

FINCHLEY & GOLDERS GREEN RESIDENTS FORUM

WEDNESDAY 9 MARCH 2011

ISSUES TO BE CONSIDERED AT THE FORUM MEETING

Issue Raised	Response
1. Presentation by Counsel and Care – Helen Finch	
2. Presentation by Energise Barnet – Nigel Farren	
3. Petition : Objections to closure of Disabled Persons Parking Bay outside 1-8 Temple Fortune Lane, NW11 – (32 signatures). Mr Brian Ingram	The resident using the disabled parking bay has died, hence the proposal to remove the bay. However, the objection is being carefully considered and a decision is anticipated shortly. Mervyn Bartlett Transport and Regeneration Manager – Environment and Operations
4. Petition – Objections to the proposed changes to parking in Beverley Gardens, Limes Avenue, Russell Gardens and Alba Gardens (170 signatures) Mr Y Lemberger, Senior Warden North West Sephardish Synagogue.	This petition is being given due consideration as part of the statutory consultation process for the proposals to convert all free parking bays in borough Controlled Parking Zones. A decision is currently expected to be made at the end of March. Mervyn Bartlett Transport and Regeneration Manager – Environment and Operations
5. Petition – Proposal to change plans for increased residential parking bay regulations at the junction of Derwent Crescent and Britannia Road. Residents’ proposal that residential bays are restricted to ‘no parking between 1-2pm or 2-3pm’ but are available at other times during the working day. –(272 signatures) Staff and patients of Derwent Medical Centre, 20 Derwent Crescent, London, N20 0QQ	This petition is being given due consideration as part of the statutory consultation process for the proposals to convert all free parking bays in borough Controlled Parking Zones. A decision is currently expected to be made in mid-March Mervyn Bartlett Transport and Regeneration Manager – Environment and Operations
6. Petition from resident of Dollis Park and Church Crescent N3 – Requesting a review of the current regulations with a view to extending the restricted hours Mon-Fri 8.00-6.30pm and Sat 8.30-1.00pm in line with other streets adjacent to Regents Park Road and Ballards Lane N3 (49 signatures).	This petition is being given due consideration. Mervyn Bartlett Transport and Regeneration Manager – Environment and Operations

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	Mr Alex Mestanas	
7.	<p>We moved to Yew Tree Court some fourteen years ago. Over this time we have been dismayed and not a little distressed at the state of Bridge Way, which is - we understand from our many telephone calls to the Town Hall - classified as a Private Road: a 'service road' at the rear of Yew Tree Court running off Bridge Lane to WAITROSE on Finchley Road, used for deliveries to the shops/collections of garbage between Waitrose and the recently-opened MAGNET Kitchen appliances. It is also used by pedestrians as a short cut through to Finchley Road shops. It is a terrible health hazard because passers-by dump their litter - take-away food wrappers, cans, bottles etc. - and also because the shops place their own packagings/detritus at their rear entrances, much of which ends up being blown across Bridge Way into our rear entrances (and, yes, we live on the ground floor of Yew Tree Court, so get the brunt of it....). Because during the day Bridge Way is also used by residents and shoppers to park their vehicles, the rubbish gets trapped behind and between cars, and the subsequent mess is a great attraction for foraging rats and foxes - sometimes dead rats have been found there. Bridge Way inclines downwards to the Bridge Lane entrance and this results in drains becoming blocked - one cannot even <u>see</u> the drains any more, so covered are they in litter, mud after rainfall, etc.</p> <p><i>There is NO CLEANING, nor UNBLOCKING of DRAINS , carried out in Bridge Way.</i></p> <p>The surface of Bridge Way was, in fact, in such a terrible state that Waitrose, several years ago, themselves funded re-tarmacing of the surface, as it was causing so much damage to their own delivery vehicles!</p> <p>Yew Tree Court looks lovely - from the front; at the back, it resembles a run-down inner city council block.</p> <p>Please, please, PLEASE can you do something - anything - to improve this situation.</p> <p>N.B. There is <i>no exit for vehicles</i> at the Waitrose end of Bridge Way, so drivers must exit the same way as they drive in - a second opportunity for discarding sandwiches, cigarette ends, etc. [I must add, however, that the Waitrose drivers are extremely skilled and helpful - not litter-louts!]</p> <p><i>(Mrs) Ruth Hepner</i></p>	<p>Bridge Way is a private road not maintainable at public expense by the Authority. In general, all frontages to Bridge Way are responsible for the maintenance.</p> <p>Bridge Way was visited by Council officers on 17 January 2011. The Managers of Waitrose and Starbuck coffee were advised about the possibility of reducing the number of their bins and keeping them locked as they were being used by residents and vagrants. Residents advised that their landlord had not supplied them with their own bins. The landlord has subsequently been in contact with Refuse to arrange a site visit and delivery of bins.</p> <p>The Manager of Waitrose has advised that the road was resurfaced at the expense of Waitrose a while ago due to its very poor condition as the owner of the road could not be established.</p> <p>The Townkeeper will be ensuring the alleyway is kept clear and the situation will be monitored by the Priority Intervention Team (PIT).</p> <p>Steve Murrant Enforcement Manager – Environment and Operations</p>

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8.	<p>The parking meters in Golders Green Road, Temple Fortune, Bridge Lane and roads off of Golders Green Road are blocked and not taking cash. I'm elderly and cannot use a phone to pay and have been told by a traffic warden that, therefore, I cannot park although Highways officers have advised that the meters must be 'out of order'.</p> <p>Mrs Singer</p>	<p>The Council has a Maintenance Team who repair broken machines on a daily basis. The machines are dated, however, and subject to frequent breakdowns with up to 20% waiting for repair at any given time. It is the case that any motorist who wished to park but cannot or will not pay by phone will have to move elsewhere. A verbal update will be given at the meeting.</p> <p>Mervyn Bartlett Transport and Regeneration Manager Environment and Operations</p>
9.	<p>Issues around parking for shoppers in Temple Fortune: meters out of action, not accepting coins etc.</p> <p>Mrs Loretta Patterson</p>	<p>Response to be given at Forum Meeting.</p> <p>Mervyn Bartlett Transport and Regeneration Manager Environment and Operations</p>
10.	<p>At the recent special committee for constitutional 'reform', a number of highly controversial proposals were submitted for review which, if implemented, would seriously curtail the involvement of councillors of all parties, and members of the public, from engaging in Council meetings. Are all of these proposals still being supported, and if so, can you explain how such measures are in any way consistent with the idea of 'localism', which allegedly seeks further to empower communities, or indeed explain how such changes are in any way acceptable in a democratic system of local government? If the proposals are still being put forward, when is it envisaged that a decision will be made on whether or not these so called 'reforms' will be adopted?</p> <p>Theresa Killick</p>	<p>A number of proposals are being considered by Special Committee (Constitution Review) as part of the annual review of the Council's constitution.</p> <p>Jeremy Williams Deputy Democratic Services Manager</p>
11.	<p>Can you tell me when Barnet Council will comply with the instructions from ministers Eric Pickles and Bob Neill on the use of filming, photography and tweeting in all council meetings by citizen journalists, bloggers and other valued members of the community?</p> <p>Theresa Killick</p>	<p>The authority is considering the recent letter on this topic from the Department for Communities and Local Government.</p> <p>Jeremy Williams Deputy Democratic Services Manager</p>
12.	<p>1. The required procedure if residents of a road or area wish to opt out of a CPZ. Additional information:</p>	<p>Response to be given at Forum Meeting.</p> <p>Mervyn Bartlett Transport and Regeneration Manager</p>

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	<p>1. The amount the Council expects to raise <u>from residents</u> of the CPZs from each of the following proposals -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Abolishing free parking bays. b) Increasing the price of residents parking and visitors' permits. c) Increasing the number and cost of fines in the areas requiring parking permits. <p>2. The amount the Council expects to raise in total from increasing the cost of parking at a meter.</p> <p>Mr Teacher</p>	<p>Environment and Operations</p>
13.	<p>I would like to express my concern that the mini-roundabout at on Manor View, at the end of Rosemary Avenue/ Station Road has been removed. This was removed without any prior consultation. Residents were assured that it would be returned if we were unhappy with the change.</p> <p>The change has made exiting from Rosemary Avenue, Station Road or Briarfield Avenue significantly more dangerous for car drivers. It has also made it more difficult to cross the road.</p> <p>Cars drive over the humpback railway bridge at a much higher speed now. The bridge means that cars on Manor View cannot see cars trying to exit and that cars trying to exit, or pedestrians trying to cross, have very little warning that a car is coming.</p> <p>I know that Graham Jardine wrote to protest the roundabout's removal at the time, on behalf of the Greensquare Residents Association, but to no effect. The GRA represents the vast majority of residents, who agreed that Graham should write on their behalf.</p> <p>Can I ask the councillors to ensure that the roundabout is replaced, and that traffic calming measures will not be removed without first conducting a planning consultation, writing to those residents who will be affected. This will prevent such errors occurring in the future.</p> <p>Ms Julia Hines</p>	<p>Response to be given at Forum Meeting.</p> <p>Mervyn Bartlett Transport and Regeneration Manager Environment and Operations</p>

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14.	<p>Parking by commuters and residents on the pavement and kerbs at each end of the following roads connecting to Pennine Drive, NW2:</p> <p>Cotswold Gardens NW2, Cumbrian Gardens NW2, Cheviot Gardens NW2 and Cleveland Gardens NW2.</p> <p>Please can something be done about this as cars are blocking the way and breaking up the kerbs?</p> <p>Mr Anastasio</p>	<p>Response to be given at Forum Meeting</p> <p>Mervyn Bartlett Transport and Regeneration Manager Environment and Operations</p>
15.	<p>On behalf o the residents of the lower Vale area, I would like to raise the following points for tonight’s meeting:</p> <p>1.The question of the restricted parking in the lower part of The Vale, Golders Green, NW11 area for the residents. The amount of cars and vans in the lower Vale area have risen by three-fold within the last year. All the lower Vale area are parked with white vans and cars from outside. As a result, the residents have no choice but to place their wheelie bins outside their houses so as to prevent people from parking in their space. We need the Council to discuss this matter again urgently, because the whole area is so congested with all the cars and vans parked in the area.</p> <p>2. The traffic has increased very considerably and motorists are driving at such a speed that accidents are likely to happen at any time. This situation is also aggravated by the congested parking in the area. We have raised these points a number of times in the meetings, however, nothing has been done seriously about this matter.</p> <p>3. Donoghue, so far have not been doing their job of cleaning the Vale area properly It is only yesterday that we saw the Barnet cleaning van sweeping the road in the lower Vale area. We found that the roads are no cleaner than before as it is still full of sand and dust on the road and footpath. This point was also raised at the meeting. We need the Council’s urgent attention to this matter as well.</p> <p>Olivia Ow and other residents</p>	<p>Response to be given at Forum meeting</p> <p>Mervyn Bartlett Transport and Regeneration Manager Environment and Operations</p>