

CHIPPING BARNET RESIDENTS' FORUM
Monday 10th January 2022, 7pm

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

Chairman: Councillor Thomas Smith
Vice Chairman: Councillor Nicole Richer

ISSUES TO BE CONSIDERED AT THE FORUM

	Issue Raised	Response
1	<p>Issue: Service Road off St Margaret's Avenue between the back of Manus Way and the shops on Totteridge Lane (no's c 28 and 56)</p> <p>Submitted by: Anne Van Der Merwe</p> <p>Myself and neighbours are extremely concerned at the state of the service road which backs on to our gardens on Manus Way and the alley leading from it onto Totteridge Lane next to the tube station. It used to be cleaned/swept but this no longer happens. There is a serious rat problem for our houses backing on to the service road where the shops keep their rubbish bins which are always overflowing and rubbish is even left out in plastic bags. I reported the rat problem to paul.edmund@charles@barnet.gov.uk in July and again in early September with a picture of a large rat in my garden very near the house but I have received no reply and nothing has been done as I am still finding evidence of rats. Other residents have the same problem. There have already been incidences of groups of noisy people drinking, swearing and taking drugs and I have personally seen drug use. This is definitely not something children in Manus Way should be exposed to. Alcohol bottles and cans are constantly left in the alley and service road which is also frequently used as a toilet. The alley and service road are used as a cut through from Totteridge & Whetstone Underground Station to St Margaret's Avenue and the accumulated rubbish is a health hazard and an eyesore. With a Fish and Chip shop recently opened the smell of fish waste from the commercial waste bins is now also very unpleasant.</p>	<p>A multi-disciplinary working group will be tasked to investigate the issues reported. Officers will work collaboratively to investigate the antisocial behaviour, litter and environmental concerns reported on the service road at the back of Manus Way.</p> <p>This will involve engagement with London Borough of Barnet Street Scene Team, Environmental Health, the community Safety Team and the Metropolitan Police's Safer Neighbourhood Team.</p> <p>In the short-term Officers will arrange for a litter clearance in the surrounding area and Environmental Health will inspect the service road for rats and correctly stored trade waste.</p>

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	<p>The back garden gates of the houses on Manus Way open on to the service road and are the direct route used by adults and children to Totteridge Lane, Totteridge underground station and the Dollis Valley green space. The state of the service road and alley makes this hazardous. There are trees growing in the alley leading to the service road which before long will block the access and these should be removed.</p> <p>Trees and weeds removed, cleaning services to be reinstated and a gate installed across the alley which would limit access to residents and shop owners from the station end which would stop it being used as a thoroughfare for people drinking, drug taking, littering and using it as a public convenience.</p>	
2	<p>Issue: Writing on behalf of the resident of Highwood Court, Potters Lane, Barnet a block of flats for the elderly people, regarding the traffic situation in Potters Lane, where is a passing place opposite our main entrance.</p> <p>Submitted by: Elizabeth Clark</p> <p>Writing on behalf of the resident of Highwood Court, Potters Lane, Barnet a block of flats for the elderly people, regarding the traffic situation in Potters Lane, where is a passing place opposite our main entrance. The "Layby" is usually filled with parked cars, making the road only wide enough for one vehicle to pass. Cars coming down the full towards the Great North Road therefore mount the pavement, narrowly missing pedestrians. One of our residents had a car actually brush past him. One day someone could be killed. We urge the Council to act before such a tragedy occurs. We would therefore put forward one or both of the following suggestion to be applied.</p> <p>Change Potters Lane into a one-way street Install cameras with enforcement.</p>	<p>This location has previously been considered for inclusion in the LIP (location Implementation Plan) programme, but the proposal did not receive sufficient priority ranking to be taken forward when compared with other proposals.</p> <p>Whilst this location hasn't scored high enough to be funded via the LIP programme, to combat issues with congestion officers have recently improved signage on Potters Lane to advise of unsuitability for large vehicles.</p> <p>For any measures or interventions to take place, Officers would first need to undertake a feasibility study to assess the best course of action.</p>

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3	<p>Issue: Heavy vehicles being driven along section of Osidge Lane.</p> <p>Submitted by: Paul Lemon.</p> <p>Numerous residents in Osidge Lane have raised their concern that heavy vehicles being driven along the section of Osidge Lane east of Hampden Square are causing their houses to vibrate. Indeed, in at least one case, cracks in walls have appeared in a resident's house. Residents have also raised similar concerns with Tony Vourou and Giulia Monasterio.</p> <p>Please could officers investigate solution(s) to mitigate the problem detailed above.</p>	<p>Funds have been agreed to include Osidge Lane between The Woodlands and Manor Drive in the 2022/23 planned works programme. The allocated funds will be used to address concerns raised by Ward Members and residents.</p> <p>Officers will aim to undertake the work early in the 2022/23 programme, residents will be notified by letter up to two weeks prior to the work commencing to confirm the date and duration.</p>

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Future meeting dates:

Wednesday 2nd March 2022, 7pm (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.