


WEST AREA COMMITTEE
Monday, 18 September 2023 at 7pm


Chair: Cllr Nagus Narenthira
Vice-Chair: Cllr Earnest Ambe


ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

Issues must be submitted to Governance Service (westareacommitee@barnet.gov.uk) by 10am on the tenth working day before the meeting.

	Issue Raised	Response
1.	<p>Issue: Burnt Oak Broadway / Deansbrook Road traffic lights Resident: Mr Samuel Ward: Edgware</p> <p>Burnt Oak Broadway / Deansbrook Road traffic lights has an island and car phases but we have been unable to see a green man phase and crossing for pedestrians installed as part of the junction, in line with the new hierarchy of transport. This is an issue we face right across Greater London; such as the junction with Stag Lane / Watling Avenue. Furthermore, a previous London mayor had prioritised motor traffic flow by reducing the crossing times of these type of green man crossings. An architect told me he measured 5 seconds on Watling Avenue. I had hoped the change of administration would see renewed cooperation with the London Borough of Brent and the authority that manages the A5 high road. All our taxes pay for this traffic light yet there seems to be no accountability.</p> <p>Please will our Councillors bring together relevant people who can make this crossing more pedestrian and cycle-friendly?</p>	<p>The junction of Burnt Oak Broadway with Deansbrook Road and Camrose Avenue is one of a number of traffic signalled junctions in Barnet without a red/green man pedestrian facility.</p> <p>I can advise that this is something that the LBB and TFL are currently looking at however, we need to do so in a way that will not have an adverse impact on the surrounding road network.</p> <p>Changes to a signalised junction are major proposals, which require traffic modelling of the junction in advance to identify a suitable solution.</p> <p>Previous investigations into the introduction of a pedestrian facility at the junction, alongside other improvements, required major changes that were not considered feasible at the time. However, we have identified the location for future consideration of a scheme focusing particularly on pedestrian and road safety issues.</p>

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<p data-bbox="129 268 1182 368">Issue: Water Pooling – Junction of Golders Green Road and Woodstock Avenue Resident: Mr Levy Ward: Childs Hill</p> <p data-bbox="129 403 1296 639">Pursuant to item 18 of the Finchley and Golders Green Residents Forum, 6 January 2021, concerning storm water pooling on the two drop kerbs at the east corner of the junction of Golders Green Road and Woodstock Avenue (facing the respective two roads). This storm water can span both drop kerbs, persisting thus for many hours after heavy rain. It then defeats the purpose of the said dropped kerbs, one of which serves a zebra crossing, and makes crossing difficult for the less able-bodied. At least one other resident has raised this issue. See pics.</p> <p data-bbox="129 675 1296 775">The Council has made three separate announcements of timeframes in which it planned to do remedial works, none of which have materialised. On the last occasion (see above) it stated that gully works were considered the best solution.</p> <p data-bbox="129 810 1296 911">I am seeking that the Council conduct remedial works, and specifically that this Committee now refer the issue to the Director of Highways in order to seek certainty on the matter.</p> 	<p data-bbox="1317 268 2123 336">The Junction of Golders Green Road and Woodstock Avenue is an area where multiple issues have been identified.</p> <p data-bbox="1317 371 2123 544">Thames Water were on site earlier this year and identified a leak on their water main. This was subsequently repaired. Following the repairs to the Thames Water network, the LBB drainage team undertook gully cleansing with the most recent clearance being July 2023.</p> <p data-bbox="1317 579 2123 679">However, Inspection by the Highways Construction team identified undulation on the footway in part caused by vehicles illegally driving on to the footway.</p> <p data-bbox="1317 715 2123 815">I can confirm the Highways Construction team are investigating crossing improvement works to level the footway and protect the junction.</p>

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<p>Issue: School Street signage for Thorverton Road Resident: Mr Levy Ward: Childs Hill</p> <p>Thorverton Road School Street lacks a sign at the west corner of its entry point at the junction with Cricklewood Lane. It is almost impossible for motorists approaching from the west to read the one sign on the east corner when displayed during term time, before turning into the street. See Street View image herewith.</p> <p>3. In April 2023 a tribunal overturned a PCN issued by Islington Council where a School Street was better signed than this with a sign on both sides of an entry point, after the driver argued they couldn't be read until he had committed to the turn (Islington Gazette article).</p> <p>I would like the Council to</p> <p>(i) install a School Street hours sign on the west side of the junction which can clearly be read by motorists approaching from the west during term time, in addition to that on the east side;</p>	<p>Before the installation of the pedestrian and cycle zone signs for the School Street, this road was already a 20-mph zone with the required signs to enforce the 20-mph speed limit. In order to minimise sign clutter, it was decided to keep the 20-mph restriction on one side and the new one for school streets opposite.</p> <p>Nevertheless, we have installed advance signs informing of School Street restriction so drivers will be aware of the restriction before entering the road. Officers are happy to revisit Thorverton Road to review the existing signage.</p> <p>However, all motorists receiving a penalty have the option to make representation against a penalty charge - and to refer a case to adjudication if representations are not successful - through the statutory process and within the timescales set by that process. All such cases are considered on their individual merits.</p>

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<p>(ii) actively seek to refund anyone who thitherto has received a PCN for this zone and is likely to have entered it by turning left from Cricklewood Lane, based on the photographic record and written statements, if necessary, from the respective drivers</p> 	

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Future meeting dates of the West Area Committee:

Date of meeting	Location
18 September 2023	Hendon Town Hall
29 January 2024	Hendon Town Hall
25 March 2024	Hendon Town Hall
24 June 2024	Hendon Town Hall