

FINCHLEY & GOLDERS GREEN RESIDENTS FORUM

THURSDAY 7TH OCTOBER, 2021

AT 6.00 PM

VIRTUAL MEETING

Chairman: Councillor Jennifer Grocock
(Chairman),
Vice Chairman: Councillor John Marshall
MA (Hons) (Vice-Chairman)

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ISSUES TO BE CONSIDERED AT THE FORUM MEETING

No	Issue Raised	Response
1.	Issues List - without responses	

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1	<p>Issue: Crossing Kingsley Way between the parks Submitted by: Brian Ingram</p> <p>There was a serious, almost fatal accident here just recently when a Cyclist was hit by an overtaking car. This issue was dismissed at the Residents Forum earlier this year. Please can it be revisited by a Planning Officer and at least SLOW warning signs painted on the road now?</p>	
2	<p>Issue: Delay in decision, pedestrian crossing at the dangerous Summers Lane, Granville Road and High Road Junction due to cycle lane review Submitted by: Liz Maimaris</p> <p>It's been 4 years since I first raised this with support from my local councillors. Children cross here daily to get to Compton School and put their safety at risk in doing so. There is no safe crossing for them - they have to make their own judgement on when to cross.</p> <p>Parents are worrying every day about their child's safety as they go to and come home from school. It's not acceptable for a child's route to school to be unsafe.</p>	

AGENDA ITEM 1

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	<p>It's not acceptable that it's taking the council this long to provide a safe crossing here. Why is the borough expecting children to cross this dangerous junction without a proper safe crossing in place?</p> <p>What action are you asking the council to take?</p> <p>Make a decision by the end of this year on what type of pedestrian crossing to have here and get it implemented by end 2022. Don't give more excuses about bus routes and cycle routes. Nothing should be more important than children's safety. In the meantime provide something to help ensure children's safety e.g. a lollipop person at key times.</p> <p>Are you representing a group or association? Parents on Granville Road.</p>	
3	<p>Issue: Pedestrians crossing Kingsley Way NW11 by the A1 Submitted by: Brian Ingram</p> <p>This is still a dangerous crossing with the Green Men having been removed. The problems here are identical to those for pedestrians crossing Hoop lane at Finchley road; and the traffic speeds are higher here.</p> <p>Please can we have the Green Men restored?</p>	
4	<p>Issue: Northway NW11 between Litchfield Way and the A1 Submitted by: Brian Ingram</p> <p>This road is often blocked. With parked cars on either side the road is too narrow for cars to pass each other.</p> <p>Could a Traffic Engineer give an opinion please. A Traffic Engineer could recommend 'GIVE WAY' and 'GIVE WAY TO ONCOMING TRAFFIC SIGNS' etc. Cars speed down Northway to get through the narrow part before a car comes the other way.</p>	

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	<p>This is not just a speeding or anti-social issue per se but speeding cars and pedestrians do not mix here - several near misses.</p> <p>The problems are getting worse and the new (starting October 14) Bute Mews construction works will not be helpful.</p>	
5	<p>Petition: Restart the collection of kitchen waste after three years of inaction Lead Petitioner: Elena Cook</p> <p>Number of Signatures: 279</p> <p>We the undersigned petition the council to re-start the collection of kitchen waste stopped in 2018 with no further action by the Council despite three warnings from the Mayor of London.</p> <p>Barnet Council stopped the collection of kitchen waste in 2018. It ignored three warnings of the Mayor of London and pretended to engage in consultations with stakeholders with zero effect. The Council has some of the worst green credentials in the capital (see articles in the Guardian re its opposition to greener no-car zones in London). Food waste collection is an excellent way to reduce household waste and to turn it into compost that can be used by local allotments and other organisations. We urge the Council to reverse its misguided decision and resume food waste collection with immediate effect.</p>	
6	<p>Petition: Traffic calming measures on Deansway Submitted by: Sharon Sadeh</p> <p>Number of signatures: 40</p> <p>We the undersigned petition the council to designate our road, Deansway N2, as a 20mph zone, and to install speed calming measures at the earliest opportunity. This</p>	

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<p>request is supported by more than 25 individuals on Deansway, who became concerned - and at times, alarmed - by the growing volume of traffic and speed on this particularly road in recent years. Deansway is situated between East End Road and The Bishops Avenue, and is a cut through artery, which is in heavy use during the morning and evening hours. Navigation apps recommend taking Deansway given its proximity to the North Circular, especially when road works take place on nearby streets. The particular topography of Deansway, with its downward curvy slope at one end, and the two-way stretch towards the other end, lends itself to a reckless behaviour by drivers of vans and sports cars.</p> <p>Families with toddlers or a pram find it a difficult road to cross because the curve of the road (we can supply pictures, taken near 31/37 Deansway, to evidence this) gives them less time to react to oncoming traffic, especially at high speed. Few residents also had near death experiences with oncoming traffic when attempting to cross Deansway. Given the above, we would like your consideration towards the installation of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * 20mph speed limit signage * Birdseye/convex mirrors on lamp posts at certain blind spots (to avail safe crossing of the road), especially near the intersection with Edmunds Walk * Speed cameras * Radar/vehicle activated speed signs (ideally with VRN identifier) * zebra crossing near the intersection with Edmunds Walk * zebra crossing near the north east intersection with East End Road <p>(Note: we did not make a request for speed bumps; this is in consideration of emergency services that pass through Deansway from time to time, especially fire engines and ambulances.)</p> <p>We will be happy to meet any representatives from Barnet Council to further discuss the above.</p> <p>There is sufficient evidence in support of 20mph zones, as noted by this statement on a</p>	

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	<p>website associated with Barnet:</p> <p>'....A large number of evaluation studies have demonstrated a link between the introduction of 20mph zones/ 20mph limits and a subsequent reduction in casualties. The size of the reductions and the consistency of results over a wide number of areas are further evidence for this link. As well as road safety benefits, Council notes the contribution that 20mph zones /20mph limits can have in encouraging more physical activity, such as walking and cycling, by contributing towards a safer environment'.</p> <p>(Source: https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ld=5161; see also: https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s13606/Appendix%20A%20-%2020%20MPH%20Task%20and%20Finish%20Group%20Report.pdf)</p> <p>Based on a recent communication, Transport for London (TfL) and the Met police don't have sufficient resources to tackle and enforce speed limits in suburban parts of London and therefore rely on volunteers to help them with this important task, through schemes like Community Road Watch (CRW). However, this is not always feasible, which means that physical intervention might be most effective.</p>	
7	<p>Petition: Oak Lane Parking N2 Submitted by: Eunice Phillips Number of signatures: 35</p> <p>We the undersigned petition the Council Highways Department to extend by 60 metres the double yellow lines on Oak Lane from its junction with the High Road in order to resolve a potentially dangerous situation. Due to parked vehicles on one side of Oak Lane there is no space for oncoming vehicles to pass. The situation is even more hazardous due to a lack of visibility oncoming vehicles cannot see each other. It is only a matter of time before a serious accident occurs.</p>	

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8	<p>Lead petitioner: Chaline Church Request for double yellow lines on Bramber Road corners No. of signatures: 56</p> <p>BACKGROUND & UPATE: Various residents have raised the lack of safety in Bramber Road over the years with no action taken to date in respect of painting double yellow lines for the top (South) side of Bramber Road where it intersects Woodhouse Road and on the lower (North) side where it intersects Warnham Rd. Both sites have a school entrance just meters from those dangerous corners, where thousands of children attend daily. Despite numerous emails, the last action suggested to the residents was to create a petition, despite around 20 family emails requesting the same thing, showing a majority request in this road already, and further, that Barnet would at some point (no timing agreed) give the residents a design plan for double yellows on the south side of Bramber Road (see email response from MP Mike Freer to myself on 27 May copying us in on Barnet's response to himself, including "The Parking design manager has confirmed that officers have visited the site and recommended that waiting restrictions are to be implemented at the top of Bramber Road J/W Woodhouse." Disappointingly, to date, we have not received this from Barnet council directly and to date, no design drawings proposing these lines for the residents to approve have been received or any communication from them on this matter, further than what our MP has kindly relayed.</p> <p>REQUEST: Vehicular and pedestrian safety for parents and children attending Wren Academy primary and secondary schools and local residents and vehicular drivers, especially those who have to drive their car halfway into Woodhouse road (represented by the blue block (car) on the attached drawing) into oncoming (purple block/car on the attached) traffic, like Russian roulette, to be able to see past the parked cars on Woodhouse Rd on the school side (represented by green blocks) and unable to see the oncoming cars indented by the island. Double yellow lines around the four specified corners and extended at least 20 metres from the cnr of Bramber and Woodhouse on the school entrance side, toward the zebra crossing/island. This would create a huge</p>	

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	<p>improvement to human safety around this area especially here, where cars from Bramber need to pull into Woodhouse to see around the parked cars to see the oncoming cars indented by the island – hugely dangerous!</p> <p>ATTACHED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Signed Petition of Majority Residents (some not in at time of signing) 2) Simple drawing, of requested yellow lines & showing oncoming traffic issue poor site line 	
9	<p>Petition: Junction between Finchley Road and Hoop Lane pedestrian crossing request Lead Petitioner: Ruth Pavey No. of signatures: 583</p> <p>There is currently no pedestrian crossing at the junction between Finchley Road and Hoop Lane, London NW11.</p> <p>The Finchley Road footpath is very busy, with users including families and young people travelling to local schools and pre-schools (including Garden Suburb Infant and Junior, Golders Hill, Alyth Gardens and Henrietta Barnett Schools), workers heading to/from Golders Green tube station, visitors to the crematorium and cemetery, and local residents/workers.</p> <p>Where Finchley Road meets Hoop Lane there is a busy, traffic light controlled, junction. However there is no pedestrian crossing to allow pedestrians to safely cross Hoop Lane, which means that pedestrians have to dash across the road between the changes in the traffic lights.</p> <p>This is very dangerous as the traffic is busy on both Finchley Road and Hoop</p>	

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<p>Lane, with vehicles turning in all directions. Vehicles also often jump the traffic lights.</p> <p>My family cross this junction four times a day taking my 5-year-old son to school. Until recently I had accepted that this is just how it is. However, a week ago there was an incident where two cars jumped the lights at speed and my son was very nearly hit by one of the cars.</p> <p>This really brought home how crazy it is that there is no safe pedestrian crossing at this junction. I can't think of another busy junction that is so poorly served.</p> <p>I'm therefore requesting that Barnet Council introduce an appropriate pedestrian crossing at this junction before anyone is seriously injured or killed.</p> <p>I started a petition in support of this submission a week ago, and it now has over 500 signatures.</p> <p>https://chnq.it/h9k7B7LD</p> <p>There has been strong support for the introduction of the crossing, which many people feel is long overdue.</p>	

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Future meeting dates:

Mon 10th January 2022

Weds 2nd March 2022

Issues must be submitted to the Governance Service (f&gg.residentsforum@barnet.gov.uk) by 10.00am on the 5th working day prior to the meeting.

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