

## **Agenda Item 9 (Transport Services at Finchley Memorial Hospital)**

### **Additional Information – Submission from Transport for London**

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**Sent:** 28 June 2013 18:34

**To:** Charlwood, Andrew

**Cc:** Howarth Peter (CORP)

**Subject:** Re: LB Barnet, Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, 4 July 2013, Transport Services at Finchley Memorial Hospital

Dear Mr Charlwood

Paul Blackwell has sent on your recent email - I'm responsible for bus network planning. I'm afraid your request for a representative at the committee has reached us too late and no-one is available. But we'd be very happy of course to arrange another convenient time to meet councillors about the issue.

As you may know we are actively involved in considering healthcare issues in relation to the bus network. For example we participate in the work of the Barnet-Enfield-Haringey Clinical Strategy transport group. You might also know of the new direct bus link into the grounds of Barnet Hospital, where we worked with the council and the hospital authorities on delivery. And of course our wider work to maintain and develop a high-quality, comprehensive, accessible and reliable bus network through regular reviews is also very relevant as it increases general accessibility and connectivity.

All of this involves analysis of competing priorities, including at Finchley Memorial. As you know the design of the new building moved the main entrance further away from the main road and bus stops. In considering how to respond we have to balance the benefits of diverting a route into the site for staff, patients and visitors against the substantial increase in journey time for through passengers.

We also have to look at how it would change the cost of providing the service and the feasibility of running along the roads concerned.

We'd be happy to go through this in more detail, to learn more about concerns and perhaps also to learn about other mitigations you might be considering (eg in respect of walking routes onto the site).

In view of the other issues raised in the paper you sent it could also be useful to discuss wider issues such as the transport costs of location choices and site designs, the available numbers on the number and distribution of journeys affected by healthcare reorganisation and how TfL, the council and the NHS can best work together on priorities in bodies such as the BEH transport group.

I've copied Peter Howarth into the email. Peter is our Borough Engagement Manger for a number of boroughs in north London including Barnet. Part of his role is to advise on contact points within all parts of TfL and, in many instances, he will himself be familiar with particular issues and requirements. Peter attends the regular Public Transport Liaison Meetings organised

by a number of boroughs to help facilitate this and, if that is something that Barnet might consider useful, we'd also be happy to talk with you about how it might work.

I hope that this is of some assistance. I regret that we can't attend, due to the short notice but do let us know if and when councillors would like to discuss this further.

Yours sincerely

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