

CHIPPING BARNET RESIDENTS' FORUM
Wednesday 2nd March 2022, 7pm

VENUE: Virtual Meeting, please see further details [Click here to join the meeting](#)

Chairman: Councillor Thomas Smith
Vice Chairman: Councillor Nicole Richer

ISSUES TO BE CONSIDERED AT THE FORUM

	Issue Raised	Response
1	<p>Petition: Petition is requesting for a reduction in the length of the double yellow lines or to allow parking after peak hours on Vernon Crescent EN4 (Planning application ref: SCR302 – 04).</p> <p>Submitted by: Giulia Monasterio</p> <p>We, the undersigned, are concerned citizens who urge our leaders to act now to reduce the length of the double yellow lines which have been implemented and recently extended in Vernon Crescent, or, introduce time restrictions whereby residents are able to park on the double yellow lines after peak hours.</p> <p>Residents understand that emergency vehicles and refuse trucks need to have a clear pathway and access to parking, and thus, residents accept the consideration for waiting restrictions, but not on the scale that they have been implemented.</p> <p>Signatories therefore, ask Barnet Council to reduce the length of the double yellow lines or consider implementing free resident parking times such as e.g. 'after 12pm resident only parking'. This would ensure that vulnerable residents are able to park close to home at night, are not pushed to neighbouring roads causing a backlog of cars, whilst also retaining free space during the general hours refuse trucks attend the road.</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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Take no action;• Refer the matter to a chief officer to respond to within 20 working days; or• Refer the matter to the relevant Area Committee or Road Safety and Parking Fund (if funding is required)

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2	<p>Issue: Frequent speeding traffic along Gallants Farm Road, East Barnet EN4 Submitted by: Chris Chapman I'd like to raise the issue of frequent speeding traffic along Gallants Farm Road, East Barnet EN4 This long, wide road is often used as a rat run for vehicles to avoid congestion along Churchill Road, with access to Longmore Avenue from Russell Lane. 30mph signs are in place but frequently cars speed along at well over 40mph or more. This road forms part of the cycle network into East Barnet and includes a side road (Burlington Rise) that leads to Churchill primary school, so cyclists and pedestrians often ride, walk along and cross this road. The road also rises and falls so has places where oncoming traffic visibility is poor for pedestrians, cyclists and vehicle drivers. The 30mph road signage clearly does not discourage speeding, so I would like the council to consider alternative measures, including the installation of road humps to provide more effective vehicle calming measures, and discourage rat running traffic before a serious injury or fatality occurs.</p>	<p>We have undertaken speed surveys on Gallants farm road and put together a package of measures including speed activated signage and improved road markings.</p> <p>The vehicle activated signage includes a data recording function enabling Officers to review the success of the agreed measures</p> <p>Further information can be found online https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s65504/Gallants%20Farm%20Road%20EN4%20-%20Speed%20Surveys.pdf.</p> <p>These measures are due to be installed in April 2022.</p>
3	<p>Issue: Residence Parking - Manus Way and Blakeney Close, N20 9LG Submitted by: Joan Steel I am writing regarding the above address in the Borough of Barnet. Both of these roads are situated behind Totteridge and Whetstone tube station and are the only roads in the area that do not have residence only parking restrictions. This manifests in our roads becoming used as a car park for commuters into London and those working in shops on the main road (Totteridge Lane), especially during weekdays. This is extremely frustrating for us residents as we cannot always park on the road where we live and adjacent roads either have private driveways, are pay by phone parking or residence parking only, which leaves us with nowhere to go. Those who are elderly or with small children doing school runs etc and those working from home find this especially challenging. I would like to raise the following pointers below in aid of our dispute: Often there can be a grid of six cars at the bottom of the road I.e. two rows of three cars. The danger of this is that ambulances and other emergency services cannot get through (which we have unfortunately witnessed with no. 10 in the past). Residents also experience</p>	<p>The implementation of a Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) would need to be introduced with the support of the wider area.</p> <p>Prior to implementation Officers undertake statutory consultation asking for support of the measures being proposed and without this support measures cannot be introduced.</p>

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	<p>issues getting builders/service people in as well as family and friends. Vehicles of non-residents can travel at inappropriate speeds for a small and congested street, which poses a risk to children, other residents and pets on the road. The use of our street as a car park by non-residents has led to other observed anti-social behaviours: (a) Non-residents have been observed urinating in the street area after parking their cars. (b) Non-residents have occasionally been observed using their parked vehicles for drug taking. (c) Much of the 'disturbances' and anti-social, unpleasant or intimidating noise and behaviour on the street relates to non-residents having their vehicles here. (d) Non-residents have been observed littering the street from their cars. (e) Certain businesses operate from our small cul de sac street. a. The owners of a flower shop on Totteridge Lane keep their big delivery van (occupying 1.5 car spaces) on Manus Way sometimes for up to six days without being moved. When the owners move the van to make a delivery, they park one of their other two cars instead to hold the space. b. Another business (dog walking business) operating from the street, pulls their van in and out at high speed many times a day. The owners of the van own two more cars which they constantly move around in our street. Worth noting that both businesses are not local residents and show no regard to us, the residents. These behaviours make us residents feel uneasy and unsafe. Furthermore, there is the risk of damage to our vehicles (some residents' vehicles have already been damaged) with the "no room" to get out and having to reverse all the way into the main road in sometimes a challenging manner. Those commuting into London sometimes park so close making it an almost impossible procedure to get out, which leaves a rather big risk of damage to our vehicles. These commuters will then be away all day leaving us stranded.</p> <p>We are aware that this matter has been raised before. The outcome was not in our favour and the reason being was that a few years ago when they put in the parking zone on Naylor Road, there was a discussion about extending the parking zone to Manus Way and Blakeney Close. It was then explained that they didn't go ahead because of the small number of spaces that could be fitted in on the road which was claimed wouldn't be enough for one space per house. This is definitely not the case. There is plenty of space, plus some have their own drives and garages and not all the residents have vehicles. More space could also perhaps be created by removing the pavement on the other side of the road opposite the houses. We would like to request parking restrictions with permits for visitors be put in place please.</p>	

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4	<p>Issue: Ally way between 60/62 Ridgeview close EN5 2QE leading to Adrian Cl.</p> <p>Submitted by: Jenny Rogers</p> <p>Ally way between 60/62 Ridgeview close EN5 2QE leading to Adrian Cl. Already reported to BC over a year ago and it's still there. We now have smashed bottles and furniture dumped in the ally. I pay for my green bin and can no longer use the ally as I can't get it around the corner of the ally because of the dumped rubbish. I have to drag my G Bin through my home for collection! I'm so sick of complaining and nothing still hasn't been done.</p> <p>Clear the Rubbish, clean the ally way of Rubbish and smashed bottles.</p>	<p>Street Scene Officers will work with their Barnet Homes counterparts to arrange for the alleyway to be cleared of any flytipping.</p> <p>Barnet Homes Officers have confirmed they will undertake a letter drop in the surrounding areas as a reminder not to dump rubbish.</p>
5	<p>Issue: Litter in Alston Road, Barnet, outside Alston News</p> <p>Submitted by: Jacqueline Rice</p> <p>Litter in Alston Road, Barnet, outside Alston News, outside Perk and outside The Works flats. There is no public bin outside Alston News and the large bin overflows. The bin outside Perk overflows. The flats at The Works put their residential bins out for collection and they overflow all over the road. There used to be a public bin opposite but this was removed. Dog walkers, families walking to school and other residents walk this road and there are not sufficient public bins for dog waste and recycling</p> <p>Provide 2 public bins outside Alston News. Provide dog waste bins in Alston Road for people returning from Hadley Common. Provide more bins along Alston Road for families such as at junction with St Albans Road. Sort out residential bin issues at The Works flats.</p>	<p>Officers have recently met with representatives of the Barnet Resident Association and local ward member to assess the litter bins located around the town centre area. Officers will use this information to develop an options appraisal of potential opportunities to optimise and enhance litter bin placement and provision.</p> <p>Alston Road is routinely inspected for fly-tipping and litter issues.</p> <p>The litter bin outside Perk is serviced daily.</p> <p>The large bin outside Alston News is for their trade waste. They have a contract with a private waste carrier, to have the bin emptied twice a week.</p> <p>Officers will investigate waste storage provision for The Works, to ensure compliance with correct waste</p>

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		<p>containment and presentation regulations.</p> <p>Pedestrians can dispose of dog waste in standard litter bins. Barnet do not provide on street recycling facilities but ask residents to recycle at home.</p> <p>It is not Barnet policy to deploy excess litter bins in residential streets as we found them being used by householders and attract fly-tipping.</p> <p>There are plenty of litter bins nearby in Barnet Town Centre and around The Spires shopping centre</p>

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Future meeting dates:

Tuesday 14th June 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.