

Minutes of the Finchley and Golders Green Residents Forum 18 October 2017 at the Greek Cypriot Centre

Members present:

Councillor Shimon Ryde (Chairman)
Councillor Reubon Thompstone (Vice-Chairman)

1. Petition: Reject – C2017 – BC000867-32 No Right Turn from Bishops to A1000

Petitioner: Ms Rajendra Wadje

Mr Jon Benjamin provided verbal representation on behalf of Ms Wadje. In particular he noted that a zebra crossing would be a preferred option.

The Chairman decided to refer the matter to the Chief Officer who would respond within 20 days.

The Chairman reported that an Experimental Scheme would be undertaken at the site. Councillor Zinkin noted that residents could contact the Chief Officer at any time within the 18-month consultation period of the Experimental Scheme, to let him/her know if there were problems with the scheme.

2. Petition: Dollis Park Traffic Scheme

Petitioner: J L Minnis

The petitioner was not present. The Chairman noted the petition and decided to refer it to the Chief Officer to respond to within 20 days.

3. Petition: Traffic Calming, Lyndale Ave, NW2 2QB

Petitioner: Edward Album

The petitioner was not present.

The Chairman resolved to refer this matter to the Area Committee as funding was required.

4. Petition: Traffic Calming on Hampstead Way, NW11

Petitioner: Andrew Morgan

The petitioner was not present.

Councillor Marshall noted that the speeding issue was occurring beyond the part of Hampstead Way mentioned in the petition. He suggested that officers/ a traffic engineer visit the site to monitor speeds. Ward Members would be informed so that they could attend at the same time to discuss the issue.

The Chairman decided to refer the matter to the Chief Officer to respond to within 20 days.

- 5. Petition: We the undersigned petition the council to stop using Glyphosate on pavements, green spaces and anywhere else where Barnet LB currently uses Glyphosate, and employ environmentally friendly methods of weed control.**

Petitioner: Phil Fletcher

The petitioner was not present. The Chairman noted the petition.

- 6. Petition: Mini parking zone within CPZ for Edmunds Walk and Deansway**

Petitioner: Suki Dhanak

The petitioner gave a verbal presentation on the problems residents were experiencing due to residents from the edge of the zone driving in to park close to the tube station.

The Chairman commented that a review of the zone had been agreed and officers were looking to see how a mini zone could be created. The Chairman referred the issue to the Chief Officer – he would be asked to provide timelines. The Chief Officer would respond within 20 days.

- 7. Issue: Dollis Valley Greenwalk
Submitted by: Dennis Pepper**

Mr Pepper gave a verbal presentation to the Forum.

The Chairman noted that the Funding Agreement for the scheme in 2011 had proposed to accommodate the needs of both cyclists and walkers.

The Chairman decided to refer the matter to the Chief Officer to respond to within 20 days.

- 8. Issue: Dollis Valley Greenwalk
Submitted by: Dennis Pepper**

Since this issue covered the same site it was discussed with number 7. A response would be provided as above.

- 9. Issue: Relocation of TfL bus stop in front of Cherry Tree Hill House, 99a Great North Road, N2 0FB
Submitted by: Peter E Goodall**

Mr Goodall was not present due to illness. The Chairman asked Councillor Marshall to wish Mr Goodall a speedy recovery on his behalf.

The Chairman noted that Council officers were already in contact with TfL infrastructure team to ask them to change the location of the bus stop.

10. Speeding traffic in Fitzalan Road
Submitted by: Michael Lewin

Mr Lewin gave a verbal presentation.

The Chairman noted that 'Watch your speed – 30 mph' signage was due to be completed by officers within four weeks.

The Chairman asked Mr Lewin to forward to him the original email that he had sent to Councillor Old. He would refer this matter to the Chief Officer, requesting that he or one of his team meet Mr Lewin at the site to discuss his concerns and possible mitigating action. Following this the Chief Officer would contact Mr Lewin and the Chairman with his recommendations.

11. Bumpy road surface, 7-9 Golders Green Road
Submitted by: M Levy

Mr Levy gave a verbal presentation.

Councillor Zinkin noted that this section was outside the Council's initial priorities but when further funding became available this would be considered. All roads and pavements had been carefully assessed. The Council had also recently invested a new machine to repair potholes and resources had been created so that Ward Councillors could arrange for individual small areas to be repaired.

12. Service shafts left uncovered

Submitted by: M Levy

Mr Levy gave a verbal presentation.

Councillor Zinkin reported that he had seen the email correspondence with Virgin Media on this issue. Officers had alerted Virgin Media about 118-120 Golders Green Road and this would continue to be followed up by them if not resolved.

Councillor Zinkin added that utility providers had a duty to fix such issues; on not doing so a Section 80 Notice could be served on them. He offered to check the remaining uncovered service shafts with Mr Levy if Mr Levy wished to arrange a meeting with him.

13. Air Quality
Submitted by: M Levy

Mr Levy noted that he wanted to know what proposals were made by the Air Quality Champion as opposed to what was included in the final Action Plan.

The Chairman decided to refer this to the Chief Officer to respond to within 20 days.

14. Expansion of libraries' accommodation
Submitted by: M Levy

Mr Levy noted that the response was disappointing.

Councillor Thompstone commented that he had visited all 14 sites in the Borough with the Chairman. Assessments of use had been undertaken plus two consultations. Two brand new libraries had been built and the budget had also been used to expand library hours. Some of the library spaces would also provide an income.

15. Uneven pavement/large puddle outside bus station

Submitted by: M Levy

The Chairman reported that officers would inspect the site and propose a solution. He would refer the issue to the Chief Officer to ensure that both he and Mr Levy were kept informed.

16. Issue: Storm water puddle, zebra crossing

Submitted by: M Levy

Mr Levy reported that an elderly resident had contacted him about the puddle, which prevented him from crossing the road within a reasonable time.

The Chairman reported that officers had visited the site and were looking for a solution. He would refer the issue to the Chief Officer to ensure that both he and Mr Levy were kept informed.

The Forum ended at 8.02 pm.