

**FINCHLEY & GOLDERS GREEN RESIDENTS FORUM**  
**Avenue House, East End Road, Finchley, London N3 3QE**

**WEDNESDAY, 14 MARCH 2012**

**ACTIONS/UPDATE NOTE**

\*Chairman: Councillor Reuben Thompstone

\*Vice-Chairman: Councillor Graham Old

\*denotes Councillor present

	<b>Issue Raised</b>	<b>Response</b>	<b>Action/Update</b>
1.	Petition: Objecting to the proposals outlined in the Hiring of Barnet Parks Events Policy dated 3 November 2011 (389 signatures) <i>(Richard Simmonds)</i>	The petition has been recorded as a response to the consultation. The consultation feedback is being used to formulate an updated 'Events in Parks Policy' which will be presented to Cabinet later this year for consideration.	Officers to inform the Cabinet Member of the receipt of the petition.  <i>Jenny Warren, Greenspaces Manager</i>
2.	Requesting the council to close the end of Beechwood Avenue (junction of A406) in an endeavour to stop the spate of burglaries and serious assaults. The road functions as a conduit between Regents park Road and the North Circular thereby facilitating an escape route for thieves. <i>(Donald Bentley)</i>	The junction referred to is part of the TLRN which falls under the auspices of Transport for London. Whilst sympathetic to the concern and proposed solution, the Council will only consider road closures for matters such as planning development, traffic management or road safety and therefore would not support a closure for the reasons requested.	Item referred to Finchley and Golders Green Area Environment Sub-Committee
3.	Petition: Urging Barnet Council to change the parking restrictions outside the Royal Mail sorting office on Lodge Lane (Finchley) to include at least one parking bay that is: 10 minutes free parking, no return within an hour' <i>(or similar)</i> . This will enable us (local residents) to pick up our post without paying a minimum of £1 for 30 minutes parking /	Managing available kerb space appropriately is key to the effective operation of a town centre parking regime, and it is with this in mind that the council will soon be commencing a review of North Finchley Town Centre with a view to establishing what the most appropriate layout and approach should be which will lead the council to devise and implement a strategy for mitigating, in so far as is possible,	No Further Update Required

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	illegally parking (300 signatures) <i>(Gary Sakol)</i>	the effects of increased parking charges on town centres by seeking to ensure for example that parking, waiting and loading requirements are commensurate with the needs of commercial premises in the vicinity. Accordingly consideration of appropriate parking arrangements outside the Royal Mail sorting office will be included as part of the review, the outcome of which is anticipated to be known by September.	
4.	Petition: Summerside school- parking. The petition seeks to raise awareness of the concerns of teachers, students and residents concerning the current parking situation at Summerside School (205 signatures) <i>(Mrs Bradley)</i>	The Council are sympathetic to the concerns raised, but as the issues are primarily contributed to by carers/visitors and others attending the school, the local network layout is not conducive to an obvious solution. It is understood that the school attendees are largely local and therefore the Council would seek to support and encourage the school through aspirations detailed in its School Travel Plan that would encourage attendance via alternative transport means wherever possible thus reducing congestion and demand in the vicinity of the school.	No Further Update Required
5.	Seeking information in relation to North Finchley Town Centre – Outer London Fund, and how residents can get involved in the consultation process <i>(Ms Visiani)</i>	Verbal Response to be given at meeting. It was confirmed at the meeting that the OLF is for just over £1m and is primarily focused on boosting local businesses and business activity. The consultation arrangements are to be confirmed and the lead council officer is Jodie Yandall who can be contacted on 020 8359 7975. Contact details were provided to Ms Visiani.	No Further Update Required
6.	Incomplete road marking outside 7 Llanvanor Rd, NW2. Resident seeking clarification on when marking will be completed. <i>(Andrew Tucker)</i>	A Highway Inspector has visited this location and has confirmed that the 'new' S & L that has been recently painted was the result of a utility company that undertook some reinstatement works, the O & W will need to be refreshed by LB Barnet. An order has been placed with the council's contractor for	No Further Update Required

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		the necessary works and it is envisaged the order will be completed within the next twenty eight days	
7.	<p>Parent of child attending Martin Primary School has raised concern relating to removal of safety railings from a pedestrian crossing outside the school following works to paving.</p> <p>The school has been informed by Barnet Council that the council does not intend to reinstate the railings.</p> <p>The parent has stated that this is an important safety issue as at 3.30pm each school day, over 400 children together with their parents and carers exit the school and to not have the railings by such a busy High Road is dangerous – with so many people at the crossing at this time, children can trip off the pavement into oncoming traffic.</p> <p>The parent would like to know why Barnet Council have decided to remove safety railings from outside a primary school that exits on to a busy road.</p> <p><i>(Margaret Dyer)</i></p>	<p>Verbal Response to be given at meeting.</p> <p>It was confirmed that investigations are ongoing in conjunction with the Walksafe petition, and officers are seeking to address school travel issues comprehensively. Pedestrian crossing facilities are being reviewed and officers will consider carefully what the appropriate comprehensive package will be, in particular the issue of the guardrailing. A report will be going to the Council’s Business Management Overview &amp; Scrutiny Committee on 18 April 2012.</p>	<p>Item referred to Finchley and Golders Green Area Environment Sub-Committee for discussion alongside Agenda Item 8</p>

**Officers Present:**

John Murphy – Business Governance Officer  
Mervyn Bartlett –Transport and Regeneration Manager

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**Future meeting dates:**

Date	Venue
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Tuesday, 16 October 2012	Avenue House, East End Road, Finchley, London N3 3QE
Wednesday, 16 January 2013	To be confirmed
Wednesday 13 March 2013	Avenue House, East End Road, Finchley, London N3 3QE
Tuesday, 25 June 2013	To be confirmed
Tuesday, 22 October 2013	Avenue House, East End Road, Finchley, London N3 3QE