CHIPPING BARNET RESIDENTS FORUM

WEDNESDAY 6TH MARCH, 2019

AT 7.00 PM

CHIPPING BARNET LIBRARY - 3 STAPYLTON ROAD, BARNET, EN5 4QT.

Chairman:	Councillor Lisa Rutter (Chairman),
Vice Chairman:	Councillor Alison Cornelius (Vice-Chairman)

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ISSUES TO BE CONSIDERED AT THE FORUM MEETING
Items must be submitted to Governance Service (ChippingBarnet.ResidentsForum@Barnet.gov.uk) by 10.00am on the fifth working day before the meeting (for example, if a meeting is due to take place on a Wednesday evening, questions must be received by 10am on Wednesday of the week before)

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1.	**Title:** Street Cleaning **Resident:** Mr Alan Robert **Ward:** High Barnet **Issue:** No street cleaning, trip hazards, broken paving stones, broken hydrant, road in appalling condition, residence cleaning the streets, false promises and lies by the counsil, rubbishy tipping **To listen to the residence this situation has been going on for 20 years with false promises and no resolution.**	In January 2019 a street scene team attended at Kerri Close, and carried out cleansing and sweeping on road channels and footways. Highways Officers will also arrange to meet with residents to discuss the issues raised regarding the condition of the footway in Kerri Close.

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2.	**Title:** Double yellow lines on the corner of Hatley Close and Friern Barnet Lane **Resident :** Miss Shade Brigitte **Ward:** Coppetts **Issue:** Please can you draw double lines on the corner of Hatley Close and Friern Barnet Lane. Motorists park right up to the end of the corner thus blocking any view for drivers trying to get out of Hatley Close into Friern Barnet Lane. Hatley Close is a narrow road and when going to the right side of the road in order to overtake the parked cars on the corner, it blocks motorists coming into Hatley Close and poses a danger to all concerned. **I would like double yellow lines drawn on the corner of Hatley Close and Friern Barnet Lane.**	Officers are working on developing an assessment and prioritisation process in relation to the many yellow line requests that the Council receives, which would entail periodic progression of the highest priority locations, subject to the level of available funding. This request will be put on the list for future assessment. However if the Forum consider that this location requires immediate attention, then there is the option of the issue being referred to the Chipping Barnet Area Committee as a Members Item, where funding to progress items could be granted.
3.	**Title:** Conversion of Gymnasium without Planning Permission **Resident:** Mr Chris Nightingale **Ward:** High Barnet Issue*:* In 2016 I reported that the owner of Alston Works had converted the gymnasium into 8 live/work units without applying for planning permission, thereby circumventing scrutiny over provision of fire escapes, effects on neighbours, etc. The Council issued enforcement notice ENF/00756/16. My more recent attempts to find out progress have received	Alston works – A enforcement case came through regarding the gym into live / work units. The owners of the site have repeatedly been asked to submit a planning application for the retention of the development however it has not been forthcoming. A report was started with a view to take formal enforcement action against the unauthorised development, however upon further research there is very little local and national policy backing to justify enforcement action. If an application was forthcoming, it is likely that it would be recommended for approval by officers. Despite there being a breach, formal enforcement action is discretionary and should only be taken when appropriate to do so. In this case it would not be expedient to pursue any further. 4 Puller Road – A planning contravention was served in regards to the use.

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	no response. I sent two letters to the Chief Executive (J Hooton), the first dated 28/6/18, the second a copy of the first sent recorded delivery. I received no reply. I lodged a complaint through the Council's complaints procedure (145854 dated 16/08/18) and received no response. I lodged a second complaint (150415 dated 21/09/18) that the first complaint had not been responded to and was told that I would be contacted by an enforcement officer – no response. Likewise, another resident in our area has reported the use of an outbuilding for a residence at 4 Puller Road without a planning application and an enforcement notice was issued (ENF/0223/18), but the resident has been unable to obtain any response to enquiries about progress. What is going on? Is it no longer Council policy to enforce breaches of planning regulations and, at the same, also to no longer engage with the public over the issues? Is this why the Council has recently removed the list of planning enforcement notices from its website?	This is an information gathering notice and no response was received. In light of this, an enforcement notice has been drafted with a view to taking formal action. Once a notice has been served there is the right for the owner to appeal. If an appeal is made neighbours of the site are given the opportunity to make any representations they like
4.	**Title:** Double yellow lines on the bend at the top of Summit Way, N14. **Resident:** Mr Stewart Luke **Ward:** Brunswick Park **Issue:** Funding was requested for double yellow lines on the bend at the top of Summit Way, N14. Currently there are no double yellow lines on this bend and cars are often parked on this bend. This means visibility is badly obstructed, creating great risk of an accident happening. Particularly as	Officers are working on developing an assessment and prioritisation process in relation to the many yellow line requests that the Council receives, which would entail periodic progression of the highest priority locations, subject to the level of available funding. This request will be put on the list for future assessment. However if the Forum consider that this location requires immediate attention, then there is the option of the issue being referred to the Chipping Barnet Area Committee as a Members Item, where funding to progress items could be granted.

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	this is near the entrance of Ashmole Primary School. If you are driving down Summit Way from Arlington Road it is impossible to see when you turn right around the bend and someone is parked on the inner bend of the road. **I would like the Council to paint double yellow lines on the right hand side of the bend as you drive down Summit Way from Arlington Road to stop cars parking on this corner and blocking visibility.**	
5.	**Title:** Double yellow lines on the corners of the northern side of the intersection of Brunswick Grove with Brunswick Avenue, N11. **Resident:** Mr Stewart Luke **Ward:** Brunswick Park **Issue:** Funding requested to paint double yellow lines on the corners of the northern side of the intersection of Brunswick Grove with Brunswick Avenue, N11. Currently there are no double yellow lines on this corner and cars often park, completely blocking the footway and making it impossible to walk passed if you are walking down Brunswick Avenue without walking in the road. This creates a risk of an accident happening and makes elderly residents live in fear when trying to get to the shops on the parade at the end of Brunswick Avenue. **Paint double yellow lines on the northern side corners of Brunswick Grove with Brunswick Avenue to stop cars parking.**	Officers are working on developing an assessment and prioritisation process in relation to the many yellow line requests that the Council receives, which would entail periodic progression of the highest priority locations, subject to the level of available funding. This request will be put on the list for future assessment. However if the Forum consider that this location requires immediate attention, then there is the option of the issue being referred to the Chipping Barnet Area Committee as a Members Item, where funding to progress items could be granted.

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6.	**Title:** Speeding at the end of Oakleigh Road South by Betstyle Circus **Resident:** Mr Stewart Luke **Ward:** Brunswick Park **Issue:** Oakleigh Road South currently experiences a lot of speeding near the end by Betstyle Circus where there are houses. There is currently a VAS near the intersection with Coppies Grove as you drive northwards. However, by this point in the road there are no longer many houses and it is less needed. It does not stop speeding closer to Betstyle Circus which is a more residential area where neighbours often need to cross the road. Another VAS closer to the Circus would help prevent this. **Install another VAS on Oakleigh Road South closer to the intersection with Betstyle Circus than the current single VAS is, which is towards the end of the houses on this section of the road and where it has less effect. I would have thought roughly at the intersection with Park View Crescent would be a more effective place to have a VAS.**	We do not have a recent survey to confirm it but an old speed survey undertaken just north of Park View Crescent recorded speeds appropriate to a 30mph speed limit and there is no reason to suppose that speeds would have increased in the meantime. While traffic travelling from Betstyle Circus may have had the opportunity to pick up some speed by the time it reaches Park View Crescent, VAS signs detect and are seen by traffic some distance in advance. It is therefore likely that a VAS sign provided opposite Park View Crescent would be too early to detect inappropriately high speed, especially among the section of the driving population most likely to respond to such signs (i.e. those that have inadvertently increased their speed). The sign provided before the intersection with Coppies Grove (opposite Spencer Close) is provided close to flats and houses and in advance of bus stops, side roads and footpaths which all lead to pedestrians crossing the road.
7.	**Title:** Lamp Posts in Osidge Lane Car Park **Resident:** Mr Stewart Luke **Ward:** Brunswick Park **Issue:** Osidge Lane Car Park currently has two lamp posts in it to	A day time site visit has been conducted and this has not identified any obvious reason why the lighting is not achieving a satisfactory standard. It was noted that some of the perimeter trees would benefit from a prune however with them not being in leaf at this time of the year this should not be adversely impacting on the current light distribution within the car park. This was followed up with a night inspection where it was noted that all lights were fully operational and light meter readings were taken.

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	provide illumination after dark, they are both in the middle row of cars. Unfortunately these are not very bright and in the evenings people are put off parking in this car park because it is still quite dark and as it is surrounded by trees and bushes people worry their cars would be at risk of getting broken into given the prevalence of this in the area because they would not be very visible. **To install two more lamp posts in the car park one on either lateral side of the car park to make it feel more safe after dark and make people feel more comfortable parking their cars and picking them up afterwards. This would help illuminate the cars parked in the spaces on the left and right hand side of the car park, which are currently in the dark and shrouded by the trees.**	The recorded readings identified that the car park is lit in accordance with recommended standards (Institute of Lighting Professionals ILP) for this type of external car park. The recommended levels are to achieve a minimum of 5 Lux and the actual readings taken showed that the minimum level was recorded as 7 Lux. This reading was taken in the rear corner of the car park. On that basis it would not be necessary to take any further action otherwise than noting that perimeter tree trimming should take place before the trees are next in leaf.
8.	**Title:** Traffic calming measures on the Cromer Road one-way system **Lead Petitioner:** Ms Phillipa Whitecross **Ward:** High Barnet **Signatures:** 303 https://you.38degrees.org.uk/petitions/20mph-zone-for-cromer-road-school **Issue:** As of 10am this morning (25 Feb), 301 people have signed my online petition. The petition has been live for less than 1 month. Petition wording: **We, the undersigned call upon Barnet Council to implement the following traffic calming**	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: - Take no action; - Refer the matter to a chief officer to respond to within 20 working days; or - Refer the matter to the relevant Area Committee (if funding is required) This was reported to the Chipping Barent Area Committee on 09 July 2018, the report (item 13) and the minutes of this meeting can be found on the Counicl's website http://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/g9534/Printed%20minutes%2009th-Jul-2018%2019.00%20Chipping%20Barnet%20Area%20Committee.pdf?T=1

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	measures on the Cromer Road one-way system: > A 20mph speed limit > A restriction on access for Heavy Goods Vehicles > A deterrent for vehicles driving the wrong way on the one way Why is this important? This is important for the safety of pupils attending Cromer Road School, and for parents, staff and local residents. We consider that these measures are urgently required in order to protect the safety of our children. A resident's cat lost its leg after being hit by a speeding vehicle on Shaftesbury Avenue. It does not bear thinking about this happening to a small child, and there have recently been some near misses along Cromer Road after school. There is also a problem with Lorries persistently getting stuck on the narrow roads, causing log-jams and damaging parked vehicles. The Cromer Road one-way system includes: Cromer Road, Shaftesbury Avenue and Bulwer Road (to the east of Plantagenet Road), New Barnet, EN5 **We, the undersigned call upon Barnet Council to implement the following traffic calming measures on the Cromer Road one-way system: > A 20mph speed limit > A restriction on access for Heavy Goods Vehicles > A deterrent for vehicles driving the wrong way on the one way**	
9.	**Title:** Caravans and Illegal Camps **Resident:** Mr Rob White **Ward:** Brunswick Park **Issue:**	Highways Officers would be happy to meet with the resident to assess which wooden bollards are damaged and need replacing. There are currently no proposals to replace the wooden bollards with metal post-and-rail fencing.

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	Wooden fencing along East Walk / West Walk / Uplands Road / Parkside Gardens surrounds the grassy banks of Pymmes Brook to prevent caravans and illegal camps. But much of the fence is in poor condition with many rotted / broken posts and rails. When sections of the fence collapse, it usually takes many months for the Council to arrange for them to be replaced, during which time the area is vulnerable to incursions. **Please install metal post-and-rail fencing to replace as much of the wooden fences as the committee has the power to allocate money for, with priority given to the stretches most visible to the traffic on Osidge Lane and Parkside Gardens, and stretches most in danger of collapse**.	
10.	**Title:** Crossovers **Resident:** Mr Luke Stewart **Ward:** Brunswick Park **Issue:** On the side of the road between 78 and 92 Hampden Way several crossovers on the footway have fallen into a terrible state of disrepair, to the extent that it is impossible for a car to drive over some of them and they are disintegrating and causing a terrible mess all over the pavement which never gets cleaned. In places it has become dangerous and this has been reported to the Council several times but nothing has been done. Looking so ruins the aesthetic of the area, encourages fly tipping and also means drivers have no qualms about driving over the green grass verges and	Highways Officers are aware of matter regarding the crossovers and would happy to meet with any residents of Hampden Way if the contact they council at HighwaysCorrespondence@Barnet.gov.uk

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	ruining them. **Allocate funding to urgently repair the footway where the crossovers are badly damaged, notably outside 76, 78, 90 and 92 so that they are no longer dangerous to cars or pedestrians and stop causing such a mess, damaging the local area's amenity and looking run down.**	
11.	**Title:** Speeding on Gallants Farm Road **Resident:** Mr Luke Stewart **Ward:** Brunswick Park **Issue:** Gallants Farm Road is a long straight residential road which experiences lots of speeding. This causes a great disturbance to neighbours in the area and also makes it difficult to cross the road when trying to get to the shops on Russell Lane or across to Oakleigh Park Train station. Residents would like a VAS sign facing drivers who are driving north along the road towards the East Barnet end of Gallants Farm. **Funding for a VAS to slow down traffic which currently regularly exceeds the 30mph speed limit so that residents can cross the road without fear of being run over.**	Gallants Farm Road runs from Russell Lane northwards to the junction with Alverstone Avenue and Albemarle Road. The continuation of the road beyond this point towards Oakleigh Park Station is named Alverstone Road. The information below relates only to the part of the road called Gallants Farm Road. As noted in the enquiry Gallants Farm Road is long, and it is not entirely clear whether the concern relates principally to the northern or southern end. Speed surveys from 2011 indicate that speeds near (or a little south of) Derwent Avenue were higher than appropriate for a 30mph road. 85th percentile speeds were around 38mph southbound and 35-36mph northbound. Speeds further north, near or just north of Burlington Rise were around 30-31mph southbound and 33-34mph northbound, which is more in line with expectations. Although the surveys are a little old there is no reason to suppose that speeds are significantly different currently. The most appropriate location for a northbound sign at the north end of the road might be approaching Rushdene Road and the local shops. However this is not the part of the road with the highest speeds and the presence of a the bend and junction may encourage drivers to slow naturally. Further south there are higher speeds but fewer services that would

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		encourage pedestrains to cross the road, except near the Russell Lane junction where cars will necessarily be travelling slower having either just turned into the road or be approaching the junction. There have been two recorded injury collision in Gallants Farm Road in the most recent available three years of data (to 31 July 2018). One was a single vehicle accident that occurred just north of Russell Lane and speed is not recorded as a contributory factor. The other involved a pedal cyclist hit by a car near Burlington Rise. Therefore, if the Forum consider that this location requires VAS, then the issue can be referred to the Chipping Barnet Area Committee as a Members Item, where funding to progress items could be granted.
12.	**Title:** Road Surface on Church Hill Road **Resident:** Mr Luke Stewart **Ward:** Brunswick Park **Issue:** Church Hill Road is a residential road which runs up to East Barnet village from the junction of Russell Lane, Osidge Lane and Brunswick Park Road. It is a busy road which experiences problems with vibrations in the houses due to the road surface, which residents are grateful to the Council for agreeing to resurface this year. However, part of the problem is that cars regularly speed along the part of the road with houses along both sides, the Brunswick Park ward end. Residents would like a VAS here to slow down cars and prevent them from speeding. **To fund a VAS sign on the Brunswick Park ward end of**	There is no reason to suppose that traffic speed has an impact on the road surface. Also as noted in the issue resurfacing of the section referred to (from Parkside Gardens to Russell Lane) is planned this year. We do not have a speed survey for this part of the road. Previous concerns have been raised about crossing to bus stops in the area, but measures to assist with this have not been feasible. A VAS sign might help to address this concern to some extent. There have been two injury collisions on this part of Church Hill Road in the most recent three years data (to 31 July 2018). One was a turning collision at the junction with Parkside Gardens between a car and a cycle. The other occurred near Connaught Avenue involving a northbound car. Distraction in the vehicle is recorded as a contributory factor. Therefore, if the Forum consider that this location requires a VAS, then the issue can be referred to the Chipping Barnet Area Committee as a Members Item, where funding to progress items could be granted.

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	the road, the Council would be able to advise where best to place it to prevent speeding on Church Hill Road which both disturbs residents and damages the road surface.	

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Future meeting dates: *N.B Issues and Petitions must be received by the Governance Service by 10am on the fifth working day prior to the meeting for the item to be discussed at the Forum.*

Date of meeting	Location	Deadline Date for Issues
6 June 2019	Chipping Barnet Library 3 Stapylton Rd, Barnet EN5 4QT	30 May 2019 10am