

HENDON RESIDENTS FORUM

VENUE: Virtual via Microsoft Teams
Wednesday 6th January 2021

Chairman: Anthony Finn BSc (Econ) FCA
Vice-Chairman: Councillor Nizza Fluss

ISSUES TO BE CONSIDERED AT THE FORUM MEETING

Items must be submitted to Governance Service (Hendon.residentsforum@barnet.gov.uk) by 10am on the fifth working day before the meeting.

	Issue Raised	Response
1.	<p>Petition: Removal of double yellow lines - The Ridgeway NW7 (opposite Belmont Farm) Lead Petitioner: Sarah Ali Ward: Mill Hill Number of signatures: 95</p> <p>We the undersigned petition the council to Remove the yellow lines on The Ridgeway that were placed in September 2020</p> <p>New yellow lines changes to The Ridgeway NW7 cause extreme safety issues for children, families and school staff along the Ridgeway. These new lines have reduced pick up and drop off parking spaces by approx. 12 cars causing congestion on the lead up to The Ridgeway from Hammers lane and also further along The Ridgeway. There does not seem to be any economic reason for these yellow lines and has decreased safety of those driving and walking along The Ridgeway much more especially primary school children.</p>	<p>The scheme was implemented following complaints about the obstructive parking at the access of Belmont Farm, which causes unnecessary congestion and forward visibility for those exiting the farm.</p> <p>At the Hendon Area Committee on 15 January 2019 it was decided that Officers should carry out investigations to design and consult on proposals to introduce double yellow line 'at any time' waiting restrictions in The Ridgeway NW7, in the vicinity of the Belmont Farm in response to the complaints about the obstructive parking at that junction, which causes unnecessary congestion issues to vehicles trying to negotiate carriageway.</p> <p>https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/mgAi.aspx?ID=27292</p> <p>Therefore, it was proposed to introduce double yellow line 'at any time' waiting restrictions in The Ridgeway adjacent and opposite the entrance / exit of the access roads leading to the Belmont Farm.</p> <p>It is acknowledged that the introduction of the double yellow lines would reduce the amount of available parking on street, which is also likely to have an impact on motorists</p>

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<p>Since markings have gone down in September 2020, we have further hazardous issues along the road;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cars mounting on to the curb where possible - Increased parking on zig zag lines which is a very high risk for schools along this road - reduced parking is now impacting operation of our school to schedule as teachers and visiting professionals are no longer able to park safely or close to school - The safety stretch along the road has greatly reduced and this is very dangerous for our younger children (4-11 years) - Visiting professionals to the school are now also struggling to find parking space (within days of these lines being laid) resulting in a delayed meeting with a vulnerable family due to the reduced parking - Specifically, during Covid-19, there has been an increase in secondary parents driving their children to school rather than using public transport. The reduced parking has increased this stress. - Issue of social distancing is increasing as the entire road is far more congested than before <p>We urgently need to bring this to the attention of our councillors and Barnet council as this doesn't seem to be in line with Barnet's Covid risk assessment where it clearly states Highways should be working more closely with the schools.</p>	<p>who have become accustomed to parking at this location. However, it is considered that the double yellow lines are required to deter obstructive parking which would in turn improve sightlines and manoeuvrability at a location which is frequently used by pedestrians and motorists with children, to improve road safety for all users travelling through or at the location.</p> <p>For the motorists that would be displaced by the introduction of the 'at any time' waiting restrictions, it is considered that the kerbside space in the surrounding area could accommodate additional vehicles, although this may be slightly further afield.</p> <p>With regard to comments about potential increase of vehicle speed, it is not anticipated that the double yellow line waiting restrictions would necessarily increase speeds however if the restrictions are implemented, Officers are open to receiving feedback to this regard for consideration under the assessment and prioritisation process to be used as part of agreeing future traffic management schemes.</p> <p>Motorists are permitted to load / unload on both single and double yellow lines in the area for a maximum period of 40 mins during the hours of operation, provided that continuous loading activity is taking place and there are no loading restrictions. Dropping off and picking up passengers (boarding and alighting) is also permitted.</p> <p>With regards to concerns raised about potential local business interruption. The Council must balance safety concerns, residents, businesses and visitors alike in its decisions. In this instance the proposed double yellow line 'at any time' waiting restrictions is considered necessary to prevent indiscriminate parking that causes unnecessary safety, congestion and obstruction issues outweighing, in this case the need to allow unrestricted kerbside space for visitors to local businesses. This proposal ensures there would be a reasonable amount of sight lines in both directions when motorists are joining the main carriageway so that there is reasonable opportunity for road users and pedestrians to see each other.</p> <p>Schools should be actively encouraging parents, children and visitors that attend the school to use more sustainable modes of transport. School traffic has serious impacts</p>

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		<p>on residents and is associated with several adverse health conditions due to the excessive car use. Additionally, the associated air pollution affects the most vulnerable in society: children and older people, and those with heart and lung conditions. Barnet is committed to improving the air quality in line with central government guidance and local policies, to influence transport choices and encourage more sustainable transport modes, such as walking and cycling.</p>
2.	<p>Issue: Inappropriate business parking Rushgrove Avenue & Silkfield Road. Resident: Mr Vimal Haria Ward: Colindale</p> <p>The issue is that there are 4 companies that are parking their vehicles stopping the residents to park outside their own premises.</p> <p>The companies are businesses & they are taking advantage of the parking which I feel should be for the residents & visitors. I am a Private Tennant at Flat 23 Rushgrove Court, Rushgrove Avenue, NW9 6RH. The road is constantly filled with parked cars that residents have to park ½ or ¼ mile the road. The road's which are affected are Rushgrove Avenue & Silkfield Road, it has a short area of yellow lines (time controlled) & limited open parking (No yellow lines, no parking bays, no residents parking, no time restrictions, etc...), which some companies leave their vehicles for days without using them. The companies are a Rental PCO hire company, Colindale Volvo Car Showroom, Staff members from Colindale Toyota & Premier Inn Customers. Please also note that there is Construction work's that are also happening & the staff are also parking their cars. We pay a council tax</p>	<p>This stretch of Rushgrove Avenue is an uncontrolled section of highway which allows free parking for all motorists.</p> <p>The Council has identified Rushgrove Avenue and surrounding roads as an area to carry out an informal consultation to understand the parking problems that residents and businesses are currently encountering.</p> <p>Officers intend to work closely with the Ward Cllrs in in the New Year to determine a sensible consultation area based on local knowledge, historic complaints and requests for parking controls in uncontrolled areas.</p> <p>Council Officers will follow up with the resident / customer and inform them of the next steps.</p> <p>In the meantime, considering the inconvenience caused by the businesses, residents can coordinate with fellow residents to sign a petition to include their road as part of the future CPZ.</p>

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	<p>& should be allowed to park outside our own premises & not ¼ or ½ mile down the road!!!</p> <p>I am asking the Council to get the Business's to remove the cars or set up residents parking (time controlled).</p>	
3.	<p>Issue: Dangerous Parking in Pavilion Way, HA8 9YA. Resident: Mr Sonny Din Ward: Burnt Oak</p> <p>Residents living in the area are concerned that Trueman Close is being used to drop and pick up children on the school run from Watling School. The residents have to contend daily with double parking, parking on corners and parking on double yellow lines.</p> <p>If a fire ever broke out, no fire engine would be able to enter, due to the school cars converging in Pavilion Way. This is a serious health and safety issue.</p> <p>Where are Barnet Council's promises made to residents of Pavilion Way, prior to Watling School taking root since 2015. Barnet Council and Watling Park School need to be made accountable for the unnecessary pain and chaos inflicted upon residents.</p>	<p>The Council has identified Pavilion Way and surrounding roads as an area to carry out an informal consultation to understand the parking problems that residents are currently encountering.</p> <p>Officers intend to work closely with the Ward Cllrs in the New Year to determine a sensible consultation area based on local knowledge, historic complaints and requests for parking controls in uncontrolled areas. Council Officers would report to the resident / customer and inform them of the next steps.</p> <p>We will also investigate and review the possibility of introducing waiting restrictions on Trueman Close to prevent obstructive parking taking place.</p> <p>In the meantime, our enforcement officers will seek to enforce any vehicles in contravention of any existing waiting restrictions.</p>

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4.	<p>Issue: Street Lighting Booth Road Resident: Mrs Zainab Nasser Ward: Burnt Oak</p> <p>I have an issue with the street light, new sets have been fixed but there is a big gap outside my house there isn't any pole fixed, at night it gets very dark, being a lone parents with kids I really feel scared when it's dark outside and also I have anxiety disorder and being with depression it's making me worse, I did call council few times but they didn't respond so if anyone can have a look at it and if the street light can be fixed outside my house would really appreciate it.</p> <p>The Council to action:</p> <p>To come and have a look and also to fix one extra pole for light outside my house</p>	<p>In response to this request, Street Lighting arranged for the service provider to check that all lighting was working on Booth Road as of 30 December 2020.</p> <p>The service provider confirmed all columns are working.</p> <p>The specific location being reported on Booth Road was initially unknown but confirmation photos were taken during the inspection showing various areas on Booth Road</p> <p>After obtaining contact information for the resident, the Street Lighting manager contacted the requestor directly on 31 December 2020 to discuss this matter in more detail.</p>
5.	<p>Issue: Pothole Prince Charles Drive Resident: Mr Levy Ward: West Hendon</p> <p>(i) A pothole on Prince Charles Drive near Brent Cross requires urgent attention as it reportedly is damaging many cars and is dangerous. On Fixmystreet it was first reported, and said to be damaging many cars, on 20/12/20; the photos herewith are from more recent Fixmystreet reports, the latest in the evening of 28/12/20.</p> <p>(ii) How did it escape emergency attention for over a week including four working days?</p>	<p>Highway Officers are aware of the potholes on the roundabout on Prince Charles Drive / Tempelhof Avenue, the repair was initially raised on 20 December 2020 with the council contractors to attend within 48hours and repair,</p> <p>However, upon inspection, officers noted the requirement to carryout work on a much larger section of this carriageway and as such large-scale rhino patching is currently being arranged</p> <p>The required work will require the implementation of effective traffic management measures & diversions and or a road closure, this process has led to some delays during the Christmas period</p> <p>The specific date of repair will be confirmed within the 1st week of January 2021</p> <p>We apologise for any inconvenience caused.</p>

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6.	<p>Issue: Fly tipping and pavements Resident: Vibha Narendraji Ward: Hendon</p> <p>There is so much rubbish and fly tipping around the great north way and Watford way interchange, mattresses, sofas etc. The pavements on Barford close are in such condition, they're a nightmare especially with a buggy or pram.</p> <p>The Council to action:</p> <p>Please remove the rubbish and install cameras to try and catch the people responsible. And please arrange for the pavements to be redone.</p>	<p>Fly tipping - The council is investigating land ownership in this location, with view to serving notice on the land owners to clear the area of litter and dumped materials.</p> <p>Pavements - Barford Close is not included in highways planned maintenance works programme for a full footway refurbishment.</p> <p>A borough wide condition assessment surveys have been used to prioritise road and pavement schemes.</p> <p>The results show that Barford Road is not within the top quartile of highest ranked schemes in Hendon Ward and therefore unlikely to be proposed for recommendation in next year's network recovery programme.</p> <p>Barford Close will be inspected specifically to check for any pavement defects whereupon any damage identified meeting the required intervention level will be raised for repair work to be undertaken.</p>
7.	<p>Chairman's request:</p> <p>Update on Sopers Yard, Bell Lane, Hendon, NW4</p>	<p>A verbal update will be provided on this issue at the meeting, if required.</p>

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Future meeting dates of the Hendon Residents' Forum:

Date of meeting	Location
3 March 2021	TBC