

CHIPPING BARNET RESIDENTS FORUM
BARNET HOUSE, 1255 HIGH ROAD, WHETSTONE, N20 0EJ
WEDNESDAY, 15 JANUARY 2014, 6.30PM

Chairman: Councillor Kate Salinger
Vice-Chairman: Councillor Barry Evangeli

ISSUES TO BE CONSIDERED AT THE FORUM MEETING

	Issue Raised	Response	Update (if any)
1.	<p><u>Play Streets</u></p> <p>Would Barnet Council entertain the possibility of allowing Play Streets?</p> <p><i>Play Streets are when, if the local council has ratified the appropriate legislation, the residents of a particular street can apply to have their street blocked to traffic for 3 hours or so. Only vehicles of residents would be allowed to drive down the street during this time, at 5 mph max. This has been given publicity on "You and Yours " on Radio 4. This is being promoted by www.playingout.net, which comes under the Department of Health. Please see also www.londonplay.org.uk. If residents so wish they would have to apply to their Local Authority to be granted permission to have a play street).</i></p> <p>Which department would be the best one to approach - Street Based Services of the Highways Department?</p> <p>(Mr Phil Fletcher)</p>	<p>The Council are willing to consider allowing Play Streets and in fact agreed for a road to be closed to enable one to take place last year.</p> <p>While every effort will be made to support Play Streets applications for road closures, there may be certain roads where closures would not be appropriate. Each request would be considered on its own merits, once the organisers advise the Highways Department of details such as location, dates and times etc, plus produce evidence that they have support from residents of the road(s) and that they are intending to, and subsequently have taken out public liability insurance for £2,000,000.</p> <p>In terms of the road closure, it is considered that all vehicle use is prohibited in the street play area during the street play times to ensure road safety etc.</p> <p><i>(Traffic and Development)</i></p>	<p>No further information has been received from residents requesting Play Streets.</p>

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2.	<p>My residential address is ■ Brunswick Park Road. My question to the Council is: when the Brunswick Park Road is going to be cleaned. At the moment it is gone so far that it is dangerous to walk on it as it is very slippery - the leaves and dirt have been accumulated for months and not a single time have I seen anyone cleaning the street. Especially the left side opposite Brunswick Industrial park suffers, as all dirt from the street is blown there.</p> <p>(Irina Charifova)</p>	<p>Brunswick Park Road was swept 4 times throughout the leaf fall period.</p> <p>The scheduled sweep is every 6 weeks at present time but this may be reviewed to increase frequency.</p> <p>Coincidentally the road is being swept this week to remove any residual leaf fall.</p> <p><i>(Streetscene)</i></p>	No further update
3.	<p>Last year the forum was asked to investigate moving the zebra crossing on Friern Barnet Road by the end of Beaconsfield Road to the OTHER side of Beaconsfield Road. Forum was advised that this was being investigated by officers. However, no report has come back regarding the moving of the crossing and I would like to ask what was the result of the officer's investigations and when, if ever, will the crossing be moved.</p> <p>(Andreas Nicolaides)</p>	<p>An independent Road Safety Audit (RSA) has been undertaken on the zebra crossing on Friern Barnet Road at the junction with Beaconsfield Avenue. The RSA identified a number of measures that could further highlight the presence of the crossing that we will be looking to progress that include including tactile paving, carriageway resurfacing, refresh road markings, backing boards on belisha beacon and 'Zebra crossing ahead' advanced warning sign on Beaconsfield Road.</p> <p>At this time we are not considering the relocation of the crossing as it serves as a valuable crossing point for pedestrians which may not be the case if a suitable alternative location cannot be identified.</p> <p><i>(Traffic and Development)</i></p>	Investigations are on-going on the feasibility of moving the crossing.
4.	<p>Last year I attended two events organised by Barnet Council as consultations. On both occasions we were told that write-ups of the event would be made, and sent to us. I have yet to hear about either of them.</p>	<p>Regard the Public Meeting on the Council's Change of Governance System 20 November 2013, the full report including the verbatim comments was included in the agenda for the meeting of the Constitution Ethics and Probity on</p>	No further update

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	<p>What became of the feedback received at the consultation event?</p> <p>Why have I not received a write-up of what was said, and what has been made of it by the council?</p> <p>The events were these: Leader's Event on 15 October 2013, and Public Meeting on the Council's Change of Governance System 20 November 2013</p> <p>(AM Poppy)</p>	<p>19 December 2013 and is at the below link http://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/g7644/Public%20reports%20pack%2019th-Dec2013%2018.00%20Constitution%20Ethics%20and%20Probity%20Committee.pdf?T=10</p> <p>The Comments and feedback from the above meeting and the Leader's Event on 15 October 2013 will be sent individually to those who attended shortly.</p> <p>We apologies for the delay.</p>	

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Future meeting dates:

Date	Venue
Wednesday, 26 March 2014	Barnet House, 1255 High Road, Whetstone, N20 0EJ