

FINCHLEY & GOLDERS GREEN RESIDENTS' FORUM
Wednesday 18 July 2018, 7pm

VENUE: Greek Cypriot Centre, Britannia Road, Whetstone N12 9RU

Chairman: Councillor Rohit Grover
Vice Chairman: Councillor Jennifer Grocock

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1	<p>From: Mr Peter Hale Received: 15 March 2018 Issue: Obstruction to footpath East End Road</p> <p>Obstruction to footpath East End Road between Cromwell Close / Elmhurst Crescent N2. I have tried to get the council to clear this length of footpath over many years.</p> <p>I did notice that after a request a couple of years ago that a partial clearance of leaves was carried out, but the general obstruction remained. At this location, there is a wide boundary of trees and vegetation in the grounds of the residential properties between Cromwell Close and Elmhurst Crescent N2. Boundary fencing is in a poor state vegetation overhangs this narrow pavement leaf litter build up attracts rubbish and has not been cleared for number or years (I first reported this in 2012). As well as reporting this obstruction I have previously met a highways officer on site to discuss and look at the problem which did not result in action.</p> <p>There does not seem to be a Barnet department who will take responsibility for this problem. The narrow pavement at this location is also exacerbated by the railings at the pedestrian crossing, as the consensus is not to have railings at these locations are now perhaps these can be removed at an appropriate</p>	<p>An officer has attended the location and asked the freeholder to cut back the overgrown foliage.</p> <p>The freeholder has 14 days to comply.</p>

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	<p>date.</p> <p>I request Barnet council to make contact with whoever is responsible for the residential grounds to insist on regular maintenance being carried out to prevent the reoccurrence of obstruction. Please will you assure me that this will be acted upon as a matter of urgency?</p>	
2	<p>From: Ms Susan Zamet on behalf of Bishops Avenue (East Finchley) Management Co Ltd Received: 21 May 2018 Issue: request extension of parking restrictions at top of Bishops Avenue at the entrance to Beaumont Close</p> <p>Cllr Rohit Grover has suggested that we write to the Resident's Forum with regard to extending the double-yellow lines at the top of the Bishops Avenue N2 (before the A1000 High Road, N2) at the entrance to Beaumont Close, N2 0GA. We would request that at least two parking bays be removed to do this. It is often impossible to leave Beaumont Close safely as we cannot see the oncoming traffic when vehicles are parked and therefore obstructing the view for drivers. We have had several near misses and one day there will be a nasty accident. Please help to prevent this from happening.</p> <p>We are happy to provide any further details you may require and we look forward to hearing from you. The Board of Directors, Bishops Avenue (East Finchley) Management Co Ltd, Directors: Susan Zamet, Howard Barbarash, Carole Mosheim, Madeleine Cope-Thompson, Martin Slater, Malcolm Sandler, Richard Becker.</p>	<p>Your request for yellow lines to be introduced has been noted, and Officers intend to seek to commence the initial prioritisation and assessment of the bulk of requests received over the past year or so later this year.</p> <p>This request will be part of the batch being looked at. It is expected that after this assessment/prioritisation exercise takes place, a decision will be made on which items to progress shortly thereafter. Whilst the Council carries out this work, we thank you for your ongoing patience Highways.correspondence@barnet.gov.uk</p> <p>The Member Liaison Officer would write to Ms Zamet directly within 20 days to inform her of the time frame for the assessment.</p>
3	<p>From: Nahed Sarig Issue: Install Speed Monitoring on the Vale NW11 Signatures: 26</p>	<p>The Chairman would refer the matter up to the Area Committee for its consideration.</p> <p>Next Area Committee meeting: 17 October 2018.</p>

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<p>Add speed monitoring devices on the Vale street (between the Rodborough Rd roundabout until Hendon way) and a traffic sign clearly showing the speed limit. The current speed limit is 30mph but it is evident that drivers are systematically breaching this limit by a large margin and driving dangerously. This poses a risk to the resident's safety, especially to children.</p> <p>The Vale (from the Rodborough Rd roundabout until Hendon way) is quite busy with traffic which includes TFL buses (102 and 226 lines), HGVs and other large vehicles. The current speed limit is 30 mph but drivers are systematically breaching this limit by far and are constantly racing through the Vale. People are driving so fast that every time a car speeds through, our house shakes. The vibrations are more intense when HGVs or TFL buses race through the street.</p> <p>This is a big concern for our safety and that of our children. It could be even more disastrous in the event a speeding vehicle loses control and crashes through one of the houses.</p> <p>We are therefore petitioning for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * installing a traffic sign indicating the speed limit, and * installing speed monitoring devices to assess the average speed at which vehicles pass through the street. 	
<p>From: Liz Maimaris and Granville Road residents</p> <p>Issue: Put in place pedestrian crossing on High Road</p> <p>Signatures: 316</p> <p>Put in place a pedestrian crossing that enables people to cross from Granville Road to Summer's Lane across the busy and fast High Road safely. Also to put in place a crossing across Summer's Lane and across Granville Road near</p>	<p>This matter is already prioritised in the work programme with funding agreed.</p> <p>The petitioner would receive a response on proposed timescales for designing a new layout. Cllr Grover and the Woodhouse Ward Councillors (Councillors Cooke, Hutton and Schneiderman) would be copied in to the response. Following this a view would be taken on whether to expedite this and how.</p>

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4	<p>to the junction.</p> <p>Why is this important?</p> <p>Currently there is no pedestrian crossing at this fast and busy junction and people are putting themselves in danger by dashing across the road. Many of these pedestrians are school pupils of The Compton School and Wren Academy and users of Finchley Memorial Hospital as well as many mothers with young children. The lack of crossing also means people are standing in a highly polluted area for long periods of time. Barnet Council and TFL are prioritising 'traffic flow' over the safety of people.</p>	
5	<p>From: Tirza Waisel</p> <p>Received: 9 July (items 7-11)</p> <p>First I would like to congratulate the council for finally opening and maintaining the public toilets in Victoria Park after years of this issue being brought up in Residents Forums again and again. Can you please inform us what changed now to enable you to re-open them and allocate the resources to maintaining them?</p>	<p>Over many years the toilets in Victoria Park have been vandalised on a regular basis.</p> <p>The Council has recently carried out more internal repairs to allow the toilets to be opened again from the previous vandalism. This work was funded from the Council Parks budget.</p> <p>We are now monitoring the situation, and hope there will be no further issues. If the toilets, however, are vandalised again internally then they may need to be closed again. If this was to happen we will review the situation to ascertain if funds are available for repairs.</p>
6	<p>When will the pavements in the streets in Finchley be repaired? In particular Queen's Ave N3 and the streets around Victoria Park, between High Road, Squires Lane, Long Lane, Ballards Lane and Granville Road?</p>	<p>All roads are inspected on either a monthly, three-monthly, six-monthly or annual inspection. Officers would require exact locations and issues being reported to ensure an inspection can be made and works orders raised for all intervention level defects.</p>

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		<p>The Member Liaison Officer would be in contact with Ms Waisel to ascertain which pavements were affected and which areas Ms Waisel wanted to report as not being monitored. She would also advise on the timetable for the work programme. She would also copy Ward Councillors into this correspondence.</p>
7	<p>When will the many potholes in those streets and others in Finchley be filled?</p> <p>How will you ensure that when you finally repair the potholes the roads will remain without potholes for long, and what is the anticipated period of the repair to stand?</p>	<p>The exact location is required to allow officers to check that they have been reported.</p> <p>We aim to permanently repair all potholes however, in some circumstances a temporary repair is required i.e. middle of a busy main road prior to a permanent repair being completed.</p> <p>It was noted at the meeting that more detail would be helpful eg photographs.</p> <p>Potholes could be reported via 'My Account' on the Barnet website. This would be the most reliable method as 'fixmystreet.com' is an independent website and not a formal part of the process.</p> <p>The Chairman stated that as well as planned maintenance, there was a reactive repair programme and details could be reported as above on the Barnet website. Ward Councillors were also happy to be contacted with specific details.</p>

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8	<p>What is the work programme for regular trimming the Mulberry trees in Queen's Ave? They start blocking the pavement.</p>	<p>The Lime trees in Queens Avenue will have their basal growth removed within 10 working days as part of planned maintenance. We work on over 5,000 trees every year starting in June and completion in July/August.</p>
9	<p>When will the park around the new Finchley Memorial hospital be developed for the benefit of the surrounding community and fitted with children's playground and some outdoor gym equipment?</p> <p>When will benches be placed along the long path from Granville Road to the hospital's entrance for the elderly and infirm users of the hospital?</p>	<p>This is not land which Barnet Council have responsibility for regarding parks and open spaces.</p> <p>Councillor Schneiderman asked whether Barnet Council was holding the funding for the proposed playground. The Street Scene Director would find out and respond to him.</p> <p>Cllrs Hutton and Cooke noted that a Residents' Committee had been set up in relation to the greenspace at Finchley Memorial Hospital (FMH). The land belonged to the NHS and it was unclear whether they had the expertise in managing such facilities. The Street Scene Director would find out what advice could be provided from the Green Spaces team and whether a representative could attend meetings of the FMH Residents' Committee to provide additional input.</p>
10	<p>Where do things stand in regard with a transport solution to Finchley Memorial hospital? What does the council do about it as part of its responsibility towards its residents who use the hospital?</p>	<p>The Council is working with Transport for London Buses, the Clinical Commissioning Group and other partners to ascertain whether a service can be provided for residents who use the hospital. The Council is very mindful of the rising numbers of residents who are accessing services at the hospital and the mobility issues some of these patients are experiencing with accessing the site. The Council will</p>

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		<p>continue to pursue the investigation of a bus service to the hospital and will provide further information when it becomes available.</p> <p>At the meeting Councillor Hutton stated that consultations were ongoing with the Community Health Partnership. There had also been discussions at the recent Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee about services moving into the FMH.</p> <p>A resident enquired why the 382 bus could not service the FMH. The Street Scene Director stated that this was the decision of Transport for London but that the resident could raise this with her London Assembly Member.</p>

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Future meeting dates:

Thurs 6 September 2018, 7pm	Avenue House, Stephens House and Gardens, 17 East End Rd, Finchley, N3 3QE
Weds 9 January 2019, 7pm	Location to be confirmed
Weds 6 March 2019, 7pm	Location to be confirmed