

## North Area Committee

### Resident Issues

Tuesday 28 June 2022, 7pm

Items must be submitted to Governance Service by 10.00am on the fifth working day before the meeting.

	Issue Raised	Response
1	<p><b>Title: Danger to pedestrians Lyonsdown Road N20</b></p> <p><b>Resident: Carolyn Killen</b></p> <p><b>Ward: Barnet Vale</b></p> <p>I am on the committee of Friern Barnet and Whetstone Residents Association and grandmother of two children who live in Lyonsdown Road Whetstone. I am very worried about their safety as their road is an extreme hazard due to speeding traffic.</p> <p>There is an urgent need for a pedestrian island and also a speed table/hump to help pedestrians cross Lyonsdown Road safely. This should be placed opposite Hasluck Gardens so as to assist children catching their school buses which stop near the Green.</p> <p>Traffic goes very fast as it turns from Whetstone High Road into Lyonsdown Road, and there are frequent accidents including a fatality when a car mounted the pavement killing a child. My son who lives in Lyonsdown Road sees children chancing their lives</p>	<p>This matter has been considered by the Director of Highways and Transportation in line with the Road Safety and Parking process, the agreed action is that officers proceed with a high level technical assessment to determine the scale of the issue including the identification of potential solutions. The outcome of this technical assessment will be fed back to Ward Councillors and Lead Petitioner including associated next steps.</p>

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	<p>as they dodge the traffic. He has two children of 11 and 13 and is afraid to let them cross this road to get a bus or go to Greenfield Park on their own.</p> <p>This is not acceptable. I will send you a sketch separately I made of my proposal for pedestrian island and speed table/hump.</p>	
2	<p><b>Title: An Open letter to all the residents - Burleigh Gardens &amp; Arlington Road, N14</b></p> <p><b>Resident: Andreas Vasili</b></p> <p><b>Ward: Brunswick Park</b></p> <p>My name is Andreas Vasili and resident at 40 Arlington Road, London, N14 5AS since 1987. I am a member of the Brunswick Park Ward Panel which was set up last year and meets regularly to discuss crimes at this Ward. The wards priorities for the next 3 months are: (a) Violence against women/children (b) ASB/Drugs and (c) Burglary. I am writing to obtain your views on the following matters so I can discuss at the next Ward meeting:</p> <p><b>(A) <u>The problems at Burleigh Gardens</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. In my view, there is horrendous passing-by traffic both directions through Burleigh Gardens daily especially over the weekends</li> <li>2. In my view, the free parking availability at Burleigh Gardens, due to the excessive demand for parking generated from Ashfield Parade and Crown Lane visitors, have changed the residential statues of Burleigh Gardens</li> <li>3. In my view, over the weekends at Burleigh Gardens, after speaking to a number of residents and witness it by myself too, residents cannot drive through as cars are park on both sides of the road thus making it impossible for two cars from opposite direction to get through. This, results in angry scenes, arguments, exchange of bad mouth words and it's not far before we witness fighting</li> </ol> <p><b>(B) <u>The problems at Arlington Road</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. This is the Road that one of the entries to Ashmole School is located. It's natural that</li> </ol>	<p>This item is withdrawn form the North Area Committee's issue list. The matter will be report to the East Area Committee. Details can be found here: <a href="#">Agenda for East Area Committee on Wednesday 29th June, 2022, 7.00 pm   Barnet Council (moderngov.co.uk)</a></p>

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<p>during school times (morning and afternoon), the traffic is heavy and drivers dropping off/collecting their children, park anywhere without observing double yellow lines or the residents. This, results in angry arguments between drivers/residents (most of the times in front of the children) plus creating obstruction to normal passing by traffic.</p> <p>2. A good number of pedestrian blocks have become uneven due to heavy trucks passing over the surface to and from construction sites and have made it dangerous for children and pedestrians to trip.</p> <p>3. Even though the road is restricted to 30 mph, there is notable traffic with excessive speed and this may result in accidents</p> <p><b>(C) Possible solutions</b></p> <p><b>Burleigh Gardens:</b> (a) Convert the Road to a one-way traffic like Crown Lane (b) Restrict parking on one side of the road only, all the time (c) The same should apply for Ashfield Parade i.e., to be the exit of traffic from Burleigh Gardens and keep parking restrictions as are <b>Arlington Road:</b> (a) During drop off/collection of children from/to school, parking attendants to be on side to ensure parking restrictions are adhere to thus ensuring arguments between drivers are eliminated – the problem is always created on the crossing of Arlington Road with Cecil Road (b) The council to repair and inspect regularly pavements to ensure pavements are maintained well and avoid any possible accidents – may be upgrade Arlington Road pavements like Oakdale Road. Perhaps this option should have been considered before proceeding for Oakdale Road which sees little traffic in comparison to Arlington Road (c) Make this road to 20 mph speed limit</p> <p>In addition to this me Mr Andreas Vasili has made a submission that includes representations of 57 residents. This comprises of 22 residents Burleigh Gardens and 35 Arlington Road. This can be made available to Members of the committee on request.</p>	

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3.	<p>My point was regarding New Barnet Library opening hours. Currently the Library is only open 17 hours a week but it sits inside New Barnet Leisure Centre which is open, and the reception desk is staffed, 95 hours a week. I asked back in 2017 for self service equipment to be installed when the library opened.</p> <p>I raised this again with my local councillors in 2019 when the library opened but without the self service equipment and again at the residents forum in June 2021. When I spoke with Inclusion Barnet they seems very receptive to the idea. Given the economic crisis we are facing where people are having to make the decision between food, energy or internet, the internet may be something they can't afford.</p> <p>The New Barnet Library has both computers and study desks which could be being used when the leisure centre is open not just 17 hours per week. We need to get the opening hours extended and it seems like Barnet have been dragging their feet for the last five years. Now we have a new council perhaps it can be made a priority and the self service equipment and installation funded from the area committee budget.</p>	<p>New Barnet is one of 4 Barnet libraries run by Partnership organisation since 2017. The Partnership libraries are contracted to deliver a minimum of 15 hours of staffed library opening hours per week with no requirement for them to provide self-service opening. Council run libraries have long hours of unstaffed self-service opening but this has continuous live CCTV monitoring so this would have to be installed along with the self-service technology. While the leisure centre is open long hours the library is run wholly independent from them. The Partnership libraries receive an annual grant from the council to help them deliver these services.</p> <p>To extend the opening hours using self-service technology would require significant additional investment along with ongoing annual costs. Also if we made this investment at New Barnet library then the other Partnership libraries would expect the same treatment. The libraries management team has looked at he feasibility of extending the opening hours within existing resources but this is not possible.</p>

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Date of meeting	Location
22 September 2022, 7pm 26 January 2023, 7pm 28 March 2023, 7pm	Hendon Town Hall, The Burroughs, London NW4 4BQ