was deferred on 20 October to a special Planning and Environment committee meeting to be held on 18/19 November. (Martin Cowie, Head of Planning and Development Management, 020 8359 4514)</p>

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8	<p>Can the Council treat and/or water the dying Ginkgo tree outside Tesco in Ballards Lane, Finchley N3? (Pat Dunnill)</p>	<p>The issue will be investigated by the Council's Aboricultural Services team and a response given in the follow-up action sheet. (Neil Richardson, Acting Highways Manager, Traffic and Development Team, Environment & Operations, 020 8359 7525)</p>
9	<p>East Finchley Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ)</p> <p>a) It is my understanding that from the first consultation done on our CPZ in East Finchley only 600 people responded which is only one in six residents, does the parking design team feel this is representative of the area? What is their response?</p> <p>b) Do they think this gives enough evidence to make the suggested changes, and why?</p> <p>c) Why is there not going be further consultation and a more in depth analysis?</p> <p>d) We fully understand as residents and traders our apathy in not responding to this survey has got us into this position, but its does not mean that now residents and traders are showing they are against the proposal we should be ignored. We would like the statutory consultation put on hold, we would like a public meeting where residents and traders can voice their concerns and we would like some direct input on what changes are implemented if any are deemed necessary. Can this happen? (Dino Loizou)</p>	<p>Following the review of the CPZ, a total of 689 questionnaires (representing a 17.2% response rate) were received expressing the views and concerns of residents and traders about the CPZ. Analysis of the questionnaires returned from the community showed that although various differing comments were received relating to the CPZ and its operation, certain issues were highlighted when the responses were broken down in certain areas of the CPZ. For example, while the Council's letter of 21 August 2009 advised that 30.5% of respondents of the one-hour CPZ had parking problems – this is a figure which represents the whole of the one-hour CPZ, which covers a wide area. In fact, when focussed on the area we referred to as Area B which is in close proximity to the Underground station and High Road, 44.8% of respondents advised that they had parking problems. The nature of the responses led the Council to believe that there were certain parking pressures being encountered by residents and led to the decision to propose changes to the hours of the CPZ.</p> <p>Following the review of the East Finchley CPZ and the advisory letter to residents regarding the outcome of the review and proposed actions, we have received a significant number of responses expressing concern with our conclusions. The concerns are varied, and we are currently considering the best way forward given the number and nature of the responses. Meetings such as tonight's Forum will help gauge the feelings of the community, and will inform the work we are currently undertaking to ensure that our conclusions and intentions meet the needs of the local community. Until the additional analysis work is complete, we will not proceed with the statutory consultation. I would add that the Council is keen to engage with the community to determine the best outcome for the community. (Neil Richardson, Acting Highways Manager, Traffic and Development Team, Environment & Operations, 020 8359 7525)</p>

Presentation Information at the next Finchley and Golders Green Residents Forum, Monday 23 November at St Michael's Church Hall, The Riding, Off Golders Green Road, NW11

Venue	Issue	Presentation Details
<p>St Michael's Church Hall, The Riding, Off Golders Green Road, NW11</p>	<p>Core Strategy – Direction of Travel document. The Council will be holding a 6 week consultation from 5 November to the 17 December 2009, regarding this important document.</p>	<p>This important planning document sets the direction for the next 15 years in terms of where the Borough will grow and where it will be protected and enhanced. It sets out when change will happen and what investment is required to make it work.</p> <p>The Core Strategy, Direction of Travel contains the vision, objectives and policies to guide development, building on the Borough's many strengths and taking forward the principles of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protecting open space and the green belt; • Enhancing the Borough's quality suburbs and identifying areas of special character; and • Promoting some town centres for development. <p>The Council will be seeking views on the 14 overarching policies that will guide development in the borough. These policies will include topics such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protecting and enhancing Barnet's character; • Where will new housing in the Borough be provided; • Effective ways to promote the Borough's town centres; • Protecting and enhancing Barnet's open spaces; and • Ways to provide integrated and efficient travel in the Borough. <p>We are actively seeking your views on this consultation.</p>

Views sought on draft waste plan

Barnet residents are invited to give their views on how best to deal with the future management of waste across North London.

A draft version of the North London Waste Plan (NLWP) is being issued for consultation from 14th October to 26th November.

With a target to become 85% self-sufficient in the management of waste by 2020, London will now be required to deal with a higher percentage of its own unwanted materials.

This means each London borough will be responsible for playing its part in dealing with a proportion of London's total waste (apportionment) and to identify sufficient sites to achieve this.

The plan proposes a number of sites across North London which Barnet, Camden, Enfield, Hackney, Haringey, Islington and Waltham Forest councils have identified as the most suitable for the new waste facilities which are needed.

It suggests that most of the new facilities can be accommodated on existing sites currently used for dealing with waste, with some additional sites also needed.

Following a rigorous assessment process scoring sites on a range of criteria including; proximity to main roads, rail, waterways, open land and residential areas as well as potential for energy generation, a shortlist of eleven additional suitable sites have been put forward. These are:

Site description, Borough, Site area (hectares)

- Edgware Rd & Geron Way , Barnet , 3.70
- Martinbridge IE , Enfield , 3.53
- Pinkham Way , Haringey , 6.21
- Rigg Approach , Waltham Forest , 4.98
- Victory Park , Barnet , 0.53
- Network Rail at Aerodrome Rd , Barnet , 0.90
- Makanji House , Kynoch Road , Enfield , 0.63
- Building premises , Kynoch Rd , Enfield , 0.82
- Nobel Road , Enfield , 1.95
- Marsh Lane , Haringey , 2.40

During the consultation period, a number of drop-in sessions will be held across the seven boroughs enabling local people to find out more and give their views.

Date , Borough , Venue , Time ,

- 22nd October , Barnet , Hendon Town Hall, The Burroughs, NW4 4BG, 2-8pm
- 3rd November , Camden , Camden Centre, Bidborough Street, Kings Cross WC1H 9AU, 2-8pm

- 10th November , Enfield , The Artzone, 54-56 Market Square, Edmonton Green Shopping Centre, N9 0TZ, 2-8pm
- 2nd November , Haringey , Haringey Civic Centre, High Road, Wood Green N22 8LE, 2-8pm
- 14th October , Islington , Green Living Centre, 222 Upper Street, Islington N1 1XR, 2-8pm
- 20th October , Hackney , Ocean, 270 Mare Street, Hackney E8 1HE, 2-8pm
- 19th October , Waltham Forest , The Score Centre, 100 Oliver Road, Leyton E10 5JY, 2-8pm

Barnet's Cabinet Member for Planning and Environmental Protection Councillor Melvin Cohen said:

“How waste is disposed of in the future will be a big challenge for the council, residents and businesses. With significant financial challenges ahead including the rise in landfill charges, we need to not only recycle more and reduce the amount of waste produced but look at how we can dispose of it in a more efficient way. This includes looking at processing waste more locally than we have in the past.

Waste is an important issue which impacts the whole of London so I hope as many people as possible will give their views.”

The draft plan (the preferred option report) will be available to download from 14th October on the project website www.nlwp.net with copies also available in local libraries and council offices.

For more information telephone Archie Onslow on 020 7974 5916, visit www.nlwp.net or email feedback@nlwp.net

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