

	<h2>Hendon Area Committee</h2> <h3>17 September 2019</h3>
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>Title</b></p>	<p><b>Items referred from the Hendon Residents Forum</b></p>
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>Report of</b></p>	<p>Head of Governance</p>
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>Ward</b></p>	<p>Various wards within the Hendon constituency</p>
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>Status</b></p>	<p>Public</p>
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>Urgent</b></p>	<p>No</p>
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>Key</b></p>	<p>No</p>
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>Enclosures</b></p>	<p>None</p>
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## Summary

This item provides the Hendon Area Committee with information relating to items that have been referred up from the last meeting of the Hendon Residents' Forum on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2019.

## Recommendations

1. That the Hendon Area Committee notes the items referred up from the 5th September 2019 meeting of the Hendon Residents' Forum.
2. That following consideration of the items highlighted at 1.1, the Committee gives instructions in accordance with its powers, outlined at section 5.4.1.

## 1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED

- 1.1 At its meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2019, the Hendon Residents' Forum referred up the below items to the Area Committee for its consideration. The items are as follows:

Title of petition	Lead petitioner	Detail/text of petition	No. of signatures
The Laundry at the top of John's Avenue	Keith Harris	<p>We the undersigned residents wish to place on record our utter dismay and frustration at the manner at which our road and pavement is abused, obstructed and damaged on a daily basis as a result of the escalation of the industrial scale activities now being carried out from the above premises. The resulting disturbances to the nearby neighbours, including very early in the morning and at weekends, is simply unacceptable.</p> <p>We believe the business would be better placed on an industrial site more suited to the all day collections and deliveries by numerous vans and articulated lorries. The intensification of the use of the premises in this way and the overspill of the laundries activates onto the pavement and road is truly blighting our street and causing no end of inconvenience and disruption to those who live here or simply wish to pass through.</p> <p>We sincerely hope that our Councillors will urge Barnet Planning Enforcement Team to take urgent action to remedy this nuisance and bring some normality back to our previously quiet residential street.</p>	29

## 2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 In accordance with the council's Resident and Public Participation Rules (Article 3 of the council's constitution) petitions in between 25-1,999 signatures can be referred up from the relevant Residents' Forum to the Area Committee, where funding is required. At its meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2019, the Hendon Residents' Forum referred up the petitions as outlined at 1.1 of this report.
- 2.2 The Committee's instructions are requested in relation to the petition in accordance with its powers, outlined at 5.4.1 of the report.

## 3. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND NOT RECOMMENDED

- 3.1 Not applicable.

#### **4. POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION**

4.1 The Area Committee decisions will be minuted and any actions arising implemented through the relevant Executive Director.

#### **5. IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION**

5.1.1 The implications are contingent on the agreed course of action.

#### **5.2 Resources (Finance & Value for Money, Procurement, Staffing, IT, Property, Sustainability)**

5.2.1 None in the context of this report.

#### **5.3 Social Value**

5.3.1 Petitions provide an avenue for members of the public to request the Council to take an appropriate action.

#### **5.4 Legal and Constitutional References**

5.4.1 The Council's Resident and Public Participation Rules (Article 3 of the Council's constitution) states that the Area Committee has the following powers in determining petitions:

1. Take no action;
2. Refer the matter to a chief officer to respond to the Lead Petitioner within 20 working days; or
3. Instruct an officer to prepare a report for a future meeting of the Committee on the issue(s) raised with a recommended course of action.

5.4.2 The rules further state that the Lead Petitioner will be given five minutes to present the petition to the committee. Following the presentation the Chairman and Committee Members have an opportunity to ask the Lead Petitioner questions.

5.4.3 Article 7, 7.5 Responsibility for Functions of the council's constitution states that Area Committees can consider matters raised at Residents Forums and determine how they are to be taken forward, including whether to request a report for a future meeting, refer to an Officer and/or ward Councillors.

#### **5.5 Risk Management**

5.5.1 Failure to deal with petitions received from members of the public in a timely way and in accordance with the provisions of the Council's Constitution carries a reputational risk for the authority.

#### **5.6 Equalities and Diversity**

5.6.1 Pursuant to the Equality Act 2010 (“the Act”), the council has a legislative duty to have ‘due regard’ to eliminating unlawful discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under the Act; advancing equality of opportunity between those with a protected characteristic and those without; and promoting good relations between those with protected characteristics and those without. The ‘protected characteristics’ are age, race, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy, and maternity, religion or belief and sexual orientation. The ‘protected characteristics’ also include marriage and civil partnership, with regard to eliminating discrimination.

## 5.7 **Corporate Parenting**

5.7.1 None in the context of this report.

## 5.8 **Consultation and Engagement**

5.9 Not applicable.

5.10 **Insight**  
N/A

## 6. **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

6.1 Meeting of the Hendon Residents’ Forum, 5<sup>th</sup> September 2019– Issues List with Responses:

<https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=183&MId=9949&Ver=4>