

Neighbourhood Governance

Notes of Ealing Common Ward Forum Meeting

Wednesday 6 July 2016 – 7.30pm at Room EALA021-23, Ealing & West London College, The Green, Ealing W5 5EW

Present: Cllr Gareth Shaw (Chair), Cllr Paul Conlan and Cllr Binda Rai

Attendees: 46 residents attended the meeting
 Kofi Nyamah – Community Management Co-ordinator, Ealing Council
 Sergeant Ken Loyal – Walpole Safer Neighbourhood Team
 Graeme Duggan – Safer Community Manager, Ealing Council

No.	Note	Action Point/Information
1.	Welcome and introductions	
1.1)	Cllr Gareth Shaw welcomed residents to the meeting and introduced fellow councillors: Paul Conlan and Binda Rai and the attending officers.	
2.	Walpole Safer Neighbourhood Team	
2.1)	<p>Sgt Loyal provided a local policing report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Anti-social behaviour (ASB)/ street drinking, theft from motor vehicles and burglary prevention are the Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) priorities. - Operation Bottle top targeting street drinking is seeing police officers working with Ealing Council licensing officers and Recovery Interventions Service Ealing (RISE). - A strategy for Deans Garden will look at a Public Protection Order against ASB, crime and street drinking and consider the possible introduction of a Community Protection Notice. - Crime statistics for various offences in the ward during a three-month period from April - June 2016 were provided with comparisons made to the equivalent three-month period in 2015. - A male was recently arrested in West Ealing due to shoplifting, weapons and a variety of other crimes. He is to receive a five year criminal behaviour order. - The alcohol license of Broadway International Food Centre has 	<p>2.1) Walpole Safer Neighbourhood Team Walpole Safer Neighbourhoods Team Sainsbury's Ward Base, 2-14 Melbourne Avenue, West Ealing W13 9BZ Tel: (020) 8246 9174 and 07879 848901 Email: Walpole.snt@met.police.uk Non-emergency telephone number: 101</p>

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2.2)	<p>been revoked following a licensing review. They are no longer trading.</p> <p>Safer communities team report Graeme Duggan (GD) provided a report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A business compliance project is taking place in West Ealing to deter street drinking. Three strategic areas are to be covered: people, places and licenses. - The project will involve a review of licensed premises in West Ealing with any evidence gathered possibly leading to license restrictions. Work will also take place with the UK Border Agency. - The project will also look at the concerns of over food safety and pest control. <p>Comments/ questions</p>	2.2)
2.3)	Are the police aware of the issues with some Soan House tenants?	2.3) Sgt Loyal – issues at Soan House were not raised in the Safer Neighbourhood ward panel meetings. There have not been any visits from the SNT; however, the team is aware of problems from certain individuals. - GD – a forthcoming criminal trial in April may lead to a conclusion. Some individuals have been moved on.
2.4)	Some neighbours have helped with the more challenging tenants.	2.4) Sgt Loyal and GD thanked members of the community for supporting the police and the council in their joint approach. The closure of problem off-licenses and remaining off-licenses had helped to make an impact.
2.5)	Are vehicle tax fees being collected? In Seaward Road it appears there may be a car sales racket occurring.	2.5) Sgt Loyal – vehicle tax has been subject to abuse since the requirement to display a tax disc in vehicles was ended. But, the police are doing joint operations with the DVLA using automatic number plate recognition to catch evaders.
2.6)	Cllr Conlan – consultants are to be appointed to look at how Dean Gardens can be redesigned or how to make the park more community friendly.	2.6)
2.7)	David Highton – a presentation was provided by BDP regarding safety improvements in Dean Gardens and the proposed plans for Sherwood Close were discussed.	2.7)

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3.	<p>Update on school provision</p> <p>3.1) Cllr Rai – Ealing Fields High School is to be temporarily sited on Evershed Sports Ground. The school is scheduled to open in September with four forms of entry.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The council is negotiating with the school and the Education Funding Agency regarding a permanent site. <p>Comments/ questions</p> <p>3.2) Will Ealing Fields School be located at the former King Fayed Academy site on Little Ealing Lane?</p>	<p>3.1)</p> <p>3.2) Cllr Rai – this is to be confirmed.</p>
4.	<p>Controlled parking zone consultation process</p> <p>4.1) Cllr Shaw explained that a change of process had been made to the council’s controlled parking zone (CPZ) strategy to establish new CPZ areas. This is subject to a <i>call-in</i> and the outcome of a forthcoming Overview & Scrutiny Committee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Parking surveys were carried out around the borough, identifying areas with parking pressures. - The survey identified parking occupancy by counts over the course of a working day. Surveys sought to determine whether the occupants were residents or visitors to the area. - If there is evidence of high parking pressure of above 70 percent then a public consultation would be triggered on whether to establish a CPZ. - There is evidence of high parking pressure in West Ealing and as a result, the area will be amongst the first areas to be consulted. <p>Comments/ questions</p> <p>4.2) Is Leighton Road included in the proposed CPZ area?</p> <p>4.3) West Ealing was surveyed two years ago for a CPZ by Fielding School.</p> <p>4.4) Parking moves around an area as a result of commuter parking. This CPZ process is just a fundraiser for the council.</p>	<p>4.1) Copies of a map displaying the proposed West Ealing CPZ area were available to the meeting.</p> <p>4.2) To be investigated.</p> <p>4.3) Cllr Shaw – the previous core area for the Fielding School CPZ is not included in this new CPZ proposal.</p> <p>4.4) Councillors – any introduction of a CPZ is up to residents to decide. The previous survey two years ago in West Ealing was a result of a residents’ petition.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Income from parking is free for the public to view. Any monies gained from parking is put back into parking and transport budgets and not used as profit.

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4.5)	Can free parking permits be provided to local residents, with only shoppers and commuters paying to park?	4.5)
4.6)	Local shop workers are parking in Northfield Avenue and this is affecting residents' parking where they live.	4.6) Cllr Rai – the issues of parking pressure is varied, with some pressure also coming from households with multiple vehicles.
4.7)	Can the council ensure that this CPZ consultation does not occur in the holiday periods?	4.7)
4.8)	Previously, I was against introducing a CPZ the last time it was proposed. But the parking problems in this area have increased, mainly due to holidaymakers parking their vehicles and then commuting to Heathrow Airport. - However, the costs of parking permits should be nominal.	4.8)
4.9)	The consultation area should be widened to include more roads to the south of Leighton Road.	4.9) Cllr Shaw - there is to be a further consultation in this area at a later date.
4.10)	Can the operational times of the proposed CPZ be considered so that the community can continue to use local amenities?	4.10) Cllr Shaw – options on preferred time controls will be provided in the consultation document.
4.11)	There was general discussion on business permit costs and increased parking pressures from new developments in West Ealing.	4.11)
5.	Ward Budget	
5.1)	Cllr Shaw invited the meeting to review a summary of previous budget spends and provided updates on some projects. - Improvements to the West Ealing Library car park area are now completed and operational. - Walpole councillors' will work with Northfield councillors' to introduce 20mph signage in various neighbouring roads. - The consultation and traffic order is still being drawn up regarding the 20mph speed calming in Lavington Road, Loveday Road and Carew Road.	5.1) Copies of a summary of ward's budget spend was available to the meeting.
5.2)	Comments/ questions There were supposed to be four disabled parking bays as part of the West Ealing Library car park project? There are none. Can disabled drivers park their vehicles in the library staff parking bays?	5.2) Councillors' noted that there were many new parking bays around the library for the use of disabled drivers with blue badges.
5.3)	Arthur Breens – section 106 planning gain money from the hotel development was supposed to be used to pay for disabled parking bays.	5.3)

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5.4)	<p>Vivienne Cane-Honeysett – is the departed Walpole Park manager being replaced? Currently, there is no water facility at the dog area. Also, can an open day event be organised?</p> <p>New budget proposals</p> <p>5.5) Cllr Shaw invited the meeting to propose further projects for the ward’s budget.</p> <p>5.6) Christina Fox - can the ward forum support the purchase of a composting toilet for Northfields Allotments?</p> <p>5.7) David Highton – can the ward support this year’s SoundBite Festival?</p> <p>5.8) Cllr Rai – the ward forum agreed to support the recent street party in Loveday Road. The party was held on Saturday 2 July and was well received by all those that attended.</p>	<p>5.4) Councillors’ confirmed the Parks Manger would be replaced.</p> <p>- Update: Vanessa Hampton is now in place as the new Walpole Park Manager.</p> <p>5.5) The forum recommended the following proposals for the budget:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contribution to Loveday Road street party • Composting toilet for Northfields Allotments • Contribution to SoundBite festival 2016. <p>5.6)</p> <p>5.7)</p> <p>5.8)</p>
6.	<p>Public Forum</p> <p>6.1) Wheelie bins in Green Avenue There has been no feedback from the council regarding correspondence sent by residents’ about the wrong size of bins being delivered to the road.</p> <p>- There are many residents with health problems or young families that have health and safety concerns regarding these bins.</p> <p>6.2) Why did the council initially deliver large sized wheelie bins? This delivery process was poorly organised. Who is to take responsibility for the ordering problems?</p> <p>6.3) Large bins remain on the footpath at the top end of Westfield Road.</p> <p>6.4) Can the waste collectors use their common sense and return bins to their original point of collection in Leighton road? Bins are being parked on the footpath and not returned to front gardens.</p>	<p>6.1) Councillors’ asked for residents’ with issues about wheelie bins or the new waste collection service to forward their correspondence directly to them.</p> <p>6.2) Cllr Conlan – some of the smaller sized bins were informally taken or moved by neighbouring residents’.</p> <p>- The contractor, not the council, will bear the costs for the additional work to redeliver smaller wheelie bins.</p> <p>6.3) Councillors’ explained these are bins for houses with multiple occupants.</p> <p>6.4)</p>

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6.5)	As a resident, I am happy that there is less rubbish on the streets. But there are still some refuse sacks being dropped on the footway by businesses and people living in flats in South Ealing Road.	6.5) Councillors' noted that the business compliance project may help to resolve issues with commercial waste agreements. If not then enforcement needs to occur.
6.6)	The introduction of wheelie bins in the borough is welcomed. Those that are dumping waste or fly tipping should be held responsible. - I thank the ward councillors' for their efforts and work around the ward. I am concerned and dislike the tone of this meeting, particularly, in a time of the recent murder of an MP and the European Union membership referendum.	6.6)
6.7)	Kathy Ludbrook – council officers provided very helpful information about the size of wheelie bins at a recent open session on the new waste collection service.	6.7)
6.8)	Ward forum meetings With there being only two ward forums per year, can councillors' re-establish their permanent ward surgeries?	6.8) Cllr Shaw – ward councillors' have been inviting residents with concerns to contact their councillors by telephone or by e-mail to make an appointment to discuss their issue at a convenient time and place. - Councillors' are also picking up and dealing with issues via door knocking and regular street visits.
6.9)	Costs of parking permits Arthur Breens- there should be a public debate on the rising costs of CPZ permit charges. Why has there been no consultation with the public on this issue?	6.9)
6.10)	Northfield Allotments Christina Fox – the recent open day on Saturday 25 June was a good day, with more than 430 people attending throughout the day. - Weed killer has been sprayed by a council contractor along the pathway of the allotments and Loveday Road. It has affected planting and may affect allotment plots. Who can I speak with to clarify why this happened and ensure it doesn't happen again?	6.10) Kofi Nyamah provided the contact details of the council Street Services contract manager outside of the meeting.
7.	Date of next meeting	
7.1)	The date of the next ward forum was announced as Monday 27 March 2017 at St John's Church, Mattock Lane. The meeting closed at 8.55pm.	