

**Decisions of the Chipping Barnet Residents Forum
Chipping Barnet Library
05 September 2019**

Members and Officers Present:
Councillor Lisa Rutter (Chairman)
Councillor Felix Byers (Vice-Chairman)
Paul Frost - Governance Service, London Borough of Barnet
Dane McKnight – Member Liaison Officer, Re

CHAIRMAN'S INTRODUCTION

The Chairman, Councillor Lisa Rutter introduced herself and welcomed everyone to the Residents Forum. Councillor Felix Byers the Vice-Chairman introduced himself as did the Officers in attendance.

1. Draft Growth Strategy

The Chairman welcomed the Council's Commissioning Lead for Strategy and Communications Mr Adam Driscoll to the meeting and requested that he provided a brief outline of the Council's draft Growth Strategy. Mr Driscoll stated that the strategy set out the Council's role and priorities for regeneration, development, business, employment and skills activity across the borough from 2019 to 2030.

All those in attendance had the opportunity to question Mr Driscoll. During the discussion Mr Driscoll encouraged residents to take part in the consultation that was available on the Council's website.

The Chairman thanked Mr Driscoll and noted that he would be available after the meeting to speak to residents in greater detail.

2. Road Safety Concerns for Oakleigh Road North, Whetstone N20

The issue was introduced by the Chairman in the absence of Mr and Mrs Davarnia.

Having considered the issue the Chairman:

Resolved:

- That the issue be noted.

3. Petition - Pedestrian Crossing at Cat Hill/Brookside

The petition was introduced by the Lead petitioner, Mr Ludovic Cekaj. He outlined some of his road safety concerns and gave an account of some of the issues that pedestrians had when crossing the road outside his cafe. He said that it was for the benefit of the community for a pedestrian crossing to be installed at the location.

The Chairman thanked Mr Cekaj for his submission and noted that there were two local Ward Members in attendance to note the issue. Councillor Tim Roberts who had

assisted Mr Cekaj to submit the petition to the Council, spoke on the matter and said that the Council should consider a zebra crossing at the site.

Ward Member Councillor Laurie Williams outlined that the matter had already been submitted to the Chipping Barnet Area Committee. He said that the road markings could be considered and that it was important that the views of the Officers be adhered to. Ward Member Councillor Byers supported the views of Councillor Williams.

The Member Liaison Officer for Re, Mr Dane McKnight said that he had earlier that day spoken to Highways Officers and that they were considering implementing slow road markings. He stated that Officers had reviewed the issue on a number of occasions and the recommended approach was to add slow road markings. The forum also considered if it was possible to put a crossing at another location.

Having considered the issue the Chairman:

Resolved:

- That the Chairman requested Officers install slow markings at the location as soon as possible.
- That the Chairman requested that Officers keep Mr Cekajj and Ward Members up to date.

4. No Deal Brexit

The issue was introduced by Mr Jon Dix. He outlined that he was very unhappy with the response to his question. He stated that the Council's Lead Officer for Brexit should have been in attendance to explain what the Council was doing in preparation for Brexit. Mr Dix further outlined that there was no information available on Brexit to residents, he therefore requested that information be presented in the Barnet First magazine and there be a forum available to enable residents to get information in relation to Brexit. Mr Dix also raised concerns regarding adult social care providers and requested to know what contingency plans were in place.

The Chairman then gave an opportunity for other Councillors and Members of the public to make comments.

The Governance Officer in attendance noted that the Policy and Recourses Committee was due at its next meeting on 03 October 2019 to receive a report that sets out Barnet's approach to Brexit preparation and the potential implications.

Having considered the issue the Chairman:

Resolved:

- That the Chairman requested that the Council's Lead Officer be informed of the issue.
- That the Chairman requested that the Mr Dix be contacted with further information on Brexit to inform him how the Council is preparing for Brexit.

The meeting finished at 20:15