

FINCHLEY & GOLDERS GREEN RESIDENTS FORUM

VENUE: Garden Suburb Junior School, Childs Way, London NW11 6XU

Wednesday 6th July 2016 – 6.30PM

Chairman: Councillor Shimon Ryde
Vice Chairman: Councillor Reuben Thompstone

ISSUES TO BE CONSIDERED AT THE FORUM MEETING

Items must be submitted to Governance Service (f&gg.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 Thursday evening, questions must be received by 10am on the preceding Thursday).

Barnet Adult Social Care Consultation

This consultation runs from 16 May 2016 to 8 Aug 2016 and will play an important part in shaping plans for securing the future of adult social care.

To respond to the challenges around the growing demand for adult social care services, the council needs to find more and better ways to help people to stay healthy and well, to regain their independence after illness or injury, and to make greater use of the support that their family, friends and the local community can give them.

The council has already discussed a range of options with stakeholders to help develop the proposals outlined in this consultation. It is important to give everyone the opportunity to have their say on the proposals, in particular we want to hear residents' views on:

- the proposal for a new way of delivering adult social care; and
- the three shortlisted options for the way in which adult social care services should be organised.

For any further information, or to request a questionnaire in an alternative format, please email consultation@barnet.gov.uk or telephone 020 8359 6474.

You will find the online consultation on Barnet Council's Engage Space - https://engage.barnet.gov.uk/commissioning-group/changing-the-way-we-deliver-adult-social-care/consult_view

	Issue Raised	Response
1	<p>Subject: Plants/ invasive species Submitted by: Nicla Di Palma</p> <p>I see that there are invasive species (Japanese knotweed, giant hogweed etc) along the Dollis brook (Village Road, backing onto the Dollis Brook walk, that then opens into the Windsor Open Space). Do you know if there are any on that stretch of the Dollis Brook?</p>	
2	<p>Subject: CPZ hours Leicester Road Submitted by: Mr Ashley Bond</p> <p>I would like to request for a review of the CPZ hours for Leicester Road, to include Saturday 2-3pm. This is to deter all day parking on Saturday. Especially after the new sainsbury is opened.</p>	
3	<p>Subject: Commercial bins and 'no dumping' signs Submitted by: Sharon Lake</p> <p>Can the metal commercial bins for COSTA etc be put out on the High Road rather than on Fairlawn Avenue? Several residents have had near misses with traffic going up the wrong way on Fairlawn Avenue. Please could therefore two sets of 'no dumping' signs be installed, one at the entrance and one at the exit of Fairlawn Avenue.</p>	
4	<p>Subject: Residents bay parking times Submitted by: Sharon Lake</p> <p>Residents bay parking times: as communicated, I have raised a Highways Service Request (81855) and although it was too late for the environment committee meeting earlier this week, you will raise at the next Finchley Residents Forum Meeting. We would like consistency with the parking hours between the bays and the yellow lines and to</p>	

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	<p>extend the bays to 7pm if possible. If not, then parity to 6.30pm for both is preferred.</p>	
5	<p>Subject: 20 MPH Zone and road signage Submitted by: Steven Bock</p> <p>Background Ingram Road is the sole access road for The Monkey Puzzle nursery located at Park House, 16 High Road, London N2 9PJ. Employees, customers and suppliers use Ingram Road starting at around 6:00am six days a week, and ending sometime after 6:00pm. Many parents, who are often in a great rush to drop off and collect their children, drive down Ingram Road at high speeds. Deliveries take place throughout the day and these drivers are naturally in a hurry as well. The increased traffic creates a noise problem and, inevitably, the speeding drivers are certain to cause a pedestrian accident, particularly since many families with young children live on Ingram Road. As well, Brompton Grove at the foot of Ingram Road is a main route used by pedestrians to enter Cherry Tree Wood and to reach the East Finchley underground station.</p> <p>Some years ago, Brompton Grove was closed off by Barnet Council preventing access to the Monkey Puzzle car park from the High Road. Consequently, all traffic which would have entered from the High Road is now re-routed down Ingram Road, a formerly quiet residential street. Brompton Grove is not covered by the CPZ and so is effectively a large, free car park adding significantly to the the traffic in Ingram Road. The blind corner of Ingram Road and Brompton Grove presents particular risks due to the inappropriate speed at which motorists approach this junction.</p> <p>The result is that Ingram Road is carrying a burden of traffic for which it</p>	

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<p>was not designed. Furthermore, the residents of Ingram Road are now imposed upon by a commercial enterprise over which they had no say and one that makes no allowance for the added traffic. Barnet Council are also responsible for this situation. Their decisions since the 1960s to only partially adopt Brompton Grove are also contributing to this traffic problem.</p> <p>Proposal We propose that Ingram Road be designated as a 20 MPH zone and that signage be placed prominently at both ends of the road to notify motorists of this speed limit. As well, if there is a road sign that asks motorists to drive quietly and considerately in a residential area, that would also be welcome.</p> <p>One other point on the subject of road signs. Drivers looking for an alternate route to the High Road often try Ingram Road, unsuccessfully. They hope that it is a short cut via Brompton Grove, but that access was closed off years ago. A “Dead End” or “No Through Road” sign would be a welcome addition at the top of Ingram Road where it meets Baronsmere Road. Our neighbours on Park Hall Avenue, the next street over, have had one erected and it appears to be an effective way of limiting traffic.</p>	

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6	<p>Subject: Lichfield Grove Submitted by: Derek McMaster</p> <p>Since February there have been at least four road traffic accidents in Lichfield Grove. The accidents involve vehicles travelling along Lichfield Grove and in three incidents involved residents' vehicles as well. With two of the incidents (including the latest on Saturday 11th) the Police and other emergency services attended. Two incidents were also caught on domestic cctv.</p> <p>It seems the main problems result from vehicles travelling too quickly. Such is the careless standard of driving that residents either leaving their properties or parking bays are at risk of collision as was the case in two of the incidents. In addition parked vehicles often obscure vision and that combined with excessive speed of through traffic increases accident risk. The few remaining speed humps do not deter most drivers from accelerating quickly, particularly those vehicles entering Lichfield Grove from Manor View/Squires Lane. There is clearly a need for better traffic calming measures, perhaps road narrowing/pavement widening at intervals which seem to be effective in urban areas as well as reducing the 'rat run' nature of Lichfield Grove.</p>	
7	<p>Subject: Victoria Park Submitted by: Mary O'Connor</p> <p>Why is Victoria Park not registered as a charity with Land Registry?</p>	

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8	<p>Subject: Trustees Submitted by: Mary O'Connor</p> <p>What proof is there that Barnet Council councillors are the trustees / the Council is sole corporate trustee?</p>	
9	<p>Subject: The Lodge Submitted by: Mary O'Connor</p> <p>Has (b) of section 121 of the Charities Act 2011 occurred and if so when? At the Jan 2016 Residents Forum there was well over 500 representations against the sale of The Lodge and none in favour. Was there a meeting of trustees to consider these and if so are there minutes available? If there was not a meeting, how did the trustees consider the representations?</p> <p><i>The land must not be conveyed, transferred, leased or otherwise disposed of unless the charity trustees have before the relevant time—</i> <i>(a) given public notice of the proposed disposition, inviting representations to be made to them within a time specified in the notice, which must be not less than one month from the date of the notice, and</i> <i>(b) taken into consideration any representations made to them within that time about the proposed disposition.</i></p>	
10	<p>Subject: housing accommodation Submitted by: Mary O'Connor</p> <p>In the Council meeting of 4th November 2014 document, why were councillors as trustees informed that "<i>housing accommodation, other</i></p>	

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	<p><i>than that of a park keeper, is not permitted within the requirements of the Trust" when this was a restrictive covenant that could be removed?</i></p>	
11	<p>Subject: Victoria Park Recreation Ground Submitted by: Mary O'Connor</p> <p>How could Victoria Park Recreation Ground be gifted / transferred to the Council in February 1900 when Barnet Council was not formed until 1st April 1965?</p>	
12	<p>Subject: the Lodge Submitted by: Mary O'Connor</p> <p>If The Lodge has been sold, who signed the required certificates for the Land Registry?</p>	
13	<p>Subject: the Lodge Submitted by: Mary O'Connor</p> <p>If The Lodge, part of Victoria Park which is a Premier Park, has been sold is this a precedent for the sale of parts of other parks in the borough? What other Premier Parks are planned to be reduced in size? What other parkland is planned to be sold?</p>	

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14	<p>Subject: The Lodge Submitted by: Mary O'Connor</p> <p>If The Lodge has been sold, what was the purchase price? What are details of the expenses that will reduce the amount to be placed in the trust from the sale? Given that the sale by informal tender closed on the 26th February 2015 and that property prices in Finchley rose in price over the next year, was the final purchase price adjusted to account for this? If not, how could this be considered the 'best price' as required by the Charities Act 2011? Did the trustees decide that they were satisfied that the terms for the disposal were the best that could reasonably be obtained?</p>	
15	<p>Subject: the Lodge Submitted by: Mary O'Connor</p> <p>It is rumoured that the new purchaser plans to build a block of apartments on the site but will rent The Lodge for about a year until all the planning permissions are obtained. Obviously they are not going to spend £100,000 to bring it to decent homes standard. Why was this figure used to encourage The Lodge's disposal when it was obviously incorrect? Was there no requirement to retain The Lodge?</p>	

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16	<p>Subject: the Lodge Submitted by: Mary O'Connor</p> <p>If The Lodge has been sold, how did the trustees in deciding to sell "act in the best interest of the trust"?</p>	
17	<p>Subject: the Lodge Submitted by: Mary O'Connor</p> <p>In the 26 Dec 1899 indenture, page 5,</p> <p><i>(4) The Council shall forthwith at their own expense lay out the land hereby conveyed as a Public Park or Recreation Ground and plant trees and shrubs and construct roads and footpaths and so maintain the same. (5) The Council shall forthwith fence the property from the adjoining land with a six feet unclimbable iron rail with gates at the points marked A, B, C, D, E and F on the plan drawn in the margin hereof or thereabouts</i></p> <p>If The Lodge is sold, what will the monies be used for given that the above maintenance is the responsibility of the Council?</p>	
18	<p>Subject: Selling land Submitted by: Mary O'Connor</p> <p>The indenture of 13th February 1900, page 2 has:</p> <p><i>....under the provision of the Open Spaces Acts 187? to 1890 the Trustees of the said land and hereditaments have agreed to</i></p>	

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	<p><i>transfer to the Council by way of gift in fee simple the said land and hereditaments and the Council have agreed to accept such transfer and to hold the said land and hereditaments on the trusts and subject to the conditions under which the Trustees now hold the same and so that land and hereditaments may be used for the purpose of forming the same together with other hereditaments into a Recreation Ground for the inhabitants and residents of Finchley</i></p> <p>So how does this permit Barnet Council to sell some of the land when a condition of Finchley Urban Council receiving the gift of the land was that <i>"the Council have agreed to accept the said transfer and to hold the said land"</i>?</p>	
19	<p>Subject: Parks and Open Spaces consultation Submitted by: Mary O'Connor</p> <p>How many submissions from individuals and how many from organisations were there for the Parks and Open Spaces consultation for the period 13th January 2016 to 13th March 2016? What was the cost of this consultation?</p>	
20	<p>Subject: Invasive weeds Submitted by: Mary O'Connor</p> <p>Why is there no mention of invasive weeds in the Parks and Open Spaces Strategy when there are many invasive weeds, including Japanese Knotweed, Himalayan Balsam and Giant Hogweed, in Barnet's Open Spaces? What is the budget to treat invasive weeds for the 2016 / 2017 year and what weed species will be treated? When works are carried out in Open Spaces, where seeds may also be brought in on equipment or in soil and gravel, why is there no follow-up</p>	

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	<p>to ensure that unwanted flora are not introduced to areas where these species did not previously occur? Why does Barnet Council refuse to remove these including ragwort, hemlock and thistle?</p>	
21	<p>Subject: Item 9 October Residents' Forum Submitted by: Mr Levy</p> <p>Pursuant to item 9 of last October's meeting of this Forum.</p> <p>May we have an update please on:</p> <p>(i) the proposal for a double yellow line on Finchley Road southbound as it approaches West Heath Avenue, which had been considered.</p> <p>(ii) the issue raised of rainwater pooling on the pavement in front of Golders Green Bus Station, which the department in reply said it would investigate.</p>	
22	<p>Subject: Armitage Road Submitted by: Mr Levy</p> <p>(i) A repair has been made to a damaged area of kerb and block paving at the left turn from Armitage Road into Golders Green Road, but one kerbstone and some of the block paving have been replaced by poured tar. Is this temporary and does the council have any firm</p>	

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	<p>plans to restore the missing blocks and kerbstone, if so, what are they?</p> <p>(ii) Soon after the damage occurred, I submitted a problem report in which I advised on the nearby location of the missing kerbstone, and it remained there for several weeks thereafter. Did the council retrieve it, and if so, why hasn't it been replaced; or did it not retrieve it, if not, why not?</p>	
23	<p>Subject: West Heath Avenue Submitted by: Mr Levy</p> <p>The council is currently re-paving the north/east half of West Heath Avenue, with the antique patterned paving bricks along the tree beds which used to completely pave this street sadly being removed. I have been advised that this is because many paving blocks are cracked [not the patterned ones].</p> <p>How many members of the public had reported a problem/commented about cracked paving blocks in the section being re-paved?</p>	
24	<p>Subject: Paving blocks Submitted by: Mr Levy</p> <p>How is it that the Council can afford to remedy the cracked paving blocks in Q23. which do not seem very noticeable, but it has not been able to afford to remedy the issues Q21(i), 21(ii) and Q22. which are very noticeable and vexatious?</p>	

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25	<p>Subject: Area committee grants Submitted by: Mr Levy</p> <p>With respect to each of Q21(i), Q21(ii) and Q22. respectively where the Council cannot afford/commit to remedying the issues, are they eligible to be put forward for an Area Committee grant, and if so, may I have a costing for such works? I have tabled this question already at this Forum in respect of Q21(i) and Q21(ii) and not had direct answers. What is the point of the Area Committee grant pots unless we can get direct answers to such questions?</p>	

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Future meeting dates:

Date of meeting	Location
26 th October 2016	To be confirmed