

FINCHLEY & GOLDERS GREEN RESIDENTS FORUM

10 MARCH 2010

ISSUES TO BE CONSIDERED AT THE FORUM MEETING

	Issue Raised	Response
1	<p>Petition from residents of Sneath Avenue, NW11 requesting residents parking bays and a one way street. 26 signatures (Mrs Tamara Reznick)</p>	<p>A verbal update to be given by the Highways Manager.</p>
2	<p>Since the middle of January there has been water flowing over the pavement outside 488 Finchley Rd NW11, near the Llanvanor Rd southbound bus stop. Since then the problem has multiplied, and one leak has become five. This makes the pavement slippery, especially when it freezes. The water is damaging the road surface by the bus stop. This causes deep puddles in the road and passengers get splashed by the buses.</p> <p>Thames Water say they are aware of the problem and that it is 'under investigation'. This has now gone on for over six weeks. Can the Council do anything to get some action? (Andrew and Liz Tucker)</p>	<p>An officer has met with Thames Water representatives and investigations have found that the property is being squatted / used by homeless people and they have cut a service pipe in order to get access to mains water. Consequently there is no method of turning the water off and it is running out from the garden on to the highway.</p> <p>Thames Water are arranging for a team to identify the location of the pipe and if it can be accessed from the highway they will cut off the supply. If they need to gain access to the property they will have to serve notice on the property owner.</p> <p>The Council will monitor progress and press Thames for a speedy resolution. (John Walker, Network Services Manager, Environment and Operations, 020 8359 3038)</p>
3	<p>Problems at the Width Restriction in Nant Road</p> <p>(a) One of the metal posts that forms the barrier was unlocked, left unlocked for a long period, and as a result the post has now gone missing. It needs to be replaced urgently as heavy lorries are now using this route as a shortcut down Crewys and Llanvanor Roads.</p>	<p>The width restriction repair has been passed to officers for action within a week. (Kugan Sabanayagham, Senior Engineer, Environment and Operations, 020 8359 7344)</p>

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(b)	Next to the broken barrier, a large and dangerous pothole has appeared in the road placing motorists, cyclists and motorcyclists at risk of injury and damage to their vehicles. The hole is being exacerbated by the heavy lorries now using this route. (Geraldine Dunham, Clan Residents' Association)	Filling of the pothole is being arranged. (John Walker, Network Services Manager, Environment and Operations, 020 8359 3038)
4	Cricklewood Alcohol Free Zone	
(a)	Can the Council provide information on progress?	A report is scheduled to be presented to Cabinet on 12 April 2010. Attached is a public notice inviting representations in press week commencing 15 February 2010. The closing date for representations is 17th March 2010. Letters were delivered by hand to all licensed premises in the area on 18 February 2010. Further letters were sent to the neighbouring boroughs and Police forces on 18 February 2010. Notices have been put up in the proposed area on 18th February 2010.
(b)	What is the precise area it will cover? (Jessica Howey)	See the map attached to the notice on page 6. (Paul Lamb, Community Protection Group Manager, Environment and Operations, 020 8359 7491)
5	Recently a healthy alder tree was knocked down in Nant Road, on a resident's request, as they requested and were granted a dropped curve and driveway. I would like to see the reasoning behind:	
(a)	allowing driveways for residents when this only encourages car use; all councils should, surely, be taking the opposite course;	The Council provides a crossover service to the residents strictly on a rechargeable basis and, therefore, the applicant bears all the costs, including the Council's cost. All properties adjoining a public highway have a common law right of vehicular access and the Council can only refuse crossover applications under certain circumstances, the most common of which is traffic safety and the presence of trees.

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(b)	<p>destroying a healthy tree (and the habitat therein) to make room for such! What are the policies for allowing or disallowing dropped pavements for driveways and the (possible) consequences for trees? (Rachel Mackenzie)</p>	<p>All crossover applications affecting trees are referred to the the Council's tree officer for consideration. In this case, the Council's tree officer decided that the tree is not of high amenity value and agreed to its removal.</p> <p>The tree was an Alder and although in reasonably good health, it was still only a young tree and had already caused some footway trip hazards that would only increase if left in situ. Alders are not seen to have a large amount of amenity value, especially so when a negative issue is noted to the tree and it was therefore decided that for better future management, this tree could be removed as part of the Crossover application and a new more appropriate species (Pink flowering cherry) replanted at a later date.</p> <p>It must be stressed that each tree is valued on its own individual merit and healthy trees are rarely removed. When a tree is removed, as is the case here, the crossover applicant will be charged for the removal of the tree and the planting of a replacement tree nearby.</p> <p>If the Council's tree officer considers the tree to be of high amenity value the crossover application will be refused. However, the applicant may exercise his right to appeal against this decision. The appeal process involves consulting the three ward Members with the final decision being made by the Cabinet Member and the Chairman of the Finchley and Golders Green Environment Sub Committee, in consultation with Council officers.</p> <p>(Chris Chrysostomou, Chief Engineer (Infrastructure), Environment and Operations, 020 8359 7200)</p>

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6	<p>I was very concerned to hear that the officer who has been responsible for removing graffiti around Cricklewood, and has done an excellent job, is leaving the Council.</p> <p>I would like information on who to contact in future to report graffiti and whether the service will be as good, etc. Graffiti has been a huge problem in Cricklewood. It has to be removed regularly otherwise it attracts more graffiti. (Jessica Howey)</p>	<p>Dave Ward, the Street Cleansing and Ancillary Services Manager, will be the contact from 1 April 2010. He will be happy to meet with Jessica Howey or other residents groups to discuss / solve problems.</p> <p>All enquiries will need to go through customer services so that they are logged onto the system. Telephone 020 8359 4600. (Dave Ward, Street Cleansing and Ancillary Services Manager, Environment and Operations, 020 8359 5137)</p>
7.	<p>Birley Road N20</p> <p>Request for a resident parking zone in this is very family orientated road with many parents, like myself, exasperated with the problems. Can we discuss the timetable for adding a resident parking zone for this street and neighbouring Naylor road at the forum? (Dominic O'Dell)</p>	<p>A verbal update to be given by the Highways Manager.</p>
8.	<p>Traffic problems around Willifield Green at the drop-off and collection times for Garden Suburb Schools. Boorish and sometimes dangerous behaviours by certain parents who persistently ignore parking restrictions intended to make the situation safer, as well as with some other motorists who try to barge their way through the congestion. (Mrs Janet Scharf)</p>	<p>A verbal update to be given by the Highways Manager.</p>
9.	<p>Roads in the Garden Suburb close to Temple Fortune (in particular, Hampstead Way, Asmunds Hill and Temple Fortune Hill) are now being used increasingly for free all-day parking by commuters and others, adversely affecting local residents and shoppers alike. When can we hope for some progress by the Council in implementing control over this situation, such as a one-hour CPZ from which residents in other parts of Garden Suburb ward (Temple Fortune Lane, the very top end of Hampstead Way, the cul-de-sacs off Finchley Road, Corringham Road, etc.) already benefit under similar conditions? (Peter White)</p>	<p>A verbal update to be given by the Highways Manager.</p>

LONDON BOROUGH OF BARNET
Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001
Local Authorities (Alcohol Consumption in Designated Public Places) Regulations 2007

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the London Borough of Barnet in exercise of its powers under the Local Authorities (Alcohol Consumption in Designated Public Places) Regulations 2007 proposes to make an order identifying the places detailed in the map below.

The Order allows a constable and other accredited persons under section 41, section 42 and schedule 5 to the Police Reform Act to require a person, in a designated place, not to drink alcohol in that place if the officer reasonably believes that a person has consumed or intends to do so, and to surrender the alcohol and any opened or sealed containers in the person's possession. Any person who fails without reasonable excuse to comply with a request under this provision may commit an offence and be liable to prosecution.

The Order will not have effect on:

- A premises in respect of which a premises licence has effect which authorises the premises to be used for the sale or supply of alcohol;
- Premises in respect of which a premises licence has effect which authorises the premises to be used for the sale or supply of alcohol but only at times when it is being used for the sale of supply of alcohol or at times falling within 30 minutes after the end of the period it has been so used;
- Premises in respect of which a club premises certificate has effect which certifies that the premises may be used by the club for the sale or supply of alcohol;
- A place within the curtilage of licensed premises or club premises;
- A place which is subject to a temporary events notice authorising the supply of alcohol or for 30 minutes thereafter;
- A place where facilities or activities relating to the sale or consumption of alcohol for the time being permitted under section 115E of the Highways Act 1980.

If you wish to make representations about the proposed Order you should send them in writing to the Community Protection Group Manager, Environment and Operations, North London Business Park, Building 4, Oakleigh Road South, N11 1NP or by email to paul.lamb@barnet.gov.uk by 17th March 2010.

Dated: 15th February 2010



Dorne Kanareck
Director of Environment and Operations

SCHEDULE

Description of the Land to be Designated

Cricklewood Town Centre and Environs

Cricklewood Broadway from Barnet borough boundary with Camden to Childs Hill ward boundary.
Hendon Way from junction with The Vale to the borough boundary with Camden.

The Vale from junction with Hendon Way following the Childs Hill ward boundary to Edgware Road.

Land between the Barnet borough boundary with Camden from Hendon Way to Cricklewood Broadway to the Childs Hill ward boundary at Edgware Road following the Vale to junction with Hendon Way.

