

Neighbourhood Governance

Note of Northfield Ward Forum, The Log Cabin Children's Centre, 259 Northfield Ave, Ealing London W5 4UA

Held on Tuesday 26 June 2012

Present: Councillor David Millican & Councillor Mark Reen (Chair)

Apologies: Councillor Philip Taylor

Attendees: 47 residents attended the meeting

Officers/Guests present: Tan Afzal (TA), Neighbourhood Governance Coordinator (London Borough of Ealing)
Chris Bunting, Assistant Director of Leisure (LBE)
Jon Skoyles, Park Ranger (LBE)
Nickolas Kalnakov, Landscape Architect (LBE)
Michael Nolan, Manager at The Log cabin Children's Centre

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1.	Chair's welcome and Matters Arising	
	Cllr Reen welcomed all to the meeting. He explained the meetings proceedings: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presentation on The Log Cabin Childrens Centre by Mick Nolan• Opening ceremony for Bramley Gardens, in the company of the Mayor and Mayoress of Ealing• Ward Forum meeting	
2	The Log Cabin Childrens Centre	
	Mick Nolan, manager at The Log Cabin Childrens Centre delivered a presentation on the new centre, the facilities and services it provides and its integration with the library and Bramley Gardens. See Northfield webpage for presentation.	

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3	Opening of Bramley Gardens	
	<p>The Mayor and Mayoress of Ealing were invited by Northfield ward councillors to open the much improved Bramley Road Open Space, which will be re-named as Bramley Gardens. Improvements have included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Landscaping to provide an open and accessible green space, split into three areas, lawns for picnicking, naturalistic play area and sensory garden area. • Modern seating and benching • New play area • Planting • Step access from Bramley Road and fencing along Northfield Avenue. • Provide an outdoor spill out area for the library users • Integrate the green space with the library and the childrens centre <p>Cllr Reen stated that he was thrilled with the result, it was designed as a community park, there was a great deal of consultation with residents.</p>	<p>Res: Congratulations to Mick and the council for The Log Cabin Childrens Centre and Bramley Gardens, they both look great, fantastic assets for the local community.</p>
4	Waste and Recycling	
	<p>Cllr Reen reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The change of contractor has led to failures, where beats have not worked and collections have not been carried out in a timely fashion • The correct vehicles have only just arrived. Kerbside vehicles will not be available until 20 July. • Currently everything is going to a location where the waste 	

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	<p>and recycling is separated. It is not so valuable due to the contamination, but it is being separated.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please keep separating, when the service is back to normal it will make the recycling more valuable, less will go to landfill, making it less expensive for the council. • The street sweepers are coming ahead of the recycling, this is a contractual problem. • We will hold the current administration to account, 50% of this borough is below standards as a result of the new contract. • If you have concerns about your waste and recycling collections please contact us, our email address and phone numbers are available. 	<p>Res: Northfield Avenue, there are rubbish bags by the post box Cllr Reen: needs to be addressed by environmental crime. Res: Environmental crime has been there, the lack bags are coming from the flats.</p> <p>Res: Is the council charging for garden waste, at Laurel house the bin men are dumping the garden waste – taking it out from the waste bin. With the introduction of this charge, lots of people are placing it in their sacks. Cllr Reen: We did say this would occur, black bags will be inspected. If you pay £40 the council will pick up your garden waste, if you don't, then it won't. When the garden waste was free, it took off and increased by 45%, you are now paying for a service and it's not working properly. Res; I paid for my mothers' garden waste collection – it does take place. Res: What we have to accept is the council has to save money, it's a major saving, it was not done well. A two week collection of dry recyclables would have been better. Cllr Millican: The original contract was with a community trust, ECT, they were taken over by May Guerney. The introduction has failed, Enterprise is a perfectly reputable company, mobilisation has failed.</p> <p>Res: What is the legal position on waste in front gardens? For 20 years there have been properties on my street where residents refuse to clean their front garden. Cllr Reen – The difficulty is with private homes. If it is considered as an environmental health issue, the area will be cleaned by</p>

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		<p>the council and a bill sent to the landlord. If specific areas are bad the environmental crime team are advised. Res: Where is the street cleaner on Northfield Avenue – Nadia?</p>
5	<p>Update from Safer Neighbourhood Team</p>	
	<p>Cllr Millican reported the SNT was unavailable for tonight’s meeting. He took questions from the public.</p>	<p>Res: There will be changes to policing across the Metropolitan Police post –Olympics. We live in a low crime area wards, are we in danger of having crime increase, if our local police are posted in other areas? Cllr Millican: There is a need to provide resources in areas where the crime is higher. There will be a sergeant, a constable and PCSO’s allocated to the ward. The individual officers freed up will go to the tactical territorial groups, which will focus on active street policing. Res: Will Ealing police station be sold off? Cllr Millican: It desperately needs to be sold, not the ideal place to house the police. Borough Commander, Andy Rowell would like to move to a more central location on The Broadway. Their current lodgings are inappropriate they do not have the best front entrance.</p>
6	<p>Transport Updates</p>	
	<p>Controlled Parking Zones</p> <p>Cllr Reen reported the CPZ restrictions at the zone including Temple Road, Netherby Road and Creighton Road could benefit from an amendment. It may be a better zone if it was for an hour in the morning and an hour in the evening, we would like to consider it for consultation. There will be no change unless the whole area agrees to it.</p> <p>Cllr Millican reported that he lived on a road which does not have a</p>	<p>Res: if you live in Cawdor Crescent, it is a complete nightmare. Re: If you re-consult can we extend the zone to include all of Haslemere Avenue. I disagree with people who say that they are paying to park in their own street, when you are actually stopping motorists from parking in your street.</p> <p>Res: The CPZ hours in Belsize Avenue are currently one hour in the morning and one hour in the evening. Since Sainsbury’s</p>

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	<p>CPZ, the evening becomes a problem, whereas the day has no parking issues. It is far less invasive to have a couple of hours. Roads close to train stations do suffer more.</p>	<p>opened, parking has been difficult. Cllr Reen: having three train stations in the ward does make things difficult. For change there has to be broad consensus.</p> <p>Res: In South Ealing the CPZ covers the entire day, this is due to the parking pressure from Thames Valley University, could this be amended? Cllr Reen: We have never been back to review or re-consult on it, which we normally do after a year has passed. We need to establish what we are consulting on, extending the hours or changing them? Cllr Millican: If enough residents are interested in coming together to make a change, please let us know. A petition is a good way of gauging interest.</p> <p>Res: The new crossing at Lammas Park is not very visible. The railings are set back, you could pass it without realising. I thought coloured tarmac would be added to the sides. There is a road sign stating 'change in road' which faces homes rather than the motorists. Res: The white central line needs to be redone. You need clearer demarcation.</p> <p>Res: What is happening with the Swinton Road/Windmill Road roundabout? Cllr Millican: Will chase this up.</p> <p>Res: At the Landsmark crossing, going north to Ealing Broadway, the cyclists are thrown out to traffic. Cllr Reen: We did suggest a dual use road. Cllr Millican: On a more positive note, pedestrians really like it.</p>

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		<p>Res: As a resident of Windmill Road, I applied for a dropped kerb, my application was refused. Cllr Reen: You may have been refused because you don't meet the required criteria.</p> <p>Res: Devonshire Road to the tube station, the pavement is very wide. Cllr Reen: We are intending to re-evaluate the entire concourse.</p>
7.	Update on Ward Forum projects / Ward Forum spend 2012-13	
	<p>Jon Skoyles reported on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At Walmer Gardens (off Erlsemere Gardens), the pond was relined using ward forum funds. • Worked with Ealing Transition to place a beehive. • Ealing Transition are a group of people who deliver projects in response to environmental change, by fostering community spirit. • Worked with ET to add an orchard, to increase biodiversity. • Haslemere gardens are not open all the time, we are working with the Friends of Haslemere, to issue them the combination to have the area opened more frequently. 	<p>Res: At Blondin Park the nature area behind the nursery has a lot of stinging nettles, which is harmful to the kids. JS: The area we manage is much wilder, the area you have mentioned is covered by plays ervices, their maintenance team need to address this. Res: Can we not have more trees at Blondin Park, the friend of Blondin have planted many trees there, we would like to have more money spent on the childrens play equipment. Groundwork are looking for locations at which to plant trees, they have money to plant trees, called The Big Tree Plant.</p> <p>Res: Thank you for the flowers on Northfield Avenue, who paid for them? Cllr Reen: The council does.</p> <p>Res: Was there a request to light the area by Blondin Park before the incident took place at Windmill Road. Have there been any</p>

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		<p>incidents since then? Cllr Millican: It is not a high crime area.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noticeboard managed by EFRA • New bus stop at South Road has not seat and no cover, the bus stop at South Ealing Road has both. <p>Cllr Reen: I will write to Transport for London</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pavement parking on Cantley Road • Double yellow lines at Darwin Road to South Ealing Road and Carlisle Road to South Ealing Road • Installing Christmas lights at Northfield Avenue • Repair and paint childrens play equipment at Blondin Park • Install lighting at the Windmill Road entrance to Blondin Park subject to consultation with the police and council parks team • Trees within the ward to commemorate the Queens Diamond Jubilee. • Draw a 7.5cm line in the middle of the metalled path for 1100 feet at Blondin Park. A heritage representation of Charles Blondin crossing the Niagra Falls. <p>Cllr Millican: The Hanwell Carnival team have requested a contribution from the forum. The carnival is very popular with many Northfields residents.</p> <p>Residents did not wish to contribute this year as there are other pressing issues and two wards within Hanwell which could contribute.</p>
8	Public Forum	
		<p>Res: What is the latest with Raynard Mills? Cllr Millican: We attended the consultation, which was held</p>

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		<p>technically in Hounslow. They have not submitted a planning application, they have continued to consult. The building was originally planned to hold 300 flats which has been reduced to 225. The developer will not build these homes, they are probably intending to sell it on. The consultation process was not very good, since then they have recruited a PR agency.</p> <p>Res: The PR agency was poor, it was a very flawed exhibition. They mentioned traffic calming which would mean the removal of trees, there is nothing that will improve Windmill Road.</p> <p>Cllr Reen: Our council planning officers did submit an objection to the plans.</p> <p>Cllr Reen: Carlisle Road has been granted permission to build 12 apartments, they are slightly bigger,</p> <p>Res: What fire exits will be available to the flats above Sainsbury's?</p> <p>Cllr Reen: Every planning application is addressed by emergency services to ensure there are exits to facilitate every emergency.</p> <p>Res: Flooding/ponding is becoming an increasing problem in our area. There are areas of concern such as outside the Plough, the area next to the bus stop opposite the Plough (E2 and E3 going north up Northfields Avenue). Little Ealing Lane near the junctions with Chandos Avenue and Radbourne Avenue. The dip in Julien Road.</p> <p>Cllr Millican: This has been raised with our highways team, the main sewer is probably running at full capacity due to the rainfall. The drainage engineer is in contact with Thames Water about the possible issue, and it has been agreed that when it next rains heavily, engineers from both LBE and Thames Water will attend site to determine the problem.</p>

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		<p>Res: The general condition of footpaths is very bad, an elderly lady on my road moved out of the way for a buggy, ended up with a broken wrist when she tripped over the pavement. The bits around the bottom of trees are becoming very messy. Cllr Reen: There is less money available for resurfacing. The base of trees could be improved to help the surface.</p> <p>Res: Can you tell us more about an electricity cable coming into the ward? Cllr Millican: A large power cable will be coming from Brentford, into Blondin Park going at a right angle.</p> <p>Res: There was a proposal to change ward boundaries, to reduce the number of constituents within an electorate, will there be no recognition of borough boundaries. Cllr Millican: The intention is to create a constituency called Ealing, made up of the Ealing wards, with a separate one called Southall which would be merged with Heston. This is undecided; however, it would be beneficial to this ward.</p> <p>Res: An extra runway is being considered by central government, this will have a terrible impact on the residents of Ealing. Cllr Reen: We are against this plan and will do our best to prevent it from happening. Res: We should not forget that part of the wealth in this borough derives from the airport.</p>
9	Date of next meeting	Thursday 18 th October 2012 – South Ealing Mission