

**FINCHLEY & GOLDERS GREEN RESIDENTS FORUM  
ACTION SHEET  
10 MARCH 2010**

held at St Michael's Church Hall, The Ridings, Off Golders Green Road, NW11

\*Chairman: Councillor Dean Cohen

Vice Chairman: Councillor Jazmin Naghar

(\*denotes Councillor present)

	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Response</b>	<b>Action:</b>
1	<p>Petition with 26 signatures from residents of Sneath Avenue, NW11</p> <p>Residents requested:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a one-way system with Ambrose Avenue as Sneath Avenue was very narrow and sometimes resulted in cars reversing into traffic on Golders Green Road. Residents wanted to keep Highfield Road two-way for ambulance access.</li> <li>• a controlled parking zone (CPZ) as it was impossible to park in the area as it was on the boundary of the Golders Green CPZ.</li> </ul>	<p>It was felt that the 42% response to the Council's informal survey within the area 2 years ago did not give the Council the mandate to go ahead and do a statutory consultation of a proposal. The Council was planning to carry out another informal survey in June / July 2010. This survey would be a fact finding exercise and may not lead to the solutions requested. However, it must be stressed that residents should respond to the survey as the Council uses it to decide whether to proceed with a statutory consultation.</p>	<p>The Council's programme of investigative work relating to traffic and parking issues is currently under review and therefore the original consultation date of June/July has been deferred pending the review.</p> <p>It is therefore likely that assuming it is agreed that a survey should still take place it is envisaged that it would take place in September 2010. Although originally intended that it would be a parking investigation survey the request for investigation into the concern with traffic movement issues and suggestion of a one way system will be looked at in context of the review.</p>
2	<p>Since the middle of January, water had been flowing onto the pavement outside 488 Finchley Road NW11, near the Llanvanor Road southbound bus stop. This problem had multiplied, and the leak became five. The pavement became slippery when it froze, and the water was damaging the road surface by the bus stop. Also, the water caused deep puddles in the road and splashed passengers waiting for the buses.</p> <p>Thames Water were aware of</p>	<p>An officer met with Thames Water representatives. Investigations found that the property was being squatted or used by homeless people they had cut a service pipe in order to gain access to mains water. Therefore, there was no method of turning the water off and it was running out from the garden on to the highway.</p> <p>Thames Water was arranging for a team to identify the location of the pipe and try to access it from the highway to cut off the supply. Otherwise, Thames Water would need to gain access to the property by serving notice on the property</p>	<p>When the site was inspected, the water leaking from the house had ceased. However, a leaking valve on the footway was noted. Thames Water are aware and repairs are planned.</p>

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	the problem and said it was 'under investigation', but this had now gone on for over six weeks. Could the Council do anything to get some action?	owner.  The Council would continue to monitor the progress and press Thames for a speedy resolution.	
3	<b>Nant Road width restriction</b>		
(a)	One of the metal posts that formed the barrier was left unlocked for a long period which resulted in the post now going missing. Can this post be urgently replaced to stop heavy lorries from using this route as a shortcut down Crewys Road and Llanvanor Road?	A work order had been raised to replace the missing metal post. It was hoped that the work would be completed by the end of the week.	The Nant Road width restriction had been repaired.
(b)	Next to the broken barrier, a large and dangerous pothole had appeared in the road putting motorists, cyclists and motorcyclists at risk of injury and damage to their vehicles. The hole was being exacerbated by the heavy lorries now using this route.	The pothole had now been filled.	No further action.
4	<b>Cricklewood Alcohol Free Zone</b>		
(a)	Can the Council provide information on progress?	A report was scheduled to be presented to Cabinet on 12 April 2010.  A public notice inviting seeking representations commenced 15 February 2010 with a closing date for representations on 17 March 2010. Notices have been put up in the proposed area on 18 February 2010.  Also, letters were delivered by hand to all licensed premises in the area on 18 February 2010. Further letters went sent to the neighbouring boroughs and Police forces on 18 February 2010.	The zone was implemented and operational since Friday 21 May 2010.
(b)	What will Cabinet consider on 12 April?	Cabinet would consider the responses to the consultation and decide whether to approve the	No further action.

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(c)	If Cabinet decided to approve the zone would it be advertised?	alcohol free zone.  The Council would advertise the zone by various means which would include the erection of street signs.	No further action.
(d)	What is the precise area it will cover?	See the map below.	No further action.



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5	<p>Recently a healthy alder tree was knocked down in Nant Road at a resident's request for a dropped curve and driveway. I would like to see the reasoning behind:</p> <p>(a) allowing driveways for residents when this only encourages car use; all councils should, surely, be taking the opposite course;</p> <p>(b) 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?</p>	<p>The Council provides a crossover service to all residents on a strictly rechargeable basis. Therefore, the applicant paid all the costs, including the Council's. All properties adjoining a public highway have a common law right of vehicular access. The Council can only refuse crossover applications under certain circumstances, the most common being traffic safety and the presence of trees.</p> <p>The Council's tree officer for considers all crossover applications affecting trees. In this case, it was decided that the Alder tree does not have a high amenity value and it was agreed to remove it.</p> <p>The Alder was in reasonably good health, but was young and had already caused some footway trip hazards that would only increase if left. Alders do not have a large amenity value, especially when a negative issue was noted to the tree. Therefore, it was 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. If a tree was removed, as in this case, the crossover applicant would be charged for the removal and the planting of a replacement tree nearby.</p>	<p>No further action.</p> <p>No further action.</p>

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		When the Council's tree officer considers a tree has a high amenity value the crossover application would be refused. However, the applicant can appeal against that decision. The appeal process would involve consulting the three ward Members and the final decision being made by the Cabinet Member and the Chairman of the appropriate Environment Sub Committee, in consultation with Council officers.	
6	Graffiti removal		
(a)	Can the Council provide details of the officer who will now be responsible for removing graffiti around Cricklewood? The previous officer did an excellent job.	The Street Cleansing and Ancillary Services Manager, will be the contact from 1 April 2010. He would be happy to meet with residents or residents groups to discuss / solve problems.	No further action.
(b)	Can the Council confirm that the service would remain as good? Graffiti remains a huge problem in Cricklewood with it being removed regularly before it attracts further graffiti.	The previous service would remain, and enquiries would need to go through customer services (020 8359 4600) so that they are logged onto the system to enable an audit trail and for operational reasons.	There have been no adverse reports of graffiti removal in the area taking longer than before.
(c)	Can the Council confirm that the 48-hour removal of graffiti would continue?	The Street Cleansing and Ancillary Services Manager to respond.	The 48 hour removal remains the same.
7	Willifield Green		
(a)	Concerned residents raised the following issues: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• school children's safety was paramount;</li> <li>• speeding cars;</li> <li>• dangerous footway parking;</li> <li>• flouting of parking restrictions at Willifield Green;</li> <li>• traffic wardens too scared to ticket school parents vehicles; and</li> <li>• parking on corners and roundabouts.</li> </ul>	The Council noted the concerns of residents and would consult with the ward Councillors, residents association and the schools about possible schemes to alleviate the concerns raised by residents. The Council intend to take enforcement action in the vicinity and would investigate why traffic wardens were not ticketing vehicles.	It was agreed that a meeting would be arranged after a suitable period following the local and general elections. Officers are currently trying to arrange for a meeting to take place before the end of the school term. With regard to adequate parking enforcement the Council are to undertake a concerted enforcement exercise over the next few weeks in order to deter the dangerous and obstructive parking that can take place

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(b)	Residents also requested: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• kerbside parking for vehicles;</li> <li>• speed tables; and</li> <li>• provision of a drop-off and collection point for local schools.</li> </ul>	The Council when consulting with the ward Councillors, residents association and the schools (see answer to 7 (a) above) would look into these requests.	See above
8	Request for a one-hour controlled parking zone (CPZ) in the Garden Suburb close to Temple Fortune, in particular, Hampstead Way, Asmunds Hill and Temple Fortune Hill.  Concerned residents raised the following issues: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a cpz to the south of Hampstead Garden Suburb;</li> <li>• inconvenience of free all-day parking by commuters;</li> <li>• adverse affect of all-day parking on local residents and shops;</li> <li>• request for a pedestrian crossing at the junction of Asmun Hill and Willifield Avenue; and</li> <li>• the effect of the Temple Fortune CPZ on the area.</li> </ul>	A review of the CPZ will take place in early summer with subsequent consideration being given to those roads that are located outside the existing CPZ area.	The Council's programme of investigative work relating to traffic and parking issues is currently under review and the original consultation date of June/July has been deferred pending the review.  It is likely, assuming it is agreed, that a survey should still take place and it is envisaged that it will take place in September 2010.
9	A resident thanked the Council for repairing the steps outside B&Q in Cricklewood.	Noted.	
<b>The next meeting of the Finchley and Golders Green Residents Forum will be held on Wednesday, 17 June 2010 at 6.30pm at Avenue House, 17 East End Road, Finchley N3</b>			

**The Forum which started at 6.30pm ended at 7.58pm**

**Officers Present:**

Jeff Lustig – Director of Corporate Governance  
Martin Cowie – Head of Planning and Development Management  
Neil Richardson – Highways Manager  
Jonathan Regal – Democratic Services Officer

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

**PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

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Date: 1 July 2010, 29 July

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> working day before the day of the meeting.

**AREA PLANNING SUB-COMMITTEE**

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Date: 22 June 2010, 6 July 2010, 28 July

**Hendon** – Hendon Town Hall, The Burroughs, London, NW4 4BG

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