

FINCHLEY & GOLDERS GREEN RESIDENTS FORUM

19 October 2010

ISSUES TO BE CONSIDERED AT THE FORUM MEETING

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<p>1. Petition to be reported to the Forum : Petition for Road Safety – Brookland Rise, NW11 The undersigned call upon Barnet Council to take the following actions :</p> <p>A. Make a 20mph zone for Hill Top NW11, Brookland Rise and all roads south of this down to the A1, including Eastholm and Westholm.</p> <p>B. Install a raised mini roundabout at the junction of Hill Top, Brookland Rise and Brookland Hill, even if this means Barnet Council adopts the School driveway.</p> <p>C. Barnet must commit to not reducing the size of the Brookland Rise roundabout.</p> <p>D. The Brookland School Zig Zag lines should be valid from 8.30am to 8pm 7 days a week.</p> <p>E. Barnet should go ahead with the proposed yellow lines at Midholm/Hilltop junction.</p> <p>F. There should be a sign on Hill Top for drivers coming north to shown the junction at Midholm.</p> <p>G. The school driveway should have a STOP sign and a white line inside the boundary before the brick columns.</p> <p>H. Install more and better warning signs for the School and speeding drivers.</p> <p>I. Prevent drivers diverting off the A1 and using these side roads as a rat run.</p> <p>J. Consult residents in the streets named in A over proposed diversions and signage wording relating to the Henlys Corner works. This would include all signs on the A1 from Archway.</p> <p>138 signatures Lead petitioner – Brian Ingram</p>	<p>A. 20mph speed limits or zones are one of various traffic calming options that are available. A 20mph zone would require physical self enforcing calming measures introducing the need for extensive or resource intensive road layout changes or modifications. However a detailed analysis shows low 85%ile speeds and a lack of personal injury accidents. This means the location would not be a likely candidate for traffic calming when assessed in the context of the current criteria due to lack of justification. However, it should also be noted in any case that the introduction of new 20mph limits or zones is not something that the Council will consider or support at this time.</p> <p>B. Ordinarily, the Council would consider a mini roundabout as a potential solution to improving the operation of the existing junction to reduce dominance of one traffic flows and assist or give priority to right turn manoeuvres or improving capacity at overloaded junctions. It could also be considered as an accident remedial measure.</p> <p>The design would consider numerical criteria and there is empirical evidence to suggest that when side road flows are less than 500 vehicles per day or less than 10-15% of major road flows then a mini roundabout is not effective in achieving desired effects as mainline traffic tends to operate under free flow conditions. As this criteria is not being met this is not considered an appropriate measure. There are therefore no current plans to recommend a mini roundabout for this location.</p> <p>C. We have no record of this roundabout being reduced as part of the last resurfacing works at this location. Though we cannot accurately predict future traffic management needs</p>

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		<p>and residents' aspirations, at the moment we are not aware of any need or request to reduce the size of the roundabout in question. We recognise that such a measure may instead make the road more attractive to large vehicles which would not be very helpful since this is essentially a residential road.</p> <p>D. The existing time restrictions were identified as part of the School Travel Plan Implementation Engineering Scheme (STPIES) measures implemented by Environment and Operations. The travel issues and requests for engineering measures from the Brookland Infant and Junior travel plans were investigated following consultation and a number of measures installed. The School Travel Plan team has not received from the school an application to upgrade the timings of the school keep clear markings or timing on the yellow line signs otherwise there is an opportunity to consider the request as part of STP review.</p> <p>E. The double yellow lines have since been installed.</p> <p>F. Taking into account the recently implemented double yellow lines to provide sightlines, and lack of accident history at the location, we cannot establish grounds for the appropriateness of the sign. We believe unjustified signing should not be used at individual locations simply in response to complaints from the public as this detracts from their effectiveness.</p> <p>G. This is a matter for the school to address. We are aware of various meetings between the lead petitioner and the school towards resolution of this matter.</p> <p>H. Following a request from the lead petitioner, a signage and speed review was carried out which resulted in an additional sign being installed on Brookland Hill.</p> <p>I & J. Transport for London (TfL) have jurisdiction of the A1. The Council has been in touch with TfL who are happy to issue the following; <i>For planned and major works on the TfL network, TfL inform road users and public through use of advance signage (static, VMS etc), press notices, website etc. Depending on traffic management employed, TfL then</i></p>

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		<p><i>liaise with stakeholders as appropriate (including Barnet Council) and would ordinarily employ traffic management strategies that seek to minimise disruptions, less public inconvenience, allow for safe and effective working. Any such diversions so employed are normally on a like-for-like basis ('A' road for 'A' road).</i></p> <p><i>In the unlikely event borough roads are used as diversions, TfL would consult or seek consent from Barnet Council and only proceed on the basis of an agreement. Barnet would be expected to inform its residents who are directly affected etc.</i></p> <p>We would add that though side roads are not part of the official diversion, it is not always possible to legally discriminate users who are familiar with the local road network from using such public roads on their own initiative and so some level of 'diversion' on legitimate grounds and in exceptional circumstances rather than the norm is to be expected on the borough network.</p> <p>Neil Richardson Acting Highways Manager Traffic and Development</p>
2.	<p>Presentation of petition - Request for CPZ in the following roads in the borough: Sneath Avenue, Brookside Road, Ambrose Avenue, Garrick Avenue, NW11. Lead Petitioner : Tamara Reznick</p>	<p>We are looking into the possibility of using Section 106 funding to carry out investigations into this matter and, if that is confirmed, public consultation will take place before the end of the year.</p> <p>Neil Richardson Acting Highways Manager Traffic and Development</p>
3.	<p>Presentation: 'Core Strategy – Publication Stage and Development Management Policies – Preferred Approach' We are in the process of developing a set of planning documents, known as the Local Development Framework (LDF). Together these documents form the overarching local policy framework for planning the future of Barnet. The LDF is a 'folder' of separate documents and two of the most</p>	

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	<p>important documents are the Core Strategy and Development Management Policies. We are therefore seeking the views of residents on these documents during a consultation period that lasts until November 25 2010.</p> <p>Nick Lynch Planning Policy (LDF) Manager - Planning, Housing and Regeneration</p>	
4.	<p>Exit from the North Circular Road into Beaufort Drive: - used as a rat run - charges for cars having to park on the pavements</p> <p>Stephen Goodrich</p>	<p>Previous proposals at this location could not be progressed as they hinged on Transport for London agreeing to implement and fund road layout changes at the Beaufort Drive/Faloden Way junction. At this time there are no plans to pursue this issue further especially in light of the current pressure on funding streams.</p> <p>It is assumed that charging means to introduce permitted footway parking. At this time there are no plans to introduce such a scheme although appropriate parking management may be looked at in the future should funding become available. .</p> <p>Neil Richardson Acting Highways Manager Traffic and Development</p>
5.	<p>What was the outcome of the questionnaire on a CPZ for the streets in our part of West Finchley (including Fursby Avenue, Courthouse Gardens/Road, Nethercourt Avenue and West Avenue) which was carried out at least 18 months ago.</p> <p>Jenny Kettleton – West Finchley Residents’ Association</p>	<p>It was originally envisaged that the outcome and subsequent actions resulting from the review would have been known by now. However, due to changing priorities and reviews of available funding etc work on the scheme has been delayed. Further to this it has recently been determined that work of this nature will not proceed for the foreseeable future; however, the responses to the questionnaire will be held on file for review at such time when the programme may be picked up again</p> <p>Neil Richardson Acting Highways Manager Traffic and Development</p>
6.	<p>Street cleanliness in our part of West Finchley – street sweeping is not frequent enough.</p> <p>Jenny Kettleton – West Finchley Residents’ Association</p>	<p>All residential roads are swept every 4 weeks. Accumulated litter, broken glass, dog fouling and overflowing litter bins can be reported to Customer services. We aim to respond to such</p>

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		reports within 24hrs Jane Theobald Acting Refuse Service Manager
7.	Concern about the level of litter around the green on Finchley Way (between Hamilton Way and The Drive). Jenny Kettleton – West Finchley Residents’ Association	The area street scene supervisor has been inspecting this location twice per week to ensure that levels of litter are controlled. Jane Theobald Acting Refuse Service Manager
8.	Concern about the amount of litter left behind by the dustmen/recycling carts on their collection day. Jenny Kettleton – West Finchley Residents’ Association	All crews are instructed to clear any spillages made on the public highway. Crews carry shovel and broom on the lorry. Jane Theobald Acting Refuse Service Manager
9.	Request for double yellow bands outside the green on Finchley Way (between Hamilton Way and The Drive) to prevent collisions but also for safety of children who play football on the green and often dash out between cars to retrieve their ball. Jenny Kettleton – West Finchley Residents’ Association	The concern has been noted and will be investigated, and officers will report back on the outcome of the investigation and any identified action. Neil Richardson Acting Highways Manager Traffic and Development
10.	At the last meeting, Councillor Dean Cohen agreed that he would ask his councillor colleagues who have just been awarded 54% pay rises for charring committees if, on reflection, and in view of the economic restraints we are all being asked to observe, that they might feel it appropriate to forego such an enormous self appointed increase. Can Councillor Cohen confirm that he has discussed this proposal with each of these eight individuals, and could he pass on their response to residents? Theresa Killick	On reflection on the last forum I realised that it is not within the duties of the Chairman of the forum to act as an intermediary between other elected members and residents, particularly on personal matters such as their allowances. I would therefore advise the resident if she so wishes to contact each relevant councillor direct as they are all contactable by email and/or phone. Cllr Dean Cohen
11.	Barnet Citizens’ Panel used to function as a process of consultation with residents, assessing their level of satisfaction with the Council’s delivery of services. I would like to ask when this Panel was discontinued, and for what reason. Theresa Killick	‘One of the Councils’ key priorities is to deliver better services with less money. We also want to encourage our residents to take a lead role in shaping the opportunities we provide and take responsibility for contributing to the borough and supporting their community. Consultation and engagement plays a crucial role in delivering these priorities.

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		<p>As part of this we conduct a range of consultation activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • User customer satisfaction surveys • Focus groups • Service user forums • Deliberative events • Consultative workshops • Online residents surveys on specific issues • Biennial Residents Perception Survey <p>The Council is also currently exploring online models of consultation and engagement and has just launched its Ideas Website: http://ideas.barnet.gov.uk/, however is mindful of the need to engage with residents who do not have internet access.</p> <p>With reference to the Citizen Panel , in the past the panel has proved very expensive to maintain, however we are still using the panel for face to face events and also exploring new ways we can consult with the panel in a more cost effective way.'</p> <p>Rosie Evangelou Consultation and Insight Officer, Chief Executive's Service</p>
12.	<p>After the last meeting, an article in the local press expressed concern at the low level of attendance, and mention was made of the lack of publicity which these Forums receive. Are there any plans to improve the advertisement and promotion of these Forums?</p> <p>Theresa Killick</p>	<p>The opportunity to improve upon the promotional arrangements for residents forum meetings is a matter which is always kept under consideration.</p> <p>Director of Corporate Governance</p>
13.	<p>Dangerous manhole cover positioned on a slope on the pavement in Golders Green Road (on the corner outside Novellino and opposite Hoop Lane).</p> <p>Richenda Barbour</p>	<p>We are very sorry to learn of this accident. Contractors will investigate immediately and we will take appropriate remedial action to make safe, and report to the relevant utility company for permanent repair</p> <p>Mervyn Bartlett Transport & Regeneration Manager Environment & Operations</p>

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14.	What are the councillors positions on the Brent Cross/Cricklewood Development? Mr James Levy	
15.	Why does there appear to be so little publicity of the Area Forums? Mr James Levy	Area Forums are publicised in the local newspaper and on the Council website Aysen Giritli Acting Democratic Services Manager