

**FINCHLEY & GOLDERS GREEN RESIDENTS FORUM**

**WEDNESDAY 8TH JANUARY, 2020**

**AT 7.00 PM**

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**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at 7pm**

**VENUE:** Finchley Church End Library 318-320 Gateway House, Regent's Park Road, N3 2LN

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

	Issue Raised	Response from
1	<p><b>From: Karen Grossmark</b></p> <p><b>Received: 9/10/2019</b></p> <p>Living on Meadway is becoming intolerable. We have been stating for well over 3 years that parking in Meadway is becoming dangerous. People park their cars anywhere they can find to then travel to the station. We are the nearest road outside the CPZ zone to Golders Green. This morning was an example of dangerous parking and stopping me being able to get out my drive safely. As a local GP in Barnet I was called this morning at 10.25 to do an emergency visit. A van had parked right up against the driveway kerb preventing me from safely leaving the driveway. I have enclosed pictures of this. You can also see that the whole of Meadway is jammed packed with cars both sides.</p> <p>Please at least would you consider yellow lines around the driveways so I can safely come out my driveway especially in emergencies. We have urged you for some time to consider CPZ parking along this busy strip of Meadway. You have all the evidence and the signatures of the residents. Surely you can now take this forward to be considered seriously. This is an accident waiting to happen.</p> <p>Please respond with your comments and how to help me as a GP get in and out of Meadway safely.</p>	<p>The extension of 'GS' CPZ on Erskine Hill, North Square and Temple Fortune Hill was implemented on 18th November 2019.</p> <p>It was agreed by the Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee that following the extension a report on the feedback on the introduction of the extension of the CPZ extension and any other pertinent parking issues would be reported back to a future meeting of the Committee for their consideration.</p> <p>The issues raised by Ms Grossmark will be considered in this report.</p> <p>If residents are experiencing issues with vehicles parking too close to their driveways and want to prevent people parking in front of it, we can provide a white crossover bar marking - a white line that runs across your driveway parallel to the kerb line. This emphasises that there is a driveway there and discourages obstructive parking.</p>

AGENDA ITEM 1

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		<p>An application form can be requested by emailing:  <a href="mailto:highwayscorrespondence@barnet.gov.uk">highwayscorrespondence@barnet.gov.uk</a></p>
2	<p><b>From: Kieron Kettleton</b>  <b>Received: 17/08/19</b></p> <p>In his will, proved on 7 December 1939, the owner, Augustus Cooper, left this land to the people of Finchley. Copies of his will are readily available and copies are held by the Finchley Society and the West Finchley Residents Association. The land is currently held in trust for the people of Finchley by the Augustus Cooper charity (registration number 210346) which was registered on 25 September 1962. The objects of the charity are "MAINTENANCE OF OPEN SPACE BEQUEATHED TO RESIDENTS OF FINCHLEY", "THE GARDENS AND GROUNDS SHALL BE RETAINED AS ALL OPEN SPACE AND SHALL BE FOR USE AND ENJOYMENT BY THE PUBLIC" (taken from the Charity Commission website).</p> <p>The trustees of the Augustus Cooper charity are listed by the Charity Commission as Peter Cridland, Clive Medlam and the London Borough of Barnet. Messrs Cridland and Medlam left the employ of LBB a long time ago. The charity has not filed a report to the Charity Commission for a number of years.</p> <p>The West Finchley Residents Association and the West Finchley Neighbourhood Forum are keen to engage in the management of this open space for the benefit of the people of Finchley and we are setting up a Friends organisation to encourage volunteers to join in the management of the area, part of which is currently so overgrown that "use and enjoyment by the public" is obstructed.</p> <p>The WFRA and the Neighbourhood Forum have proposed that nominees from the RA and the Forum should become trustees of the Charity in order that the charity can fully function "to maintain the open space" in collaboration with LBB.</p> <p>Could the relevant parties in LBB provide information as to the current state of the charity of which the borough is a corporate trustee and how the borough is fulfilling its responsibilities under the bequest.</p>	<p>The Greenspaces Team has had some contact with the interested group and is awaiting information from Estates regarding land ownership, and which department is responsible for the various sections of the land, but as for the charity element advice from the Legal Team is currently being sought.</p> <p>Further information will follow when available.</p>

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3	<p><b>From: Martin Berg</b></p> <p><b>Received: 11/12/19</b></p> <p>I run a small business in East Finchley and have just received notification from LB Barnet that the cost of renewing our business parking permits are to increase from £525 to £787.50 ie exactly 50%!!</p> <p>There has been no explanation or justification for such a dramatic rise.</p> <p>If L B Barnet were a private company I feel this would be considered an abuse of monopoly power.</p> <p>Is there no oversight or any opportunity to challenge this excessive rise?</p> <p>A further tax on business in the current environment is wholly unwelcome and will hardly encourage employment in the borough.</p>	<p>The price changes applied to business permits introduced varying charges linked to the emissions of the vehicle. The lower 6 of the 14 categories of charge either saw the business permit price stay static or reduce by up to £325. This change brought this category of permit in line with the resident parking permit which has linked the charge to the emissions of the vehicle for some years and is part of a wider drive to improve the Borough's air quality and reduce harmful emissions.</p> <p>Full details of the background to this change and the structure of the charges can be found in the report presented to and voted in favour of at the Environment Committee of March 2019 here: <a href="https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s51573/Parking%20Tariffs%20and%20Operational%20Review.pdf">https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s51573/Parking%20Tariffs%20and%20Operational%20Review.pdf</a></p>
4	<p><b>Lead Petitioner – Kellie Sloane</b></p> <p><b>Petition ran from 25/05/2019 to 31/10/2019</b></p> <p><b>117 people signed this Petition</b></p> <p>We the undersigned petition the council to Introduce a 20mph speed limit on East Finchley County roads; Hertford Road, Durham Road, Leicester Road, Lincoln Road, Bedford Road and Huntington Road.</p> <p>The rational is the County roads are used as a cut through from Fortis Green and the High Street. Cars currently race down these roads, at high speeds, that are habited by families with young</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' 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> </ul>

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	children and older residents.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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>Lead Petitioner: Cllr Alan Schneiderman</b></p> <p><b>Petition ran from 8/1-31/12/2019</b></p> <p><b>613 signatures</b></p> <p>We the undersigned petition the council to sort out the current bin collection problems, drop plans to charge for green waste collections and make a firm commitment to restoring a separate food waste collection service.</p> <p>As a result of new bin collection arrangements introduced on 4 November 2018, collections are being missed across the borough, with some residents having no collections for several weeks. The backlog of collections is often leading to the council disposing of recycling along with general waste. In addition to plans to charge for green waste collections and stopping the separate food waste collection service, these changes are bad for the environment and will further cut the council's recycling rate.</p>	<p>There were some issues in the first few weeks of the service, but this has not been the case for some time. Our current 'missed bins' are c200-300 out of c150,000 collections per week, an exceptionally low number.</p> <p>The claim that recycling is often disposed along with general waste is untrue.</p> <p>The council are continuing discussions with the GLA in regard to food waste, with the aim that separate food waste collections are reintroduced in 2022.</p> <p>Regarding the consultation for chargeable garden waste, this will be a decided by Members.</p>
6	<p><b>Trevor Abrahmson – Petitioner</b></p> <p><b>Petition runs from 27/11/2019 to 08/01/2020.</b></p> <p><b>85 people have signed this Petition</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</p>

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	<p>We the undersigned petition the council to implement a single yellow line restriction in Winnington Road, effective during the hours of 11:00am and 12noon, between the golf course and house numbers 80 to 84 and the two extremes of Ingram Avenue by Wildwood Road and by Winnington Road, on an experimental/temporary basis, to see if it alleviates the 'Long Stay' parking issues and the impacts of that, thereafter."</p> <p>What may have started as a somewhat untidy arrangement, whereby cars and commercial vans are parked for months on end in Winnington Road, it would now appear that this may have inadvertently contributed to a major security problem in this road and, as such, residents are being attacked and now feel vulnerable and unprotected, which has become intolerable.</p> <p>Very often, 3 or more vans from the same company are amongst the parking abusers, which frankly is now 'Treasure Island' for them.</p> <p>Over the last few years, there has been a significant increase in personal attacks and muggings in the road, and a few examples of these are detailed below. The gangs responsible for this (apparently are known to the police) are becoming ever more audacious and brazen with their dastardly deeds and according to an independent security firm, they use the parked commercial vans as camouflage and this parking problem may well have actively contributed to the unacceptable state of affairs.</p>	<p>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>
7	<p><b>From: Jeremy Charles representing Hampstead Golf Club</b></p> <p><b>Received: 19 December 2019</b></p> <p>As Chairman of Hampstead Golf Club, I am writing on behalf of our 500 members: our staff; guests and suppliers. Due to the very, heavy unsocial parking in Winnington Road (subject of a petition by residents) the entrance/exit to the Club is extremely dangerous and hazardous - and even more so in the dark of winter. You have to pull out into the Road and attempt to peer round the parked vehicles, which are now there 24/7, and cross into a one lane highway. Thankfully, to date, there have been no serious accidents, but just two weeks ago a child cyclist did hit a car exiting. We are not sure who is liable and whether insurance cover will pay, it is probably a Barnet liability, but clearly the parking must be removed from this very busy junction. Local residents are asking for parking restrictions to</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>However, if the Forum consider that this location requires immediate attention, then there is the option of the issue being referred to the Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee, where funding</p>

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	<p>be imposed. We can only support that if the hours are like Hoop Lane (ie 8.30-9.30).</p> <p>We ask the council, PLEASE, as a matter of great URGENCY, to paint double yellow lines on either side (30 yards minimum) of our junction into Winnington Road. Indeed, a no entry box across the whole Road to include the other side would be even more preferable.</p>	<p>to progress items could be granted.</p>
8	<p><b>From: Vanita Rasiah, representing Grange Big Local Board</b>  <b>Received: 20/12/19</b></p> <p>I am a resident in East Finchley and also a member of the Grange Big Local board. We were keen to know what progress has been made with regards to the Tarling road 'community centre' in terms of opening it up to use by the community at a reasonable price or leasing the space to a group who would manage it for these purposes. Is this the right forum for this question and if so could this please be put on the agenda. Please let me know whether this is something that can be discussed and also if not whether you are aware of where we can take this matter further.</p>	<p>The Council is currently negotiating a contract with City YMCA to manage the centre. The YMCA will manage all bookings under this contract. The Governance Officer will be notified when more information on timelines is available so that she can inform the resident.</p>
9	<p><b>From: Trevor Williams on behalf of Lodge Lane Residents Association Committee</b>  <b>Received: 30/12/19</b></p> <p>At the High Road end of Lodge Lane in North Finchley there are single yellow lines. This allows cars to park (attracted by Costa and Starbucks coffee shops located on each corner) which narrows an already narrow road causing bottleneck congestion as cars travelling in opposite directions cannot easily pass each other. This leads to delay, frustration and a safety issue (especially in the dark) as cars mount the pavement.</p> <p>Would the Council please consider replacing the single yellow lines with double yellow lines to create better traffic flow and reduce the chance of argument and accident?</p>	<p>There are existing double yellow lines with loading restriction at the junction of the A1000 High Road with Lodge Lane, the loading restriction also extend along the southern side of the Lodge Lane which prevents parking on this side of the road. There are currently no proposals to amend the restrictions in this area as it may impact on loading activity in the area.</p> <p>However, if the Forum consider that this location requires immediate attention, then there is the option of the issue being referred to the Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee, where funding to progress items could be granted.</p>

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10	<p><b>From: Trevor Williams on behalf of Lodge Lane Residents Association Committee</b></p> <p><b>Received: 30/12/19</b></p> <p>The lighting in Lodge Lane car park in North Finchley is not sufficient. The darkness is creating a security issue with anti-social behaviour, reported muggings with people impersonating traffic wardens, vans being broken into and catalytic converters being stolen from parked vehicles. Better lighting is required to help mitigate against such crimes and improve the area and reduce crime anxiety for residents and others using the car park.</p> <p>Please could the situation be reviewed and better lighting provided?</p>	<p>The Community Safety Team have assigned an officer to investigate the issues being highlighted at Lodge Lane car park. Together with the parking team, and police they will carry out an assessment of the situation which will include a review of crime levels and patterns.</p>
11	<p><b>From: Mr Levy</b> <b>31/12/19</b></p> <p>When I report small physical problems to the council e.g. road damage, most often there is a speedy resolution. However if I follow up that work has been done but not properly completed, it tends to take much longer to resolve. It is as if the system is not geared towards informants doing this. Most recently this has occurred with Highways problem report 412445, Kerb Stones in West Heath Avenue.</p> <p>(i) Are small physical problem works considered completed on the basis of the respective contractor saying so?</p> <p>(ii) If an informant later contradicts that, then will the council not challenge the contractor to remedy this within the original fee, or will they sometimes, if so, when?</p>	<p>An officer is following up the problem report. Further update to follow.</p>
12	<p><b>From: Mr Levy</b> <b>31/12/19</b></p>	<p>The Council may not issue a parking PCN based on a report made by a member of the</p>

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<p>I've reported seeing a large scaffolding lorry park on the pavement on more than one occasion, apparently damaging paving. NSL, the council's parking enforcement contractors, have told me they will not record or retrospectively investigate any report of pavement parking if the vehicle has been driven off.</p> <p>(i) Would the council like to hear about such incidents regardless of what NSL say?</p> <p>(ii) Does the council sometimes give ad-hoc permission for private maintenance vehicles to park on the pavement?</p> <p>(iii) Is there any maximum weight or size of vehicle that they would permit to do this?</p> <p>(iv) In principle, would large scaffolding lorries be allowed to do this in some circumstances?</p>	<p>public, due to the limitations imposed by the legislation for parking enforcement. NSL area undertaking this enforcement in the name of and on behalf of Barnet Council and we could not act any differently on this information than they are able to. Therefore such incidents would only be useful if they were to inform us of a pattern of parking at certain times at a given location.</p> <p>It is a little unclear what a private maintenance vehicle would entail, however, it is recognised that there are occasions where the nature of the items on a vehicle necessitate a fast removal with as little risk to pedestrians and other road users as possible. Where this relates to construction works, particularly scaffolding or large panes of glass, the shortest distance is invariably the safest, to pedestrians in particular. This has been a deciding factor in adjudications at the independent appeal service for parking contraventions where cases were cancelled by the adjudicator as there was no reasonable alternative to the vehicle associated with construction or repairs and maintenance of an adjacent property being left there. There are no height of weight limits and each parking event would need to stand on its own merits with regards to necessity (with particular regards to the load being moved) and appropriateness (for example whether being on the footway was required so as to not block the carriageway) of the vehicle being stopped at</p>

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13	<p><b>From: Mr Levy</b> <b>31/12/19</b></p> <p>Recently there seem to be unusually many clogged roadside gullies. What routine does the council have for periodically clearing them, i.e. aside from where problem reports are submitted?</p>	<p>that location and in a given position.</p> <p>Routine gully cleansing – The Gully Cleaning Programme covering the period 2019 - 21 stipulates that the frequency of routine gully cleaning on side roads is carried out once every 24 months and the frequency of gully cleaning on A &amp; B roads is once every 6 months. However, the Highways service will attend to “one off” gully cleans on request.</p>
14	<p><b>From: Mr Levy</b> <b>31/12/19</b></p> <p>There is a recurring problem of storm water pooling across the drop kerb to the Golders Green Road zebra crossing by Woodstock Avenue, and also the consecutive drop kerb that faces Woodstock Avenue, see picture. The pool across the zebra crossing is the longer-lasting. I understand more than one constituent has highlighted this over several years.</p> <p>Are there any definite plans to fix this problem? (ii) If not then please can an up-to-date cost estimate be supplied for such works, or the remainder if only one part is yet due to be fixed, so this could be proposed for an Area Committee grant?</p>	<p>Standing water on pedestrian crossing points of Golders Green Road &amp; Woodstock Ave NW11 relate to profile issues. Arrangements are in hand to carry out carriageway profiling improvements at this location towards the end of February 2020.</p>
15	<p><b>From: Ruth Smith</b> <b>31/12/19</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The new CPZ in North Square/top of Erskine Hill has resulted in major problems – every day cars park right up to the entrance of Chatham Close (on both sides) which means it's impossible to drive out safely as you cannot see the traffic coming up or down Erskine Hill.</li> <li>2. The cars that used to park in the CPZ area now simply park further down Erskine Hill causing this dangerous situation – it is an accident waiting to happen.</li> <li>3. Barnet did not consider the implication of the new CPZ re: road safety/access along the rest of Erskine Hill.</li> </ol>	<p>The extension of 'GS' CPZ on Erskine Hill, North Square and Temple Fortune Hill was implemented on 18th November 2019.</p> <p>It was agreed by the Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee that following the extension a report on the feedback on the introduction of the extension of the CPZ extension and any other pertinent parking issues would be reported back to a future meeting of the Committee for their consideration.</p>

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	<p>4. It has therefore been up to the residents of Chatham Close to contact the Highways Dept to ask for double yellow lines on both sides of the close plus inside. Please see my email of 19<sup>th</sup> Nov which I cc'd to all HGS Councillors.</p> <p>The CPZ needs to be extended to the rest of Erskine Hill to ensure the road is safe; there is sufficient access for emergency vehicles residents can access the various closes and be able to park safely near to their houses.</p>	<p>The issues raised by Ms Smith will be considered in this report.</p>

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**Future meeting dates:**

Weds 4 March 2020, 7pm (venue TBC)

Issues 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 5<sup>th</sup> working day prior to the meeting.