

**FINCHLEY & GOLDERS GREEN RESIDENTS' FORUM
UPDATED ACTION SHEET
17 JUNE 2010**

Held at Avenue House, 17 East End Road, Finchley, N3 3QE

*Chairman: Councillor Dean Cohen

*Vice-Chairman: Councillor Graham Old

(*denotes Councillor present)

	Subject :	Response :	Action Taken :
1.	<p>Petition with 31 signatures from Finchley Church End Residents objecting to the proposal for an improved pedestrian crossing facility on East End Road in close proximity to the junction with Manor View and entrance to The Sternberg Centre – Drawing No 60594 cp 001 – March 2010</p> <p>The petition was reported to the Forum.</p>	<p>Officers recently had a constructive meeting with Councillor Greenspan and residents to discuss concerns raised and it was subsequently agreed that a further meeting should take place on site to review the proposals and to consider additional points raised by the residents.</p> <p>The meeting will be arranged once utility works in the area have been completed which is expected to be by the second week of July.</p>	<p>A number of subsequent meetings have taken place to observe traffic including driver and pedestrian behaviour.</p> <p>Information gathered from these meetings is being reviewed that will help to inform the way forward which will be discussed with residents in due course.</p>
2	<p>Barnet Website : The Barnet website used to have a section called 'Halls for Hire' where local organisations could give details of halls or rooms that could be hired by the public. Golders Green Unitarians in Hoop Lane had an entry. When I looked on the website recently I could not find this section. Has the information been removed, and, if so what was the reason.</p>	<p>The Council website has not carried this information for approximately four years. This list was duplicating a more up to date list provided by Barnet Voluntary Services Council (now CommUnity Barnet). It was considered a poor use of taxpayers money to duplicate a service better provided by another body.</p>	<p>The Assistant Director – Barnet Communications has written to the resident.</p>
3	<p>Resident congratulated the Council on helping residents in the Tally Ho Area who had experienced anti-social behaviour caused by</p>	<p>There has been a 54% fall in recorded serious violence offences in the Tally Ho area between 2006-2009.</p>	<p>No update required</p>

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	<p>problems relating to Alcohol Related Crime. He explained that Alcohol Related Crime has dropped significantly (25%) in the Tally Ho Area of North Finchley from 2006 to 2009. Nationally no one is reporting a reduction in Alcohol Related Crime. This Crime Reduction has been achieved by effective action by Barnet Council, Barnet Police and residents.</p>		
4	<p>The pavement verge on Claremont Road between the Millenium Green and Brent Terrace is particularly dirty. We think that the undergrowth needs clearing so that it doesn't attract all the litter, as it does at the moment. Also the pavement around the bins by the shop at the corner of Claremont Road and Brent Terrace is strewn with litter. We would be very grateful if this matter could be looked into as soon as possible.</p> <p>Residents spoke particularly about :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● the vegetation between the pavement and fencing which needs clearing again. ● litter getting caught up in the shrubs. ● Rats sighted by the bins at the corner of Claremont Road and Brent Terrace. 	<p>This location is subject to the Scheduled, Neighbourhood Sweep, Signature Service Cleanse, on a 4 weekly rotation. It is included in Beat 514 and contained within the 'Week 2' schedules. Which were last carried out during the Week start 31/5/10 – this will be repeated during Week start 28/6/10.</p> <p>The location is serviced by Town centre support team 3 and is also classified as a Litter Hotspot, receiving additional resources by Hotspot team 5 throughout the week (but not weekends since April) – The location suffers from detritus build-up due to the Transfer Station adjacent (this is being monitored by The Environment Agency & LBB).</p> <p>The recent footway relay (relaying of paving slabs) along Claremont Road required shrubs and grass</p>	<p>Resident was contacted and asked to confirm the exact location of the rat problem. This information was passed to an Environmental Health Officer to take action.</p> <p>If residents see rat runs and rat holes or large quantities of food that may attract rats they should ring 0208 359 7995 with the specific locations and Environmental Health will investigate and get the landowner to clear the refuse and treat for pests. They have in the last year asked Network Rail to treat the Midland Mainline area which is close to Millennium Green and got several landowners to treat around The Vale / Claremont Road and the railway terrace cottages.</p>

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		<p>verges to be cut back & redefined - Grounds Maintenance have been asked to carry out works on 'responsive maintenance'.</p> <p>Additional resources are placed at peak periods to minimise the affect of litter/wind blown detritus.</p> <p>The sighting of rats will be reported to relevant officer</p>	
5	<p>11 Mountfield Road, N3 3ND</p> <p>Property let out to DHS tenants. House in disrepair, overgrown garden, bedding and trash in garden.</p> <p>Cigarette ends and used condoms thrown into neighbours garden.</p> <p>Residents spoke of their concerns regarding the issues surrounding this property.</p> <p>A resident enquired if officers from Environmental Health have visited to check whether the property, as a house in multiple occupation, complies with health and safety regulations.</p>	<p>Officers from the Council's Temporary Accommodation Service have discovered that the company which owns the property is in receivership. The Temporary Accommodation Service has placements in three of the flats and the rest are occupied by private tenants now managed by the Receivers - Chart Property Partnership. The managing agents have been contacted and they will attend to rubbish in the front and back gardens tomorrow, and cut the grass on Saturday.</p> <p>Appropriate letters have been sent by the Council to the residents in temporary accommodation.</p> <p>Information about antisocial behaviour complaints has been sent to the Receivers to address with the private tenants.</p>	<p>A housing officer went to 11 Mountfield Rd Finchley on Friday, 25 June with a representative from the managing agents. He inspected the back and rear gardens and the front door.</p> <p>The glazing in the front door had been repaired, rubbish including a large TV was gone, weeds and undergrowth had been removed, and the estate agent's sign had gone.</p> <p>Having inspected the property, the Temporary Accommodation Officer spoke to the neighbour, who expressed satisfaction with all that had been done.</p> <p>With respect to the exterior of the building Environmental Health is satisfied that the action so far taken addresses the public health concerns. With</p>

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			respect to the interior there are some concerns with the state of repair of the property which are being addressed. The complainants can be assured that there was nothing found that would warrant, immediate or prohibition action.
6	Matters Arising from Action Sheet from 10 March 2010 Forum:		
(a)	Pavement outside 488 Finchley Road NW11 near Llanvanor Road southbound bus stop: Resident advised that the water leak had now been fixed however the roadway near the bus stop was uneven and in need of repair.	The Council is looking to address potholes throughout the Borough and a database is currently being compiled of damaged roads. This will be added to the list.	Defects in the road surface by the Llanvanor Rd bus stop have been reported to the relevant officer. These defects are being examined and will be incorporated as appropriate into the borough wide Pothole Elimination Programme which has a target of dealing with worst potholes on the main roads, including Finchley Road, by the end of July
The next meeting of the Finchley & Golders Green Residents' Forum will take place at 6.30pm on Monday, 26 July 2010 at St Michael's Church Hall, The Riding, Off Golders Green Road, NW11			

The Forum which started at 6.30pm ended at 7.00pm

Officers Present:

Jeff Lustig – Director of Corporate Governance

Karina Sissman – Finchley & Golders Green Area Planning Manager

Mervyn Bartlett – Regeneration and Transport Manager

Ingrid Leggatt – Housing Manager

David Curtis-Botting – Trading Standards and Licensing Manager

Stephanie Chaikin – Democratic Services Officer