

**CHIPPING BARNET RESIDENTS FORUM**  
**Chipping Barnet Library 3 Stapylton Rd, Barnet EN5 4QT**  
**5<sup>th</sup> September 2019 – 7.00 PM**

Chairman: Councillor Lisa Rutter  
Vice Chairman: Councillor Felix Byers

**ISSUES TO BE CONSIDERED AT THE FORUM MEETING**

Items must be submitted to Governance Service ([ChippingBarnet.ResidentsForum@Barnet.gov.uk](mailto: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)

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1.	The Council is consulting on its draft Growth Strategy. The strategy sets out the Council's role and priorities for regeneration, development and business, employment and skills activity across the borough from 2019 to 2030. For further information on the consultation and to provide your views, please visit <a href="https://engage.barnet.gov.uk/growth-strategy">https://engage.barnet.gov.uk/growth-strategy</a>	N/A
2.	<p><b>Title:</b> Road Safety Concerns for Oakleigh Road North, Whetstone N20</p> <p><b>Resident:</b> Mr and Mrs Davarnia</p> <p><b>Ward:</b> Oakleigh</p> <p><b>Issue:</b></p>	<p>At 2 July 2019 Chipping Barnet Area Committee there was a request to investigate a 20 mph speed limit on nearby Queens Avenue. There was a discussion at the meeting regarding the close proximity of other Schools in the area as mentioned in Mr and Mrs Davarnia's issue.</p> <p>The Committee agreed funding for feasibility study to investigate road safety concerns in an area to be agreed with Ward Councillors, this will be held to confirm the scope of the consultation area and the feasibility study. These</p>

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<p>As local residents we are very concerned about motorists and motorbikes going in excess of the legal speed limit on Oakleigh Road North from All Saints School to the mini roundabout by Russell Lane/ Pollard Road.</p> <p>There have been a number of high impact accidents which the emergency services had to be called for assistance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Collision during daylight outside bus stop/ Sacred Heart School side gate in the early afternoon of 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2019. Street closure. Cars involved were badly damaged.</li> <li>- Collision during daylight at junction by Loring Road in the early afternoon of 26<sup>th</sup> August 2018. Street closure for several hours for investigation to be carried out. Driver had to be cut out by fire brigade.</li> <li>- Collision at midnight on 28<sup>th</sup> July 2017 at the junction by Myddelton Park. Screams heard from the spot. Fire brigade cut out the occupants. Road closure for several hours for investigation to be carried out and to clear the road.</li> </ul> <p>Photos of these accidents are available at request.</p> <p>There are two big primary schools, All Saints C of E School and Sacred Heart RC School on this stretch of Oakleigh Road North, but there has been no road safety improvements or enforcement to address the growing problem with motorists and motorbikes who use this road as a racetrack and by doing so put others in serious danger. We request of your department to carry out inspections at different times of the day and night and to measure the speed of travel on this stretch of the road for a period of time. As part of the process we would urge you to engage with local schools and local people about their views to make this stretch of the road safe for all road users, local residents and school children.</p>	<p>issues raised will be noted in the discussion. The feasibility study and recommendation will be report back to a future meeting of the Chipping Barnet Area Committee.</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting can be found at the following link:  <a href="http://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/g9878/Printed%20minutes%2002nd-Jul-2019%2019.00%20Chipping%20Barnet%20Area%20Committee.pdf?T=1">http://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/g9878/Printed%20minutes%2002nd-Jul-2019%2019.00%20Chipping%20Barnet%20Area%20Committee.pdf?T=1</a></p> <p>Should you wish to discuss the above report further, or discuss wider road safety in the area, the local Oakleigh Ward Councillors would be happy to discuss these issues contact details can be found  <a href="http://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/mgFindMember.aspx?XXR=0&amp;AC=WARD&amp;WID=12987">http://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/mgFindMember.aspx?XXR=0&amp;AC=WARD&amp;WID=12987</a>.</p>

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3.	<p><b>Title:</b> Petition - Pedestrian Crossing at Cat Hill/Brookside  <b>Signatures</b> – 56</p> <p><b>Resident:</b> Ludo's Café (Lead Petitioner: Ludovic Cekaj)</p> <p><b>Ward:</b> East Barnet</p> <p><b>Issue:</b>          -acknowledge that the crossing point between the west and east sides of Cat Hill at the junction with Brookside is fundamentally unsafe, posing a danger to both pedestrians and road users;</p> <p>-make improvements to the safety of the crossing- specifically, install a pedestrian (zebra) crossing to facilitate safety by requiring traffic to stop;</p> <p>-make funding available to build-out the pavement and to enable any other works-required to implement an improvement to the safety of the crossing.</p>	<p>Officers have previously assessed this request and meet with Ward Councillors on site to consider options.</p> <p>It is considered that to achieve the necessary visibility would require that footway to be built out so far that there would be inadequate carriageway width remaining. The island and right turn lane into Brookside would certainly be lost.</p> <p>The location of the junction and the bus layby leaves insufficient space for a crossing so additional kerbwork would be needed at the entrance to the bus layby and/or to tighten the kerblines at the junction to squeeze it in (or the bus layby removed entirely and a crossing provided further east).</p> <p>It is noted that this arm of the roundabout has a better casualty record than the other two that do have zebra crossings.</p> <p>There are currently no proposals to carry out any further investigations.</p> <p>The Lead Petitioner will have the opportunity to present the petition to the Forum. Following the presentation the Residents Forum Chairman will decide to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Take no action;</li> <li>- Refer the matter to a chief officer to respond to within 20 working days;</li> <li>or</li> <li>- Refer the matter to the relevant Area Committee (if funding is required)</li> </ul>
4.	<p>I am very worried that Barnet residents will be severely impacted by a no deal Brexit. In February the council set out a risk assessment of Brexit but voted against holding subsequent update meetings with the Local Strategic Partnership. As such there is no information on the most recent Council preparations for Brexit nor has there been any communication to Barnet residents. The leaked Operation Yellowhammer report has highlighted some very serious implications of a no deal Brexit but so far Barnet has failed to provide any guidance to residents on how they should prepare. For example, there are over 100 care homes in</p>	<p>On 20<sup>th</sup> February 2019, a <a href="#">report</a> went to Policy and Resources Committee outlining our approach to Brexit preparedness.</p> <p>Through research and guidance from central government, the LGA, London Councils and other Local Authorities; a set of themes were identified which have been used as a framework for assessing potential impact. This has been captured through the creation of an <a href="#">impact log</a> which focuses on the following themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Workforce</li> <li>• Citizens' rights</li> <li>• Community cohesion</li> </ul>

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<p>Barnet. Operation Yellowhammer identifies that adult social care providers could go out of business as a result. What contingency plans have been made if a number of these providers in Barnet go bust? The leaked Operation Yellowhammer report also identifies a risk of food and medicine shortages which could impact some of the most vulnerable in our community. What advice is the Council providing to local residents so that they can plan for these shortages and what contingencies are in place for these most vulnerable residents?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council funding</li> <li>• Supply chain</li> <li>• IT/systems</li> <li>• Legislation</li> <li>• Economy</li> <li>• Emergency planning</li> <li>• Elections</li> </ul> <p>Due to the uncertainty and changing picture on a national level regarding Brexit, it is difficult to assess potential impacts on Barnet with certainty. Therefore, the council is preparing for potential impacts that could occur under either a deal or no deal scenario. The council will continue to assess the themes identified as more information becomes available nationally, and the terms of any deal become clearer. We have engaged with our delivery partners who are responsible for delivering services on behalf of the council, and have also engaged with our strategic partners which includes the Police, NHS and VCS. These organisations identified many similar issues to the council, and have been incorporated into the impact log. Keeping abreast of national developments forms a key part of our approach and we will continue to monitor and follow any guidance provided by central government and national bodies. This will include sharing relevant information with residents, businesses and the voluntary and communities sector via our communication channels.</p> <p>The council is also represented on the London Resilience Forum, Local Authorities Panel, London Councils and London Prevent Network who take a collective approach to reporting information to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG).</p> <p>We have a weekly Brexit working group, chaired by the Deputy Chief Executive, which includes senior representatives from across the council. Through this forum, we are currently in the process of revisiting and updating our impact log to assess how any risks and opportunities may have changed or evolved. This will form part of a full update report being presented to Policy and</p>

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	<p>Resources Committee on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2019.</p> <p>The Council has so far received £210,000 from central Government to support Brexit preparations. To date some of this funding has been used to partially cover salary costs of existing officers who are undertaking work to co-ordinate preparations. The rest will be used to mitigate financial pressures relating to Brexit if and when they arise.</p>

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**Future meeting dates:** *N.B Issues and Petitions must be received by the Governance Service by 10am on the fifth working day prior to the meeting for the item to be discussed at the Forum.*

Date of meeting	Location	Deadline Date for Issues
4 March 2020, 7pm	Chipping Barnet Library 3 Stapylton Rd, Barnet EN5 4QT	10AM, Wednesday 25 February 2020