

CHIPPING BARNET RESIDENTS' FORUM

Tuesday 15th June 2021, 6pm

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

Chairman: Councillor Weeden-Sanz

Vice Chairman: Councillor Nicole Richer

ISSUES TO BE CONSIDERED AT THE FORUM

	Issue Raised	Response
1	<p>Petition: Pedestrian Crossing on Longmore Avenue near Monks Avenue Lead Petitioner: Priya Sivaraman Number of signatures: 87 ePetition - Pedestrian Crossing on Longmore Avenue near Monks Avenue (moderngov.co.uk)</p> <p>We the undersigned petition the council to install an appropriate pedestrian crossing on Longmore Avenue near the junction with Monks Avenue.</p> <p>The traffic coming from down the Longmore Avenue hill and towards East Barnet is very fast moving. At the junction with Monks Avenue, the traffic going up the hill is often obscured by cars parked on Longmore Avenue - particularly from the vantage point of a child.</p> <p>There is a bus stop (ID 53143) here that is used by multiple school bus services. Several children cross the road - often on their own to access the bus stop. This is a dangerous crossing - often leading to near-misses. Even adults find this crossing difficult - let alone children.</p> <p>My 11 year old daughter who currently crosses the road on her way to primary school, will start doing this unaccompanied from September. She says: "I feel very unsafe crossing this road. Cars are coming at full speed, none of them stopping. They are also coming from four different directions (Longmore Av - up & down, Park Av, Monks Av). It</p>	<p>The Lead Petitioner will be given three minutes to present the petition to the Forum. Following the presentation, the Residents Forum Chairman will decide to do one of the following options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Note the petition, take no action.• Refer the matter to a chief officer to respond to within 20 working days;• Refer the matter to the relevant Area Committee (if funding is required)..

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	<p>is almost impossible to focus on all of these places at once. Crossing is very daunting because I know that a single misjudgement could end horribly. The idea that I will soon have to cross the road without help is unnerving."</p> <p>I have raised this with a few neighbours and unanimously there is agreement on the need for a crossing. Neighbours have also mentioned several accidents & near-misses on the road - one only 10 days back. A well-placed pedestrian crossing will make this a much safer road for pedestrians. There is a further need for traffic- calming measures on the slope leading to this junction, for example speed bumps.</p> <p>Prompt assessment and installation would be much appreciated.</p>	
2	<p>Issue: Self-service equipment for East Barnet Library Submitted by: John Dix.</p> <p>In 2017 I asked for and gained commitment from councillors that when the East Barnet Library was relocated to the New Barnet Leisure Centre funds would be set aside to install self-service equipment to extend the opening hours of the library given that it sits entirely within the domain of the leisure centre. The library opened but without the self-service equipment but I was reassured that it was being considered. I was informed at the time that Inclusion Barnet, who operate the partnership library, were also positive about extended unstaffed opening hours. Now that society is opening up again and business is returning to normal, when will this self service equipment be installed so that the community can make use of a great facility that is only open 21 hours a week.</p> <p>Could the Council agree a timetable for the installation of self-service equipment to allow the opening hours of the library to be co-terminus with the opening hours of the leisure centre.</p>	<p>There was no commitment made to make self-service technology available in New Barnet Library but to maximise the use of the space. When Coronavirus restrictions have been relaxed to enable existing self-service opening hours to be reinstated across the borough and the Library Service recovery has been completed, it will be possible to resume discussions with GLL and Inclusion Barnet about options for extending the opening hours of New Barnet Library. It is not possible to provide a precise timetable for this at this stage.</p>

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3	<p>Petition: Speeding on Oakleigh Road North Lead Petitioner: Requested to remain anonymous Number of signatures: 32</p> <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’ There have been a number of high impact accidents which the emergency services had to be called for assistance 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>The Lead Petitioner will be given three minutes to present the petition to the Forum. Following the presentation, the Residents Forum Chairman will decide to do one of the following options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note the petition, take no action. • Refer the matter to a chief officer to respond to within 20 working days; • Refer the matter to the relevant Area Committee (if funding is required)..

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Future meeting dates:

Thursday 7th October 2021, 6pm (Virtual Meeting)

Issues must be submitted to the Governance Service (ChippingBarnet.ResidentsForum@Barnet.gov.uk) by 10.00am on the 5th working day prior to the meeting.