

FINCHLEY & GOLDERS GREEN RESIDENTS FORUM

23 NOVEMBER 2009

ISSUES TO BE CONSIDERED AT THE FORUM MEETING

	Presentations	
A	Budget Options Consultation	The Council is currently preparing its budget for 2010/11 and would like to consult with residents on which budget options they feel are their priorities. The forum will include a presentation on the budget simulation tool that we would like residents to use to let us know their views.
B	Core Strategy – Direction of Travel	The Core Strategy of the new Local Development Framework is open for consultation. The forum will include a presentation from Planning on the Core Strategy and how residents can get involved. If you would like more information on the Core Strategy and the consultation period, please see the homepage of the Council's website, www.barnet.gov.uk , where there is a link to more information.

	Issue Raised	Response
1	Petition requesting reverting to the previous system where restrictions deter all-day commuter parking without penalising the residents. Requesting restricted block during weekdays 12pm-2pm for example and no restrictions on weekends. (Residents of Summerlee Gardens)	Following further analysis of the East Finchley CPZ proposals and the subsequent views expressed by the community the Council do not envisage making any changes to the hours of operation of the CPZ. However, the sentiments expressed through the petition will be held on file for consideration at a later date should it subsequently be considered necessary.

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2	<p>Cherry Tree Pavilion</p> <p>The derelict pavilion in Cherry Tree Wood needs attention. Knowing Barnet Council's concern for the environment and the good health of its residents, have the Council considered demolishing the Pavilion – the result would be a no-maintenance, environmentally friendly greenspace that would promote the well being of a wide age range of people? (Mr Peter Forbes)</p>	<p>The pavilion in Cherry Tree Wood has been identified as a rentable property and has been advertised (and still is) on the Council's property pages. There has been considerable interest in the property with a variety of proposals being put forward for redeveloping the pavilion and bringing it back into use. The kiosk operator, Sally Wigfield, has been pursuing her proposals for the pavilion for over 12 months, generating a lot of support for a café along with facilities for use by the community for exercise, art exhibitions etc. Sally has gained a lot of support for her proposals which are intended to further enhance and compliment the current facilities on offer. In July a Friends of Cherry Tree Wood Pavilion http://www.foctwpavilion.org.uk/ was formed to deliver the proposals for the pavilion. In the absence of a viable scheme to re-develop the pavilion consideration would turn to its removal, the preferred option is to bring the pavilion back into use. (Jenny Warren, Principal Greenspaces Manager, 020 8359 7803)</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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