

CHIPPING BARNET RESIDENTS FORUM
Chipping Barnet Library
6 September 2018
7PM

Chairman: Councillor Lisa Rutter
Vice Chairman: Councillor Alison Cornelius

ISSUES TO BE CONSIDERED AT THE FORUM MEETING

Items must be submitted to Governance Service (ChippingBarnet.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 Wednesday evening, questions must be received by 10am on Wednesday of the week before)

	Issue Raised	Response
1.	<p>Title: Support Barnet residents whose rights in Barnet are adversely affected by Brexit</p> <p>Lead Petitioner: Derek Mayer</p> <p>Number of signatures: 36</p> <p>Ward: East Barnet</p> <p>Petition: We the undersigned petition the council to ensure that all Barnet residents whose rights in Barnet are adversely affected by Brexit and have difficulty affording the legal costs involved are able to access independent legal advice, support, and information. We further petition that the Council achieves this by establishing an independent charity, by working with third parties and voluntary agencies, and by providing direct assistance where appropriate.</p>	<p>Thank you for your petition. Barnet's 40,000 resident EU nationals are a valued part of our borough's community; many have lived in Barnet for most of their lives and we want them to be able to continue calling Barnet their home for as long as they wish. However, we do not believe the establishment of the proposed charity is an appropriate response.</p> <p>Concerns about previous Home Office policy with regards to illegal immigration have been shared by many, not least the current Home Secretary Sajid Javid, who distanced himself from the 'hostile environment' approach of his Labour and Conservative predecessors upon his appointment.</p> <p>Furthermore, the Prime Minister's position on EU nationals' residency rights has been well publicised in all major media. It is Government policy that EU nationals presently living in the UK will continue to enjoy the right to settle permanently, as will any who arrive during the proposed two-year 'transition period' beginning on 29th March 2019. EU nationals who have, or achieve, settled status before the end of the 'transition period' will maintain the right to bring family to the UK; those who do not will have to pass a minimum income threshold which is currently set</p>

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<p>The Home Office policy of making life as difficult as possible for illegal immigrants could also wreck the lives of people who have a right to live in Barnet. The government admits that people with rights to stay in the UK have already been wrongly deported.</p> <p>In this climate, being able to afford legal advice or proceedings to correct a wrong decision will be important for:</p> <p>EU 27 citizens living in Barnet who are uncertain of their status.</p> <p>British partners and children of EU27 citizens. Families may face obstacles if freedom of movement is curtailed and they hope to re-unite, or relocate, post-Brexit.</p> <p>Barnet employers, landlords and healthcare professionals who may face a difficult situation, or even prosecution, if their employees, tenants or patients lose rights they now enjoy.</p> <p>Not all Barnet residents can afford solicitors. We call on Barnet Council to take the lead in ensuring that Barnet remains a non-hostile environment for all our residents by establishing a charity that will:</p> <p>Work with individuals, businesses, and third sector and faith groups to raise private funds for the above.</p> <p>Raise awareness of the services offered.</p>	<p>at £18,600 for non-EU migrants. This policy was welcomed by the British Chambers of Commerce when it was announced in February of this year. The exact nature of the Government's EU migration policy post-transition period is also yet to be decided and the Prime Minister has refused to rule out giving EU citizens preferential rights. The stated aims of such a charity could, therefore, be void before the transition period even begins.</p> <p>Barnet Council already routinely refers residents to organisations such as Barnet Citizens Advice in cases where it is not possible or appropriate for the Council to offer assistance. These organisations are also sign-posted on the Council's website: https://www.barnet.gov.uk/citizen-home/adult-social-care/welcome-to-carers/carers-support/specialist-advice-and-advocacy.html</p> <p>The petition will be dealt with in the following way:</p> <p>The Lead Petitioner will be given three minutes to present the petition to the Forum. Following the presentation the Residents Forum Chairman will decide to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Take no action; - Refer the matter to a chief officer to respond to within 20 working days; or - Refer the matter to the relevant Area Committee (if funding is required)

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	Liaise with community groups such as Citizens Advice Bureau, The 3 Million, Chipping Barnet for Europe, and others.	
2.	<p>Title: Osidge Lane N14</p> <p>Lead Petitioner: Kate Panteli</p> <p>Number of signatures: 66</p> <p>Ward: Brunswick Park</p> <p>Petition: We, the residents of Osidge Lane (Chase Side to Hamden Square) want to petition for the following:</p> <p>For some considerable time our homes have suffered potential structural damage due to the ongoing condition of the road surface in Osidge Lane. In addition the removal of paving slabs from the pavement have weakened the strength of the road. Therefore we are urging London Borough of Barnet to rectify the road surface to reduce vibration which is having an impact on our homes. Put measure in place to stop vehicles from speeding (speed camera or reduce speed sign).</p>	<p>The Lead Petitioner will be given three minutes to present the petition to the Forum. Following the presentation the Residents Forum Chairman will decide to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Take no action; - Refer the matter to a chief officer to respond to within 20 working days; or - Refer the matter to the relevant Area Committee (if funding is required)
3.	<p>Title: Petition for a new skate park - Victoria Recreation Ground</p> <p>Lead Petitioner: Alice Kentish</p> <p>Number of signatures: 257</p> <p>Ward: East Barnet</p>	<p>As part of the leisure centre development in Victoria Recreation Ground, the Council will review introducing new facilities within the park as part of a long-term vision, which includes providing a new playground facility in 2019.</p> <p>In 2017, Environment Committee approved the development of three sports hub masterplans at Barnet Copthall, West Hendon Playing Fields and Barnet Playing Fields/ King George V. These masterplans are currently in development and the Council are seeking to provide options which considers type of facilities available to maximise engagement and investment. With specific regard to Barnet Playing Fields, a skatepark is being considered for inclusion within the draft masterplan.</p>

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<p>Petition: We the undersigned believe that Barnet Council should include a skate park as part of the plans for the new developments in Victoria Recreation Ground, New Barnet.</p> <p>There are many young skateboard enthusiasts who live nearby who do not have a skate park within easy reach. They currently have to travel to Friary park, or they can be seen navigating the uneven pavements of Barnet, or worse, using the middle of the road to practise. Young children are well catered for in the local area and a growing number of adult gyms are appearing, but our teenagers, who so desperately need to be encouraged to leave the sedentary activity of games consoles to take exercise and socialise, would benefit from a nearby skate park.</p> <p>According to The Skate Parks Project other areas seem to be well supplied with skate parks, for example, the Northamptonshire area (with a population of 733,000) has a total of 27 skate parks and seems to include them as a matter of course in their recreation parks. Contrast this with Barnet (with a population of 386,000) where there are only 3 skate parks in the entire borough. To match this per capita, Barnet would need an additional 10 skate parks.</p> <p>Victoria Recreation Ground would seem the obvious choice for a new skate park given that the building work and redevelopment of the park is about to start and also given the projected increase in the local population due to the imminent building of new housing adjacent to and near to the park.</p> <p>We believe there may be some additional Community Infrastructure Levy money coming as a result of the extra</p>	<p>All proposals are subject to consultation and engagement and residents will have an opportunity to provide feedback as part of a future design.</p> <p>As part of the Parks and Open Spaces Strategy, Officers will be considering a strategy approach to the location and availability of wheeled sports across the Borough.</p> <p>The petition will be dealt with in the following way:</p> <p>The Lead Petitioner will be given three minutes to present the petition to the Forum. Following the presentation the Residents Forum Chairman will decide to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Take no action; - Refer the matter to a chief officer to respond to within 20 working days; or - Refer the matter to the relevant Area Committee (if funding is required)

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	developments along Victoria Road. If there is any money to be found anywhere, please would you spend it on a skate park in Victoria Recreation Ground.	
4.	<p>Title: Petition for Trinder Road to be a Controlled Parking Zone.</p> <p>Lead Petitioner: Jade Edwards</p> <p>Number of signatures: 28</p> <p>Ward: Underhill</p> <p>Petition: The nearby designated CPZ should also apply to Trinder Road.</p>	<p>The Lead Petitioner will be given three minutes to present the petition to the Forum. Following the presentation the Residents Forum Chairman will decide to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Take no action; - Refer the matter to a chief officer to respond to within 20 working days; or - Refer the matter to the relevant Area Committee (if funding is required)
5.	<p>Title: Accidents on Brunswick Park Road</p> <p>Resident: Teresa Talbot</p> <p>Ward: Brunswick Park</p> <p>Issue: There have been numerous accidents caused by speeding cars/drunken drivers and vandalism of cars when parked. Dangerous parking bays for residents (2 wheels on kerb 2 wheels in road). The Council should provide suitable safe parking bays for residents allowing them to park 4 wheels on kerb. To do this Highways would need to widen the pavement, to do this they would have to take over responsibility of part of the grass verge currently managed by Barnet Homes.</p>	<p><u>Transport and Highways</u></p> <p>Highways Officers are currently looking into the possibility of converting a section of greenspace in front of 142-166 Brunswick Park Rd to allow all 4-wheel footway parking.</p> <p>Officers are currently liaising with Estates regarding the conversion of this section of Grass Verge to allow for footway parking.</p>
6.	<p>Title: Retain brown bin collections</p> <p>Lead Petitioner: John Dix</p>	<p>The Environment Committee will be discussing this issue at the meeting on 13th September. The agenda can be found here: http://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=695&MId=9477&Ver=4</p>

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<p>Number of signatures: 327</p> <p>Ward: East Barnet</p> <p>Petition: We the undersigned petition the council to Retain the separate brown bin food waste collections as burning food waste or sending it to landfill is ecologically unsound even if it does save a little money.</p> <p>Barnet plan to scrap the dedicated food waste collection which currently goes to anaerobic digestion. Instead the food waste will either be burned or sent to landfill. The saving it will make is £2 per household per year or around 4p a week. This goes against the advice of the London assembly which says "We recommend that boroughs should endeavour to include separate food waste collections in their waste management regimes across all property types."</p>	<p>To register to speak on the item please email: Governanceservice@barnet.gov.uk</p> <p>The petition will be dealt with in the following way:</p> <p>The Lead Petitioner will be given three minutes to present the petition to the Forum. Following the presentation the Residents Forum Chairman will decide to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Take no action; - Refer the matter to a chief officer to respond to within 20 working days; or - Refer the matter to the relevant Area Committee (if funding is required)
<p>7. Title: Fly tipping in St Albans Road</p> <p>Resident: Ken Rowland</p> <p>Ward: High Barnet</p> <p>Issue: Barnet Residents Association is concerned as to the recent increase in fly tipping on the section of St. Albans Road (A1081) from the beginning of the cemetery to just before The Shires (boundary of Hertsmere) on the west side. The section is usually populated by cars so is hard to see when driving but following a walk recently there is evidence of significant levels of fly tipping all along this section.</p> <p>Remove all rubbish and introduce regular visits by council</p>	<p>This is an extremely difficult road to cleanse & remove fly tipped waste, due to the road being heavily parked. The nature of the road means that it is also unsafe for staff to work on during normal working hours. We will plan to cone off the area early morning to carry out the works, as a short-term solution. Longer term we will investigate the possibility of installing parking meters along this stretch of road, along with the viability of periodic parking suspensions.</p>

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<p>officers to monitor situation going forward. Consideration should also be given to introducing CCTV to catch culprits.</p>	
<p>8.</p> <p>Title: Church crossing, Barnet College</p> <p>Resident: Ken Rowland</p> <p>Ward: High Barnet</p> <p>Issue: In September 2010 Barnet College reopened after a £50m redevelopment. Community Infrastructure Levy (Section 106) funding of £85,000 was set aside for improving the safety of the crossing especially in relation to students of the college. This matter has been raised numerous times at the Chipping Barnet Town Team but with no success. The last time it was raised (early 2018) we were told that it's still 'under consideration'. Students are just about to return for the new term and still nothing has been put forward as a solution after 8 years. The junction remains a danger. A plan would be welcome.</p>	<p>A trial restriction of turns at the junction of A1000 High Street and Wood St, took place between November 2016 and May 2017.</p> <p>This trial was to assess whether a permanent scheme with increased pedestrian space and environmental enhancements might be introduced.</p> <p>The results of the trial were presented to the Chipping Barnet Area Committee in July 2017 and the Committee decided not to proceed with this proposal. A decision was made to proceed with designing a scheme which would widen the footway on the south side of Wood Street from the college to the former Crown and Anchor public house.</p> <p>While this was being undertaken a separate study suggested that another option for the junction involving a roundabout might be feasible. This option requires modelling to assess the impacts on traffic.</p> <p>This arrangement could also provide increased space for pedestrians, however, a more detailed consideration of vehicle paths through the junction and how this can be combined within a widened footway between the college and the Crown and Anchor, needs to be undertaken.</p> <p>Progression of the footway widening in isolation, without the roundabout, has been put on hold to avoid developing potentially conflicting proposals.</p> <p>Funding is available from the current year Local Implementation Plan (LIP) budget to progress the feasibility study into the combined scheme and the work is programmed to take place later this financial year.</p>

Future meeting dates:

Date of meeting	Location	Deadline Date
9 January 2019	Chipping Barnet Library 3 Stapylton Rd, Barnet EN5 4QT	Petitions – 31 st December 2018 Issues - 2 January 2019 10am