

**FINCHLEY & GOLDERS GREEN RESIDENTS FORUM
ACTION SHEET
27 JANUARY 2010**

held at Avenue House, 17 East End Road, Finchley N3

Chairman: Councillor Dean Cohen

*Vice Chairman: Councillor Jazmin Naghar (In the Chair)

(*denotes Councillor present)

	Subject	Response	Action:
1	<p>More than 200 residents have signed a petition to date against the FOCTWP plans for the Pavilion in Cherry Tree Woods, N2.</p> <p>At the previous Residents Forum (23.11.09) our Principal Greenspaces Manager, Ms Warren stated that in the absence of another viable scheme she would prefer to accept the FOCTWP proposal rather than remove the pavilion to make way for green space.</p> <p>Given this is her preference, would Barnet Council work with the community towards developing another viable scheme for the pavilion that is more fitting with Metropolitan Open Land and that keeps the original character of the building, specifically a conservation or wildlife education building (similar to the facility in Highgate Woods)? This would provide an amenity that fits with the open space thus adhering to Barnet's Unitary Development Plan 2006, Chapter 5, S. 5.3.10</p>	<p>At the Residents Forum it was advised that Cherry Tree Wood Pavilion has and continues to be marketed on the Council's website, with enquiries received on a weekly basis. Please see the following link: http://www.barnet.gov.uk/commercial-property. Consideration would be given to a viable scheme that is put before the Council. However the Council has no funds or resources to contribute to any scheme which needs to be self financing.</p> <p>Regarding the use of the pavilion building it would require an estimated £150k plus to repair/refurbish and subsequently any viable scheme would need to take this into consideration.</p> <p>Reinstating the pavilion back as changing rooms would not cover the outlay costs within the life of the building, with an expected income of just £2,400 per season. Other issues would include the disruption to local residents due to parking by 30 football players and officials on a Saturday and Sunday.</p> <p>A conservation or wildlife education building similar to Highgate Wood would face greater issues with self-financing as it would require staff to man the centre on an on-going basis. Such a centre would have little demand in Cherry Tree Wood which is under 5 ha. compared with Highgate Wood with some 28 ha and which contains much more facilities, including a very popular cafe.</p>	No further action

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	<p>Resident raised concerns regarding redevelopment and planning policies and conservation issues.</p>	<p>The pavilion is being marketed for re-development and the Council welcomes any business proposals for consideration. The Council is not marketing the building as a joint venture, but will consider and support comprehensive business proposals that are fitting for the Wood.</p> <p>Facilities in parks such as a café can make a significant contribution to the appeal of the park for all users, often creating focal points and promoting positive community use of a park, safeguarding it's role as an important asset in the community for the future.</p> <p>Conservation issues would be considered if and when a planning application was submitted. No planning application had been submitted to date.</p> <p>Residents were advised that for legal reasons, the planning process was kept completely separate from discussions that Council officers from other departments might be having with potential leaseholders.</p>	
2	<p>Cycling Issues</p> <p>(a) With rising obesity levels placing an increasingly expensive burden on the NHS, levels of CO2 in the atmosphere threatening to cause a global catastrophe and increasing levels of congestion on our roads making it necessary to spend millions on road improvements – why is the Council still doing almost nothing to encourage cycling in the Borough? Specifically the Council appears to have no intention of spending its cycle facilities budget this financial year. So far this financial year no more than about 16 cycle stands have been or are planned to be installed.</p>	<p>The budget for installation of cycle stands is a small part of the support given to cycling in the Borough. In 2009/10 this includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Cycle training (including audits of routes to schools) – £114.5k; ❖ Cycle route improvements Waterfall Walk – £115k; and ❖ Provision of cycle stands – £10k. <p>It is anticipated that the £10k budget for cycle parking will be fully spent this financial year. This is expected to allow installation of about 40 stands. To date locations have been identified for 25 of these, with investigations ongoing for the others.</p>	<p>No further action</p>

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(b)	When areas like North Finchley are considered for additional cycle stands no comprehensive scheme is put in place. Why is this?	<p>We know that some cyclists would like to see provision of formal cycle parking stands at regular intervals throughout town centres. However providing formal cycle parking conveniently close to all potential destinations for cyclists would have a considerable impact on the town centre environment and especially on pedestrian movement.</p> <p>Requests for cycle stands from members of the public are welcome and should be sent by email to jane.shipman@barnet.gov.uk</p> <p>Cyclists who cannot find a convenient cycle stand tend to park informally, using other street furniture to secure their cycles, for short visits. Where this happens a lot it can be an inconvenience to pedestrians and formal cycle parking, planned to minimise this impact, will be desirable. However, where the demand for cycle parking is not great, this type of occasional informal parking can provide a flexible solution that has a lower impact than the widespread provision of cycle stands.</p> <p>In general we try to reduce street furniture clutter when carrying out footway improvement schemes, and sometimes this leaves little scope for informal cycle parking. We are now carrying out reviews of cycle parking in parallel with these improvements. In addition other areas are highlighted from time to time. North Finchley was separately highlighted as an area that could benefit from increased provision and a review identified some locations where space and other considerations would permit provision of additional stands. The resident commented on some of these locations on behalf of Barnet Cyclists, and suggested other locations. Currently stands are planned for installation at some of the proposed locations in North Finchley and other suggested locations will be considered towards the end of the year if other demands on the budget permit.</p>	

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(c)	When road improvements are carried out, on for example the A1000, the safety and convenience of cyclists and pedestrians take second place. Why is this?	Without specific examples it is difficult to comment, however the A1000 is a strategic route through the borough for different types of transport, as well as serving a number of the borough's town centres. As such the Council has to balance the needs of a wide range of road users. The safety and convenience of cyclists and pedestrians is taken into account when developing improvements, but on a road such as the A1000 maintaining general traffic movement must also be afforded a high priority.	No further action
3	Salting the Borough's roads		
(a)	How much does Barnet Council pay for its salt for spreading on roads?	£28 + VAT per tonne for buying salt.	No further action
(b)	How many grit bins are there in the Finchley and Golders Green area? When were these locations last reviewed?	There are approx 320 grit bins in the borough (101 of those in Finchley and Golders Green area), 38 of these are in town centres. These locations were last reviewed in 2006.	
(c)	How frequently over the recent snowfall were the bins checked and replenished in the Finchley and Golders Green area?	No records are kept separately for each grit bin but in general the grit bins were filled a minimum of 4 occasions since the start of the season at the beginning of November 2009. There may be bins that were filled more times. In previous years it was only necessary to fill the grit bins twice, at the beginning of November and in January.	
(d)	How much salt did the Council place in grit bins/was available for use by the public, or at other locations for public use in the Finchley and Golders Green area?	A total of at least 400 tonnes of salt was used to refill the grit bins in the Borough. This would cover 20 million square metres at a coverage rate of 20g/sqm.	
4	Brent Cross Cricklewood		No further action
	After the Planning and Environment Committee on Thursday 19 November 2009 in respect of the Brent Cross Redevelopment:		
(a)	Has the Section 106 been finalised and agreed?	The S106 has not been finalised.	

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	<p>(b) Have all the heads of terms agreement been agreed and signed?</p> <p>(c) Has a full planning permission been granted? If yes on what date?</p> <p>(d) Has the Council formally advised the Mayor for London that permission has been granted so he can consider whether to call in the scheme?</p> <p>(e) Has the Secretary of State been advised that permission has been granted so that he can consider whether to call in the scheme?</p> <p>(f) If the answer to (d) or (e) above is No when will the relevant persons be notified?</p>	<p>The earliest it is anticipated that this could be finalised is the end of March 2010. Work is continuing on the Heads of Terms principally in respect of the affordable housing review mechanism.</p> <p>See 4 (a) and 4 (c). It is the full S106 agreement (not the Heads of Terms) that must be signed once it is agreed and before any planning permission can be granted subject to referral to the Mayor of London and GOL.</p> <p>No planning permission has been granted, as the application is of strategic importance it needs to be referred to the Mayor of London and Government Office for London. It is anticipated that the application will be referred to the Mayor of London and the Government Officer for London in February 2010.</p> <p>See response to 4(c) above.</p> <p>See response to 4(c) above.</p> <p>See response to 4(c) above.</p>	
5	<p>The Decisions of Council's Cabinet meeting on 22 November 2004 stated under Agenda Item 8 on Pages 13 and 14:</p> <p>8. THE “THREE STRANDS” APPROACH (Report of the Cabinet Member for Regeneration & Development – Agenda Item 8)</p>	<p>The Core Strategy refers to a parking regime that balances reducing car use while recognising that many residents will continue to travel by car. This provides our strategic LDF approach on car parking.</p>	<p>No further action</p>

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	<p>In presenting his report the Cabinet Member asked that an amendment be made to the appended summary of the Three Strands Approach by the addition of the following words after line 5 on page 126: “On-street’ parking permits will not be issued where lower than the revised deposit draft UDP 2001 ‘off-street’ parking standards are agreed for a development.”</p> <p>Accordingly, and for the reasons set out in the Cabinet Member’s report, Cabinet</p> <p>RESOLVED – That subject to inclusion of the above-mentioned amendment</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Three Strands Approach be approved as the Council’s key strategy for guiding future regeneration, development and planning in the Borough over the next ten years and that PEG (Protection, Enhancement and Growth) underpins the future Local Development Framework and its core strategies when it replaces the Unitary Development Plan. 2. The process to develop the Three Strands Approach and PEG be formalized through the Local Development Framework statutory process, coordinated through a member steering panel led by the Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Development. 	<p>The Development Management Policies document will provide more detail on car parking standards and policies for the Borough. This document will be launched this year. The current approach to the issuing of parking permits in connection with new developments in controlled parking zones generally follows the strategy and amendment agreed by Cabinet in 2004.</p>	

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	Please would officers advise how the decision concerning the issuing of 'On Street' parking permits is being addressed and taken forward within the Local Development Framework and the "Core Strategy - Direction of Travel" document in particular."		
6	How long does the Council anticipate it will take it to change the details on www.leaderlistens.com from the last leader to Councillor Hillan? Does the Council have ownership and administrative access to this domain and the associated twitter feed? Has Councillor Hillan committed to using the blog and, unlike the last Leader, allow people who don't 100% agree with her to comment and question the Leader?	The communications team and the Council controls access to the blog. How Leader Listens operates in the future, both meetings and the blog, is being reviewed by the new Leader of the Council. The Leader is committed to publishing her expenses online on a monthly basis.	No further action
7	Please detail all of Barnet Council's advertising and sponsorship income for the past two years and any costs incurred to achieve it.	<p>It is not possible to allocate an accurate cost incurred in achieving the income set out below:</p> <p>09/10 (Q3) Municipal sponsorship £6,534.64 Advertising it is not possible to obtain the details of all advertising income across the entire Council for the period requested.</p> <p>08/09 Municipal sponsorship £14,993.54 Sponsorship of Barnet DVDs £6,500.00</p> <p>08/09 Advertising arranged by the former Communications Department amounted to £900.00.</p> <p>Other departments may have arranged advertising individually.</p>	

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8	<p>Flooding under Cricklewood Bridge in Cricklewood Lane.</p> <p>The matter has been raised with officers and councillors. Something needs to be done to stop residents getting soaked by traffic passing through flood water whenever there is significant rainfall.</p>	<p>The Regeneration and Transport Manager will raise the matter with the appropriate officer in Environment and Operations.</p>	<p>An officer site meeting was held on 5 February 2010 with B&Q who agreed that the flooding is being caused by a fault in their drainage system. B&Q agreed to address the matter and instructed urgent remedial action to be carried out on their behalf by a private company, Metrorod.</p>
9	<p>What was the cost of consultation for double yellow lines in Midland Terrace NW2 and Johnston Terrace NW2?</p>	<p>The resident was asked to give contact details to the Regeneration and Transport Manager after the meeting so that he could investigate and send information to her.</p>	<p>The resident advised after the meeting that she would contact the relevant officer directly.</p>
	<p>Matters outstanding from Action Sheet from 23 November 2010 Forum :</p> <p>1. Following the Presentation on the Core Strategy at the last Forum residents were unable to obtain hard copy of Core Strategy in either Golders Green or Childs Hill libraries.</p>	<p>The matter will be investigated and Head of Strategy (Planning and Housing) will send a copy of the Core Strategy to resident.</p>	<p>A copy of the Core Strategy has been sent to the resident. It has been confirmed that a hard copy of the Core Strategy was placed in all the borough's libraries at the beginning of the formal consultation period on 9 November 2009. A further copy with accompanying representations form was provided to all the borough's libraries on 1 December 2009.</p>
2.	<p>What was the cost of the 'wasted exercise' on the East Finchley CPZ consultation?</p>	<p>The East Finchley CPZ Review commenced in the Autumn of 2008, as part of the Council's rolling programme of Borough wide CPZ Reviews, and expenditure on the scheme has been as follows: The consultation document cost : £1,401</p>	

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	How much was provided by the Hampstead Garden Suburb Institute?	<p>In preparing the consultation, carrying out the consultation, analysing the consultation and going through the relevant decision making process in terms of the consultation in 2008/09 financial year: £36,507.</p> <p>Continuation of above for the 2009/10 financial year: £6,646.</p> <p>In advising the community of the consultation results and the decisions made: £2,752</p> <p>Totalling: £47,306</p> <p>The Regeneration and Transport Manager will investigate and report back to the next meeting.</p>	The scheme was fully funded by a Section 106 contribution from the Institute.
3.	Clarification was requested on the statement in 2(f) concerning lottery funding.	Principal Greenspaces Manager confirmed that the Council does not have the resources to put in a lottery bid.	No further action
<p>The next meeting of the Finchley and Golders Green Residents Forum will be held on Wednesday, 10 March 2010 at 6.30pm at St Michael's Church Hall, The Ridings, Off Golders Green Road, NW11</p>			

The Forum which started at 6.30pm ended at 7.47pm

Officers Present:

Jeff Lustig – Director of Corporate Governance
 Jenny Warren – Greenspaces Manager
 Karina Sissman – Finchley & Golders Green Area Planning Manager
 Mervyn Bartlett – Regeneration and Transport Manager
 Stephanie Chaikin – Democratic Services Officer

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

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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 2nd 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 2nd 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 7th working day before the day of the meeting.

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