

**MEETING**

**CHIPPING BARNET RESIDENTS FORUM**

**DATE AND TIME**

**THURSDAY 7TH OCTOBER, 2021**

**AT 7.00 PM**

**VENUE**

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**7<sup>th</sup> October 2021, 7pm**

**VENUE:** Virtual Meeting, please see further details [HERE](#)

**Chairman:** Councillor Weeden-Sanz  
**Vice Chairman:** Councillor Nicole Richer

**ISSUES TO BE CONSIDERED AT THE FORUM**

	<b>Issue Raised</b>	<b>Response</b>
1.	<p><b>Petition:</b> Monitoring and Enforcement of Parking Restriction/ 20-mph Speed Limit and introducing a school street scheme – Windsor Drive and Ridgeway Avenue EN4  <b>Lead Petitioner:</b> Sanjay Doshi  <b>Number of signatures:</b> 77</p> <p>We, the undersigned request Barnet Council to take action to protect residents and pedestrians in the area of Ridgeway Avenue and Windsor Drive. We welcome te 20 mph limit and the parking restrictions but with no monitoring and enforcement it is being widely ignored. This should include introducing a school street scheme, as there have been numerous complaints about the school run traffic, causing mayhem, noise/air pollution and where residents are often trapped in their own homes as driveways/car access roads are blocked. In the first instance a meeting of Highways, residents and local councillors should be set up to devise plans that will improve the situation for local residents, encourage walking to schools and enhance the safety of pedestrians, especially children.</p> <p><i>(Resident could not attend so item was deferred to the October meeting.)</i></p>	<p>The Lead Petitioner will be given three minutes to present the petition to the Forum.  Following the presentation, the Residents Forum Chairman will decide to do one of the following options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Note the petition, take no action.</li> <li>• Refer the matter to a chief officer to respond to within 20 working days;</li> <li>• Refer the matter to the relevant Area Committee (if funding is required)</li> </ul>

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2.	<p><b>Petition:</b> Manor Drive/1-10 Raleigh Drive, Whetstone N20  <b>Lead Petitioner:</b> Miriam Wright  <b>Number of Signatures:</b> 167</p> <p>We write to you to ask for your support in solving serious road issues on Manor Drive/1-10 Raleigh Drive, Whetstone N20.  In 2015, a petition about the 30mph driving speed on Manor Drive was signed by over 95% of Manor Drive residents and submitted to Barnet Council (Ref: TV/CC/CB2434). It resulted in the installation of a few speed limit signs.  Unfortunately, these have proven unsuccessful and the situation has worsened since.</p> <p><b>30mph is simply too fast and unsafe for a residential road.</b>  The residential road is the home to many elderly and young families, and it is a fact that it is unsafe for the residents. The amount of young children living on the road has increased since 2015. At the same time, it has become a high traffic cut through road at peak time, a “race track” at off-peak times, and a car park for shoppers and Tesco lorries at the top of the road.</p>	<p>The Lead Petitioner will be given three minutes to present the petition to the Forum.  Following the presentation, the Residents Forum Chairman will decide to do one of the following options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Note the petition, take no action.</li> <li>• Refer the matter to a chief officer to respond to within 20 working days;</li> <li>• Refer the matter to the relevant Area Committee (if funding is required)</li> </ul>
3.	<p><b>Issue:</b> Extended 20 mile/hour limit along the whole of Alston Road  <b>Submitted by:</b> Chris Nightingale representing SPACES</p> <p>Residents of Alston Road have been concerned for a long time about the traffic situation, namely the high level of congestion at certain times of day and dangerous speeding at other times. This particular question concentrates on the speeding issue and it will, in fact, be the fourth time the issue has been brought before the Forum in the last five years by different residents. We had a meeting with Jamie Cooke, the then Assistant Director of Highways and Transportation, in December 2020 and a number of actions were agreed, but have not been carried through. Residents of Alston Road have been concerned for a long time about the traffic situation, namely the high level of congestion at certain times of day and dangerous speeding at other times. This particular question concentrates on the speeding issue and it will, in fact, be the fourth</p>	<p>Following a previous Resident Forum, speed surveys were requested by the Chipping Barnet Area Committee and results were reported back to the Committee in July in 2018.</p> <p>This identified mean speeds below 20mph and 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speeds of around 24mph at two sites in Alston Road.</p> <p>The decision of the Area Committee in 2018 was to take no further action at that time as a result.</p> <p>The speeds recorded are such that additional traffic calming measures would not be considered necessary to</p>

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	<p>time the issue has been brought before the Forum in the last five years by different residents. We had a meeting with Jamie Cooke, the then Assistant Director of Highways and Transportation, In December 2020 and a number of actions were agreed, but have not been carried through.</p> <p>We would like to see an extended 20 mile/hour limit along the whole of Alston Road and, ideally along the surrounding roads too. We have submitted a proposal for a 20 mile/hour zone in the form of a map. 20 mile/hour zones are appearing in other parts of London so will Barnet Council grasp the nettle and give us some protection too, particularly as there are two primary schools in our area and both head teachers have written asking for an extended 20 mile/hour zone.</p>	<p>achieve compliance with a 20mph speed limit.</p> <p>The meeting with the former Assistant Director explored several the issues in the area but did not provide a means of funding any scheme that might result.</p> <p>We note that a 20mph area incorporating other roads, such as Salisbury Road as identified in item 8 might address linked concerns without the need for traffic calming measures (subject to funding and the outcome of speed surveys in other roads), although it is unlikely to achieve significant reductions in speed.</p>
4.	<p><b>Issue:</b> EXETER ROAD N14 5JU <b>Submitted by:</b> Tony Palumbo</p> <p>I am kindly requesting that you investigate the considerable high volume of traffic and constant speeding of vehicles using the above street as a 'rat run' to avoid the traffic lights of junction Osidge lane and Chase side.</p> <p>I am very concerned and fearful for the safety of my children and other residents children. This is a residential road but the traffic use is well above the average of other residential roads in the area. There have been many accidents especially in the winter. Also most drivers will 'cut the corners' when entering the road at both ends, It will only be a matter of time before a fatal injury occurs involving drivers or pedestrians ( children ). Other issues are the amount of smashed wing mirrors where vans and lorries try to navigate this side road. It is very costly to the local residents. The residents have no choice but to park on the pavements otherwise it is very difficult to navigate the road, which in turn can delay emergency services such as fire and ambulance attending.</p> <p>I have conveyed a survey with residents of the street and 100% surveyed</p>	<p>Highways Officers have included Exeter Road in the Local Implementation Plan (LIP) prioritisation list.</p> <p>Inclusion on the LIP prioritisation list measures Exeter Road alongside other requests throughout London Borough of Barnet for inclusion in a future work programme.</p> <p>Successful schemes are included in the annual programme of work which is agreed each year by the council's Environment Committee.</p> <p>Analysis of accident Data showed there was one serious accident, involving a vehicle and a cyclist, near to the junction with Brookside South.</p> <p><b>Traffic Lights</b> The traffic lights at Osidge Lane and Chase Side fall under Enfield Council, although phasing would be the responsibility of TfL. Officers have requested that TfL</p>

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	<p>agreed that the flow of traffic is high and dangerous. Other points of interest from the residents is the deterioration of house/property values as many estate agents reports that the road is like a “main road”.</p> <p>FACT - The traffic lights at Osidge Lane and Chase Side are synchronised to change every 18 seconds. Drivers who approach the lights from Cockfosters, seeing more than 1 car indicating to turn into Osidge Lane avoid joining the queue and use Exeter Road instead. At best 2 cars are able to turn into Osidge Lane within that 18 second period.</p> <p>This is a VERY DANGEROUS road. How can we decrease the volume of traffic using this road?</p>	<p>consider the phasing at this junction.</p>
5.	<p><b>Issue:</b> TRAFFIC REVIEW - HIGH BARNET  <b>Submitted by:</b> Question submitted by Ken Rowland representing Barnet Residents Association.</p> <p>TRAFFIC REVIEW - HIGH BARNET – Question submitted by Ken Rowland representing Barnet Residents Association.</p> <p>Barnet Residents Association first raised the need for a traffic review at the September 2020 Chipping Barnet Residents Forum. It was agreed that a meeting would be arranged with council officers, ward members and the association. A year later nothing has happened despite me sending regular email chasers to Dane McKnight.</p> <p>Keep to their promise.</p>	<p>It is not clear what the intended objective of a traffic review would be.</p> <p>A study might be undertaken to understand traffic volumes and possibly also extended to provide data regarding routing of vehicles, but while this might be of academic interest it is unclear what it would achieve.</p> <p>As part of an enquiry from residents in Alston Road [related to traffic volume and congestion rather than the speed enquiry identified at item 3] we have previously identified that origin destination surveys might help identify potential impacts of any future proposal to close roads in that area to reduce traffic volumes, although such a piece of work is not currently included in our work programme.</p> <p>Highways Officers are engaging with the Barnet Town Centre Team for a review into the wider area.</p>
6.	<p><b>Issue:</b> Potter’s and Plantagenet Road  <b>Submitted by:</b> Catherine Durston</p>	<p><b>Request for traffic lights after Bulwer Road</b>  A feasibility study including traffic, speed surveys,</p>

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	<p>I am very concerned about how treacherous it is on Potter's and Plantagenet Road - it really is a danger hot spot. Anyone could be hit as drivers simply drive too fast and consistently ignore people on the pedestrian crossing. Pedestrians, which include a huge proportion of young children crossing the road to get to Cromer Road school, are not seen until it is too late. There are two blind spots, one - the sharp turn after Bulwer Road and the other from parked cars parked by the parade of shops. Should the application for a proposed nursery go ahead on the corner of Bulwer Road – toddlers crossing with their parents and carers will also be vulnerable to injury. Alongside the pedestrian crossing, accidents are happening due to no speed calming on the road. Recently there have been 2 overturned cars on this stretch.</p> <p>I hope we do not need to wait for a fatality before essential accident preventative measures are put in place: now is the time to act.</p> <p>We need to introduce 3 life-saving measures: lights after Bulwer Road; double yellow lines on the parade and a much-needed speed camera on the bend on Potters Road where cars speed down the hill like a Scalextric track.</p>	<p>accident data analysis together with site investigation would need to be undertaken to understand the issue.</p> <p>Based on the outcome of the feasibility study various options might be considered including Vehicle Activated Signs or minor traffic management measures such as road marking to alleviate the issue.</p> <p><b>Double yellow lines on the parade</b> Highways Officers will include this this location to the list of potential schemes for investigation and possible future implementation.</p> <p>Highways Officers will conduct a site visit to ascertain the situation first-hand. After the site visit, officers will develop proposals to introduce the appropriate restrictions if necessary.</p>
7.	<p><b>Issue:</b> RE-SURFACING OF SALISBURY ROAD, EN5 <b>Submitted by:</b> Ken Rowland representing residents of Salisbury Road.</p> <p>In August 2020 the 384 bus was re-routed in one direction down Salisbury Road between Alston Rd &amp; Stapylton Rd. Since its introduction the state of the road has deteriorated rapidly due to approximately 200,000 tonnes of bus now using the road. There are regular, often weekly, repairs to the road surface. It can't be cost effective to repair so often or be an effective use of funds. Appointments to view houses for sale have been cancelled due to the state of the road. The residents of Salisbury Road therefore request that our road is</p>	<p>Officers are in process of putting together a compilation of roads to be prioritised for different repair treatments to feature in next year's annual highway planned maintenance programme.</p> <p>The overall condition will determine when roads such as Salisbury Road may require full footway / carriageway renewal or proactive patching. However, it is too early to confirm the position of Salisbury Road.</p>

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	<p>added to the Carriageway Re-surfacing - Priority list as part of the Highway Network Recovery Programme 2021/22 and undertaken this financial year.</p> <p>Resurface Salisbury Road, EN5</p>	<p>Following the prioritisation process, roads and pavements with the highest ranked score in each ward across the borough, will be included in a draft list and ward councillors will be consulted to seek agreement before presentation to Environment Committee for approval.</p> <p>The Highways Area Inspector will continue to monitor Salisbury Road during the cyclical inspections and raise any intervention level defects.</p>
8.	<p><b>Issue:</b> REDUCE SPEED LIMIT TO 20 MPH ON SALISBURY ROAD, EN5  <b>Submitted by:</b> Ken Rowland representing residents of Salisbury Road.</p> <p>In addition to the re-surfacing issue the residents of Salisbury Road also request the introduction of a 20 MPH speed limit essentially to stop speeding buses. As locals know Salisbury Road is three times longer than the previous road used. Due to its length traffic speeds both ways to try and get from one end of the other before meeting an oncoming vehicle.</p> <p>The buses are a particular problem especially when the first one of the day races down the road at 5:47am. The speed of a bus when it reaches 30 MPH is causing notable noise pollution and physical damage</p> <p>Reduce speed limit from 30 mph to 20 mph.</p>	<p>Although bus speeds (or other vehicle speeds) may feel subjectively high the actual speed may be lower than perceived. Whilst we do not have speed survey data for Salisbury Road, the character of the road is such that lower speeds might be anticipated from many vehicles.</p> <p>Unless traffic speeds are already close to 20mph it is likely that traffic calming measures would be needed to make any restriction self-enforcing.</p> <p>The introduction of speed reducing features may not be suitable on a bus route and may result in increased noise.</p>

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**Future meeting dates:**

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2022, 7pm (Virtual Meeting)

Issues must be submitted to the Governance Service ([ChippingBarnet.ResidentsForum@Barnet.gov.uk](mailto:ChippingBarnet.ResidentsForum@Barnet.gov.uk)) by 10.00am on the 5<sup>th</sup> working day prior to the meeting.