

**FINCHLEY & GOLDERS GREEN RESIDENTS FORUM**

**WEDNESDAY 18TH JULY, 2018**

**AT 7.00 PM**

**GREEK CYPRIOT CENTRE, BRITANNIA ROAD, WHETSTONE N12 9RU**

Chairman: Councillor Rohit Grover  
(Chairman),

Vice Chairman: Councillor Jennifer Grocock  
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**VENUE:** Greek Cypriot Centre, Britannia Road, Whetstone N12 9RU

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**ISSUES TO BE CONSIDERED AT THE FORUM MEETING**

Items must be submitted to the Governance Service ([f&gg.residentsforum@barnet.gov.uk](mailto:f&gg.residentsforum@barnet.gov.uk))  
by **10.00am on the 7th working day prior to the meeting** (deadline for this meeting – **Mon 9 July**).

	<b>Issue Raised</b>	<b>Response</b>
1	<p><b>From: Mr Peter Hale</b> <b>Received: 15 March 2018</b> <b>Issue: Obstruction to footpath East End Road</b></p> <p>Obstruction to footpath East End Road between Cromwell Close / Elmhurst Crescent N2. I have tried to get the council to clear this length of footpath over many years.</p> <p>I did notice that after a request a couple of years ago that a partial clearance of leaves was carried out, but the general obstruction remained. At this location, there is a wide boundary of trees and vegetation in the grounds of the residential properties between Cromwell Close and Elmhurst Crescent N2. Boundary fencing is in a poor state vegetation overhangs this narrow pavement leaf litter build up attracts rubbish and has not been cleared for number or years (I first reported this in 2012). As well as reporting this obstruction I have previously met a highways officer on site to discuss and look at the problem which did not result in action.</p>	<p>An officer will attend the location, speak to the residents and arrange for the freeholder to cut back the overgrown foliage.</p>

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	<p>There does not seem to be a Barnet department who will take responsibility for this problem. The narrow pavement at this location is also exacerbated by the railings at the pedestrian crossing, as the consensus is not to have railings at these locations are now perhaps these can be removed at an appropriate date.</p> <p>I request Barnet council to make contact with whoever is responsible for the residential grounds to insist on regular maintenance being carried out to prevent the reoccurrence of obstruction. Please will you assure me that this will be acted upon as a matter of urgency?</p>	
2	<p><b>From: Ms Susan Zamet on behalf of Bishops Avenue (East Finchley) Management Co Ltd</b>  <b>Received: 21 May 2018</b>  <b>Issue: request extension of parking restrictions at top of Bishops Avenue at the entrance to Beaumont Close</b></p> <p>Cllr Rohit Grover has suggested that we write to the Resident's Forum with regard to extending the double-yellow lines at the top of the Bishops Avenue N2 (before the A1000 High Road, N2) at the entrance to Beaumont Close, N2 0GA. We would request that at least two parking bays be removed to do this. It is often impossible to leave Beaumont Close safely as we cannot see the oncoming traffic when vehicles are parked and therefore obstructing the view for drivers. We have had several near misses and one day there will be a nasty accident. Please help to prevent this from happening.</p> <p>We are happy to provide any further details you may require and we look forward to hearing from you. The Board of Directors, Bishops Avenue (East Finchley) Management Co Ltd, Directors: Susan Zamet, Howard Barbarash, Carole Mosheim, Madeleine Cope-Thompson, Martin Slater, Malcolm Sandler, Richard Becker.</p>	<p>Your request for yellow lines to be introduced has been noted, and Officers intend to seek to commence the initial prioritisation and assessment of the bulk of requests received over the past year or so later this year.</p> <p>This request will be part of the batch being looked at. It is expected that after this assessment/prioritisation exercise takes place, a decision will be made on which items to progress shortly thereafter. Whilst the Council carries out this work, we thank you for your ongoing patience</p> <p><a href="mailto:Highways.correspondence@barnet.gov.uk">Highways.correspondence@barnet.gov.uk</a></p>

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3	<p><b>From: Nahed Sarig</b>  <b>Issue: Install Speed Monitoring on the Vale NW11</b>  <b>Signatures: 26</b></p> <p>Add speed monitoring devices on the Vale street (between the Rodborough Rd roundabout until Hendon way) and a traffic sign clearly showing the speed limit. The current speed limit is 30mph but it is evident that drivers are systematically breaching this limit by a large margin and driving dangerously. This poses a risk to the resident's safety, especially to children.</p> <p>The Vale (from the Rodborough Rd roundabout until Hendon way) is quite busy with traffic which includes TFL buses (102 and 226 lines), HGVs and other large vehicles. The current speed limit is 30 mph but drivers are systematically breaching this limit by far and are constantly racing through the Vale. People are driving so fast that every time a car speeds through, our house shakes. The vibrations are more intense when HGVs or TFL buses race through the street.</p> <p>This is a big concern for our safety and that of our children. It could be even more disastrous in the event a speeding vehicle loses control and crashes through one of the houses.</p> <p>We are therefore petitioning for :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* installing a traffic sign indicating the speed limit, and</li> <li>* installing speed monitoring devices to assess the average speed at which vehicles pass through the street.</li> </ul>	<p>To be dealt with in line with the Council's constitution:</p> <p>The Lead Petitioner will be given three minutes to present the petition to the Forum. Following this the Residents' Forum Chairman will decide to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Note the issue and take no action</li> <li>• Instruct an appropriate officer to contact the resident within 20 working days to provide an additional response</li> <li>• Instruct that a Ward Member is notified of the issue</li> <li>• Decide that the issue be referred to the next meeting of an Area Committee for consideration, subject to the issue being within the terms of reference of an Area Committee.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>From: Liz Maimaris and Granville Road residents</b></p> <p><b>Issue: Put in place pedestrian crossing on High Road</b></p>	<p>To be dealt with in line with the Council's constitution:</p> <p>The Lead Petitioner will be given three minutes to present the petition to the Forum. Following this the Residents'</p>

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4	<p><b>Signatures: 316</b></p> <p>Put in place a pedestrian crossing that enables people to cross from Granville Road to Summer's Lane across the busy and fast High Road safely. Also to put in place a crossing across Summer's Lane and across Granville Road near to the junction.</p> <p><b>Why is this important?</b></p> <p>Currently there is no pedestrian crossing at this fast and busy junction and people are putting themselves in danger by dashing across the road. Many of these pedestrians are school pupils of The Compton School and Wren Academy and users of Finchley Memorial Hospital as well as many mothers with young children. The lack of crossing also means people are standing in a highly polluted area for long periods of time. Barnet Council and TFL are prioritising 'traffic flow' over the safety of people.</p>	<p>Forum Chairman will decide to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Note the issue and take no action</li> <li>• Instruct an appropriate officer to contact the resident within 20 working days to provide an additional response</li> <li>• Instruct that a Ward Member is notified of the issue</li> <li>• Decide that the issue be referred to the next meeting of an Area Committee for consideration, subject to the issue being within the terms of reference of an Area Committee.</li> </ul>
5	<p><b>From: Tirza Waisel</b></p> <p><b>Received: 9 July (items 7-11)</b></p> <p>First I would like to congratulate the council for finally opening and maintaining the public toilets in Victoria Park after years of this issue being brought up in Residents Forums again and again. Can you please inform us what changed now to enable you to re-open them and allocate the resources to maintaining them?</p>	<p>Over many years the toilets in Victoria Park have been vandalised on a regular basis.</p> <p>The Council has recently carried out more internal repairs to allow the toilets to be opened again from the previous vandalism. This work was funded from the Council Parks budget.</p> <p>We are now monitoring the situation, and hope there will be no further issues. If the toilets, however, are vandalised again internally then they may need to be closed again. If this was to happen we will review the situation to ascertain if funds are available for repairs.</p>

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6	When will the pavements in the streets in Finchley be repaired? In particular Queen's Ave N3 and the streets around Victoria Park, between High Road, Squires Lane, Long Lane, Ballards Lane and Granville Road?	<p>All roads are inspected on either a monthly, three monthly, six monthly or annual inspection. Officers would require exact locations and issues being reported to ensure an inspection can be made and works orders raised for all intervention level defects.</p> <p>An officer will be in attendance at the forum and will be happy to discuss further.</p>
7	<p>When will the many potholes in those streets and others in Finchley be filled?</p> <p>How will you ensure that when you finally repair the potholes the roads will remain without potholes for long, and what is the anticipated period of the repair to stand?</p>	<p>The exact location is required to allow officers to check that they have been reported.</p> <p>We aim to permanently repair all potholes however, in some circumstances a temporary repair is required i.e. middle of a busy main road prior to a permanent repair being completed.</p>
8	What is the work programme for regular trimming the Mulberry trees in Queen's Ave? They start blocking the pavement.	The Lime trees in Queens Avenue will have their basal growth removed within 10 working days as part of planned maintenance. We work on over 5,000 trees every year starting in June and completion in July/August.
9	When will the park around the new Finchley Memorial hospital be developed for the benefit of the surrounding community and fitted with children's	This is not land which Barnet Council have responsibility for regarding parks and open spaces.

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	<p>playground and some outdoor gym equipment?</p> <p>When will benches be placed along the long path from Granville Road to the hospital's entrance for the elderly and infirm users of the hospital?</p>	
10	<p>Where do things stand in regard with a transport solution to Finchley Memorial hospital? What does the council do about it as part of its responsibility towards its residents who use the hospital?</p>	<p>The Council is working with Transport for London Buses, the Clinical Commissioning Group and other partners to ascertain if a service can be provided for residents who use the hospital. The Council is very mindful of the rising numbers of residents who are accessing services at the hospital and the mobility issues some of these patients are experiencing with accessing the site. The Council will continue to pursue the investigation of a bus service to the hospital and will provide further information when it becomes available.</p>

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Future meeting dates:

Thurs 6 September 2018, 7pm	Location to be confirmed
Weds 9 January 2019, 7pm	Location to be confirmed
Weds 6 March 2019, 7pm	Location to be confirmed