

FINCHLEY & GOLDERS GREEN RESIDENTS' FORUM
Thursday 3rd September 2020, at 7pm

VENUE: Virtual Meeting, please see further details [here](#)

Chairman: Councillor Jennifer Grocock
Vice Chairman: Councillor John Marshall

ISSUES TO BE CONSIDERED AT THE FORUM MEETING

	Issue Raised	Response
1	<p>Petition: Pavements Leicester Road Lead Petitioner: Dr Mehroo Northover Number of Signatures: 60</p> <p>Complaints re Pavements</p> <p>On behalf of the other residents of Leicester Road and myself, I am submitting a petition for the renewal of the pavement.</p> <p>Photos have been submitted to the Council of the pavement in Leicester Road taken in 2019 and taken today. I have made regular complaints about the condition of the pavements of this road and I have been told that it is 'good enough'. The criteria for what is good enough has not been explained and not been set out, but a glance at these photographs and the experience of walking on this pavement with a mobility equipment or using a pushchair illustrates the hazards. My own experience has been a number of falls and I know elderly neighbours are also concerned about the dangers.</p> <p>Today's example of a crushed pavement is extreme and needs immediate repair but the rest of the pavements of Leicester Road need renewal with regard to safety and general ease of use.</p> <p>Other residents of Leicester Road were joining me in this petition for renewal and please consider this matter urgently.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•

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2	<p>Petition: Hogarth Hill, London, NW11 - Petition for Controlled Parking Zone (CP2) Lead Petitioner: Mr Anthony Krikler Number of Signatures: 25</p> <p>We the undersigned residents of Hogarth Hill petition the Council to introduce the following parking restrictions in our Street:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Resident Permit Holder Only Mon – Fri 1-2pm</p> <p>This request is made for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Almost all other streets in the vicinity have a similar restriction and those not wanting to pay for resident parking, park in our street. - Long term parkers leave their vehicles in our street for many days at a time and sometimes longer. - Commuters park in our street all day in order to take nearby buses to Golders Green Station. - The Council are intending to bring in a new 'at any time' waiting restriction at the bottom of Hogarth Hill at its junction with Addison Way thus further reducing the number of car parking spaces available in Hogarth Hill. 	
3	<p>Issue: Request for Internet Fibre to Providers Submitted by: Mrs Hardie Bronwyn</p> <p>We are requesting the council to make the request for fibre to providers. There is already functionality we just want the extension to our one block.</p> <p>Internet providers have given internet to both Dollis Park and Dollis avenue in the form of Fibre. However they have stopped the fibre connection in our one block consisting of roads Dollis park, Dollis avenue, Clifton Avenue and Church Crescent. The internet providers refuse to add fibre unless a request is made by the council or 1000 people apply. There are not 1000 houses in the block to make a request to install fibre. The facility is already available and we would just like to have it extended into our one block. The internet company say they already have over 300 requests for this N3 area.</p>	

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4	<p>Issue: Double yellow lines at the entrance to Chatham Close, NW11 Submitted by: Pamela & Bernd Marenbach</p> <p>I am emailing with reference to my neighbour emails supporting the proposed new double yellow lines at the entrance to Chatham Close, NW11.</p> <p>My husband and I live Chatham Close and are also very concerned as to why this Close has not been included on the list of roads for new waiting restrictions. As another resident has pointed out, every household in our Close (1 - 10) signed an application requesting double yellow lines on Erskine Hill leading up to the Close on both sides and just coming in round the corners of the Close. In previous correspondence, another resident has pointed out that without these double yellow lines there is a strong probability that an accident could happen with a resident or visitor driving out of the Close because their sightlines on both sides of the Close are blocked by illegally parked vans or cars which are parked right up to the edge of the Close. Photographs of such parking were submitted previously.</p> <p>We urge you, therefore, to ensure that the new parking restrictions, which we as residents feel are absolutely necessary for the safety of everyone in the Close, are followed through without delay.</p>	
5	<p>Issue: Speed humps Friary Road Submitted by: Mr Ivor Davies</p> <p>I urge the Council to construct physical measures, such as speed-humps, to stop traffic speeding in Friary Road, thereby reducing the risks to life to which residents are subjected every day.</p> <p>Friary Road is a 'cut-through' between Friern Barnet Lane and the High Road, North Finchley. During the 'rush-hours' it becomes extremely busy but, at all times of the day, there are some drivers who use the road as a race-track, with resultant risks to residents and pedestrians using Friary Park. VAR and road markings introduced in recent years have resulted in no change to motorists' habits, there being no physical restrictions on their speeding. Consequently, to reduce the risks and to be consistent with physical restrictions implemented elsewhere in the Borough and throughout most of the UK and Europe, I propose (again) that 'speed' humps be introduced, together with 20mph VAR.</p>	

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6	<p>Issue: Woodgrange Avenue – speed calming measures Submitted by: Mrs Suzanne Davies</p> <p>I am writing as the Coordinator for the Woodgrange Avenue Neighbourhood Watch Group. We have a major problem with speeding in our road, which as residents is very worrying and concerning. Our road is used as a ‘rat run’ especially at certain times of the day. This needs addressing. We are asking the Council to consider road calming measures to be put in place, definitely a 20mph speed limit.</p>	
7	<p>Issue: Torrington Park, Friary Road CPZ and traffic calming measures Submitted by: Mr Ronald Atkinson</p> <p>We are members of the Woodhouse Conservative Committee Branch and would like to attend the Forum to talk about CPZ in our surrounding roads, i.e. Torrington Park, Friary Road, Friern Park N12. Also regarding traffic calming measures in Friary Road as we had no proper response on this from the meeting we attended in March 2019.</p> <p>What are the Council going to do about reducing the hours for CPZ in these areas. Listen to our view on a traffic calming measure, i.e. waive hump to slow traffic, like the one installed in Cricklewood to be put in at Friary Road. Why haven’t we had a proper response to CPZ from you to our committee last year.</p>	
8	<p>Issue: Dangerous local roads - Gainsborough and Holden Road N12 Submitted by: Allison and Peter</p> <p>The dangerous speeding, noisy, aggressive and anti - social traffic all along Gainsborough road, feeding in from Lodge Lane and Nether street (and further) and the dangerous junction at Gainsborough and Holden Road.</p> <p>We have created a local residents group to deal with 2 key issues in our local street areas. In March 2019 we held a meeting and some key points emerged from our group that we would like to now take forward. We have been liaising about our concerns with Dane from Barnet council throughout the last year</p>	

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Speed/dangerous/noise and anti-social (aggressive shouting, continuous broken wing mirrors and honking of horns) driving along Gainsborough Road/junction of Holden and junction of Nether street.	Speed bumps. But have to be used intelligently e.g. lone bumps rather than closely spaced ones. Encourage more local cycling and electric car use and make the roads more green travel friendly.	
Messaging to drivers that these are residential roads and stop speeding, anti-social and noise pollution	Signs asking to stop using horns in these residential streets. Speed activated signs (but needs to be consultation on where they are placed).	
	Mini roundabouts at key points to slow traffic, traffic calming measures such as narrowing the road width for cars to pass through and/or letting one car pass at a time	
	Traffic islands. These have proved successful in slowing traffic on other roads. However, there is concern that there is insufficient width for traffic islands on the affected roads.	
	Dummy speed cameras.	
	Speed limits: Change to 20mph from 30mph or even lower	
Parking which leads to road being too narrow to pass e.g. Lodge Lane/Gainsborough/Holden/Argyle Road/Nether Street. This creates queues of traffic (especially at peak times) and horns being used to beep traffic to move along impossible gaps or horns being	New buildings should have parking places included in the planning process. Currently developers can build flats with no parking provision. The road along Gainsborough is too narrow with residential parking along both sides to also include 2 lanes of opposite oncoming	

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	used aggressively to other drivers to get out the way or warn they are moving. The average number of horns being beeped along Gainsborough at times can be on average up to 30 an hour.	traffic. Could the road feasibly become one way?	
		Some controls on the issuing of parking permits.	
		The number of parking bays could be reduced but this would impact on other residents and lead to the further problem of where the traffic is displaced to.	
	Difficult to cross roads. Insufficient time to get across crossings	Pelican crossings and times to be increased.	
	Traffic flow. The challenge is to prevent it being an advantage to cut through our area.	Measures to stop the Gainsborough road being an alternative rat run to the major parallel High road. Directional turns e.g. no right/left turn in strategic places. A possible solution could be to introduce a no right turn into Holden Road from Gainsborough Road	
	Congestion at junction of Holden Road and Gainsborough Road. A cause of this is the close proximity of parking bays to the junction.	Fewer parking bays at this location.	
	Large vehicles trying to get under the bridge on Holden Road.	Better signage warning of the bridge.	
9	<p>Issue: The state of the local streets - Gainsborough and Holden Road N12 Submitted by: Allison and Peter</p> <p>The state of the local roads and pavements and other anti-social issues that blight our local streets. We have created a local residents group to deal with 2 key issues in our local street areas. In March 2019 we held a meeting and some key points emerged from our group that we would like to now take forward.</p>		

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10	<p>Issue: Other issues - Gainsborough and Holden Road N12 residents group concerns Submitted by: Allison and Peter</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The condition of the pavement in the vicinity of the bridge on Holden Road • The possibility of a zebra crossing on Lodge Lane at the Gainsborough Road end • Insufficient street lighting on Woodside Park Road • Theft of catalytic converters • Street muggings • Increased break ins • Possible drug dealing in Holden Avenue 																					

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Future meeting dates:

Wednesday 6 January 2021, 7pm (venue TBC)

Wednesday 3 March 2021, 7pm (venue TBC)

Issues must be submitted to the Governance Service (f&gg.residentsforum@barnet.gov.uk) by 10.00am on the 5th working day prior to the meeting.