FINCHLEY & GOLDERS GREEN RESIDENTS FORUM ACTION SHEET 23 NOVEMBER 2009

held at St Michael's Church Hall, The Riding, off Golders Green Road, Golders Green NW11 Forum Officers' Action Notes

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

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A	Presentation on 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.	
В	Presentation on 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.	
1	East Finchley Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ)		
(a)	Petition from residents of Summerlee Gardens requesting that the CPZ hours revert to the previous system (weekdays 12pm-2pm) which deterred all-day commuter parking without penalising the residents.	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.	No further update required.

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(b)	How and why did the Council proceed with the Summerlee Gardens CPZ without agreement of residents?	The Acting Highways Manager replied that the Council felt at the time that there were significant reasons to proceed with the experimental CPZ when the Institute temporarily relocated into East Finchley. The Council then consulted residents to inform residents about its decision. The current scheme is valid, and it is understood that residents wished to return to the original hours.	No further update required.
(c)	Traders, following their meeting with the Leader of the Council, believe that the Council was going to change the operating hours of the Summerlee Gardens CPZ? Is this so?	The Acting Highways Manager said that there will be no changes to the existing CPZ, and that he was unaware of any agreement to change the hours in Summerlee Gardens.	No further update required.
(d)	What affects did the Institute have on the area to allow the Council to proceed with an experimental CPZ?	See response to (b) above.	No further update required.
(e)	What was the cost of the failed East Finchley CPZ consultation?	There was no failed East Finchley Consultation as the original project was to carry out a review of the CPZ as part of the rolling programme of reviewing all CPZs across the Borough to gauge community opinion. The consultation and analysis of the East Finchley review responses was carried out successfully.	No further update required.
(f)	Why didn't the Council ask about whether residents wanted any changes to the existing CPZ arrangements in the questionnaire?	The Acting Highways Manager replied that at the end of the questionnaire residents were whether they wished to make comments. There were very few comments received on the current hours of the CPZ.	No further update required. (Neil Richardson, Acting Highways Manager, 020 8359 7525)

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2	Cherry Tree Pavilion		
(a)	The derelict pavilion in Cherry Tree Wood needs attention. Knowing the 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?	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 brining 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.	No further update required.
(b)	Why were the Council allowing and making a precedent for development in the green spaces / green belt?	The Principal Greenspaces Manager replied that it was a nationwide policy to bring disused pavilions back into use. The proposal has a green roof that would provide a habitat to various species.	No further update required.
(c)	Is it inappropriate for a café opposite a children's playground?	The Principal Greenspaces Manager said that there were many cafés across the Borough next to playgrounds. These are a community asset used by those using the parks and playgrounds.	No further update required.

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(d)	Has the kiosk operator, Sally Wigfield, met with Council Officers?	The Principal Greenspaces Manager replied that the kiosk operator had met Officers on site regarding the proposal.	No further update required.
(e)	Can the Council comment on the proposed unsociable (evening) opening hours?	The Principal Greenspaces Manager understood that the opening hours had been changed and that the lease could have operational hours attached.	No further update required.
(f)	Has the kiosk operator applied for lottery funding for the development?	The Principal Greenspaces Manager said that lottery funding was not available solely for the proposal. The Council were considering a bid for the Wood including the pavilion.	No further update required.
(g)	How were the Council dealing with access arrangements to the café for goods and refuse vehicles?	The Principal Greenspaces Manager replied that these arrangements were planning considerations and would be addressed when an application was received.	No further update required.
(h)	Can the Council comment on the potential loss of trees, including two Oaks, by the proposed extension to the pavilion?	The Principal Greenspaces Manager said the planning application had not been received but understood that the building would be in the same footprint.	No further update required. (Jenny Warren, Principal Greenspaces Manager, 020 8359 7803)
(i)	 Residents also raised the following comments: Cherry Tree Wood was unique due to its location in East Finchley; and A petition for and against the proposal had been received. 	Noted.	
3	Draft of the North London Waste Plan (NLWP) was being consulted upon from 14 October to 26 November.	Views were sought on draft waste plan.	Noted.

The forum, which had started at 6.30pm, finished at 9:02pm

Jeff Lustig – Director of Corporate Governance Jonathan Tunde-Wright – LEAN Project Lead Neil Richardson – Acting Highways Manager Martin Cowie – Head of Planning and Development Management Jenny Warren – Principal Greenspaces Manager Jonathan Regal – Democratic Services Officer Victoria Blyth – Community Engagement Officer

In attendance:

Karen Ballam – Assistant Director of Finance – Budget Options Consultation Maria Christofi – Acting Head of Strategic Finance – Budget Options Consultation Lucy Shomali – Head of Strategy (Planning and Housing) – Core Strategy – Direction of Travel Nick Lynch – Planning Policy (LDF Manager) – Core Strategy – Direction of Travel

Date of next meeting: 6 January 2010 at Avenue House, 17 East End Road, Finchley N3

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

PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Hendon Town Hall, The Burroughs, London, NW4 4BG Democratic Services Contact: Maria Lugangira, 020 8359 2761 or email maria.lugangira@barnet.gov.uk Date: 20 January 2010

<u>Public requests to speak at Planning & Environment Committee</u> 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.

<u>Public requests to speak at Planning & Environment Committee on matters other than planning matters</u> 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.

<u>Public requests to ask questions at Planning & Environment Committee</u> 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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Chipping Barnet – Hendon Town Hall, The Burroughs, London, NW4 4BG Democratic Services Contact: Pauline Bagley – 020 8359 2023 or email pauline.bagley@barnet.gov.uk Date: 4 February 2010

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Chipping Barnet – Hendon Town Hall, The Burroughs, London, NW4 4BG Democratic Services Contact: Stephanie Chaikin – 020 8359 2019 or email stephanie.chaikin@barnet.gov.uk Date: 24 February 2010

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