

Neighbourhood Governance

Notes of Ealing Broadway Ward Forum Meeting

Wednesday 8 February 2017 – 7.30pm at Elizabeth Cantell Room, Ealing Town Hall, New Broadway, Ealing W5 2BY

Present: Cllr Anthony Young (Chair) and Cllr Seema Kumar

Apologies: Cllr Alexander Stafford

Attendees: 30 residents attended the meeting

Kofi Nyamah – Community Management Co-ordinator, Ealing Council

No.	Note	Action Point/Information
1.	Welcome and introductions	
1.1)	Cllr Anthony Young welcomed residents to the meeting and introduced Cllr Seema Kumar and the attending officer.	
2.	Update on commercial waste collection	
2.1)	Cllr Kumar provided the update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ealing Council is proposing to introduce and enforce time banded waste collection windows with the objective of no waste being left on the streets during the day. - The current timed collection scheme in Ealing Broadway is between 6am-7am in morning, and 6pm-8pm in the evening. No specific put out time is stipulated and this is not currently enforced. - Between 8am-6pm is the proposed time band, businesses and residents will be restricted to putting out waste and recycling for collection on the highway. - The proposed time banding does not permit any overnight presentation of waste. The proposed times are subject to consultation with the council waste collection contractor, Amey and may be amended to reflect contracted collection arrangements. - Frequent and targeted enforcement is key to effective implementation and operating of the timed collection scheme. 	2.1)

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<p>2.2)</p> <p>2.3)</p> <p>2.4)</p>	<p>Enforcement officers will be carrying out patrols pre-collections, between 8am-6pm and post-collection in the evening.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Since November 2015, Kingdom Security has issued more than 8,000 fixed penalty notices for offences in the Ealing area. - To date, 659 cases have been sent through the Magistrates Court system, with Kingdom managing all legal proceedings ‘in house’. In January 2017, the single justice system will come into play, meaning a higher volume of case files will be able to be processed. - It is proposed for Kingdom to assist the council with enforcement of commercial waste fly-tipping, and non-compliance of business waste agreements. - It is anticipated that officers will patrol key commercial areas at later evening/night times. - A consultation meeting is being organised for September, where the council will invite businesses, major waste companies, resident associations and local councillors in the affected area to further discuss the proposals. <p>Comments/ questions</p> <p>There are still many unanswered questions regarding commercial waste collection. Time banding has never been properly enforced, with the major problem being the council’s own waste contractor’s infrequent collection. They often leave sacks if they are put out in an unfamiliar location.</p> <p>The frequency of collections must be improved. Problems are only actioned after complaints from certain residents and ward councillors. The businesses themselves appear to have problems understanding the current time banding system.</p> <p>Kingdom Security seems only to enforce against people dropping litter, but not against businesses incorrectly dumping their sacks.</p>	<p>2.2) Cllr Young – the council’s Overview and Scrutiny Committee will be reviewing the council commercial waste operation. Street Services officers will be asked to attend the committee and answer further questions such as how they will work around store closing times.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Penalties will also apply to the council waste contractor. <p>2.3) Councillors noted that Ealing Broadway Business Improvement District (BID) is on-board with the proposal and that there would be further consultation in the affected area before any changes were agreed.</p> <p>2.4)</p>
<p>3.1)</p>	<p>3. Proposed Gordon Road zebra crossing</p> <p>Cllr Young introduced this item as a road safety scheme that was not initiated by ward councillors or local residents, but presented by</p>	<p>3.1) A copy of the proposed Gordon Road zebra crossing design was available to the meeting.</p>

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	<p>council officers. The scheme is to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduce a new raised zebra crossing in Gordon Road by its junction with Longfield Avenue • Build a raised junction to slow down vehicle speeds • Install pedestrian guardrail to direct pedestrians to the crossing area. <p>- The scheme may be funded from the Dickens Yard development funds.</p> <p>- Previously, ward councillors were advised that a crossing or a raised table feature were not needed, but this scheme is now proposed.</p> <p>- Public consultation should start this week and ends on 24th February.</p> <p>Comments/ questions</p>	
3.2)	There is no justification for this scheme as there is already a central reservation for those crossing Gordon Road. The reservation is hardly used by the public.	3.2)
3.3)	Parking on one-side of Gordon Road should be removed to allow better vehicle access as it's now even more difficult to drive through Gordon Road following the banning of turning into and out of Longfield Road from New Broadway.	3.3)
3.4)	<p>Susan Deans, Chair of Gordon Road and Surrounding Streets (GRASS) Residents Association</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It is good that local residents are being consulted on this zebra crossing scheme, particularly as they were not consulted about the banning of turns at Longfield Road. - The banned turns continue to cause issue. It is now suggested that the council will extend the trial of banned turns by six-months to October. This is not democratic. - The raised table crossing in Gordon Road is a good idea as it deters speeding and a lot of people cross in that area. 	3.4)
3.5)	They was a general discussion about the costs, knock-on effects to neighbouring roads and revenue generated by the council from the Longfield Road banned turn trial.	3.5) Councillors' announced they had strongly objected to the banning of vehicle turns by Longfield Road junction.

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3.6)	A crossing at the top of The Avenue was also asked for by local residents. Is there an update?	3.6) Cllr Young – a crossing in The Avenue was requested, but not agreed by council engineers due to various issues.
4.	Police Ward Focus Committee	
4.1)	Cllr Young – the Police Ward Focus Committee consists of residents' working with the police safer neighbourhoods team (SNT) to set the ward policing priorities. New members are being requested with a focus of getting representation from across the whole ward.	6.1)
4.2)	Cllr Kumar - there are also two spaces available on the Ealing Safer Neighbourhoods Board. This board holds Ealing Police to account for its performance.	6.2)
5.	Update on Haven Green	
5.1)	<p>Greg Phelan, chair of Friends of Haven Green (FoHG):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - FoHG took the council to court regarding encroachments of the Green, which is common land. - The council is now applying to the Department of the Environment, Farming and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) for permission to retain structures on the Green. - The public is invited to attend a two-day hearing scheduled to be held on 15th -16th March at Ealing Town Hall from 10am - 5pm. - The Planning Inspector may allow statements to be made by members of the public. - The council is trying to defend not going through the Planning Inspector. The cost of the Queen's Counsel employed by the council is huge, while a barrister working on a pro-bona basis is representing FoHG. <p>Comments/ questions</p>	5.1) Cllr Young was requested to provide details of the hearing to his mailing list via his monthly bulletin.
5.2)	Can more litter bins be installed around the bus stops around Haven Green?	5.2) Cllr Young – any security threats or issues would need to be considered regarding installing bins near the Town Centre.

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6.	<p data-bbox="226 121 427 153">Ward Budget</p> <p data-bbox="125 193 1205 999">6.1) Councillors reported on the progress of ward forum projects since the previous meeting:</p> <ul data-bbox="226 268 1205 999" style="list-style-type: none"> - Following a contribution by the ward forum, the Borough of Ealing Art Trail (BEAT) ran successfully with more than 1,000 visitors and 160 artists exhibiting. BEAT has requested further ward funds for their 2017-18 project. - The yellow line parking schemes at Gordon Road and Eaton Rise have been completed. - A re-profile of Mountfield Road is being investigated to look at the road humps and its junction with Madeley Road. Officers will consider flattening out the road similar to the layout of the Five Roads Home Zone. - Many heritage street nameplates have already been installed and the scheme is set to be completed in April. Security bolts for the plates are to be considered following a theft of a nameplate in a neighbouring ward. If there are nameplates that are unsuitable to be installed on walls then are people happy for them to be installed on a backboard with posts? - Council engineers are to remove parking bays in St Leonard's Avenue that were hindering drivers' vision at the road junction with Craven Road. The removed parking bays will be replaced with bays located in Craven Road or Craven Avenue. <p data-bbox="226 1007 562 1038">Comments/ questions</p> <p data-bbox="125 1046 1205 1110">6.2) The initial concerns regarding Mountfield Road were about the level of the footpath with the carriageway and passing vehicles.</p> <p data-bbox="125 1118 1205 1150">6.3) What about painting 20mph signs on the carriageway?</p> <p data-bbox="125 1230 1205 1294">6.4) There is legislation that states local authorities are required to mount street nameplates on walls.</p> <p data-bbox="226 1302 573 1334">New budget proposals</p> <p data-bbox="125 1342 1205 1437">6.5) Councillors commented on new budget proposal already received and invited the meeting for further spending proposals for the ward's budget.</p>	<p data-bbox="1234 193 1317 225">6.1) .</p> <p data-bbox="1234 1046 1317 1078">6.2)</p> <p data-bbox="1234 1118 2085 1222">6.3) Cllr Young – a 20mph zone is currently being trialled in the Acton area and is likely to be introduced borough wide in the future.</p> <p data-bbox="1234 1230 2051 1294">6.4) Street nameplate locations without a suitable wall for installation are to be revisited and options explored.</p> <p data-bbox="1234 1342 2101 1445">6.5) The forum recommended the following proposals for the budget:</p> <ul data-bbox="1279 1414 1906 1445" style="list-style-type: none"> • Plaque to Charles Jones in Windsor Road

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6.6) 6.7)	<p>Can Gordon Road's footway pavements be repaired? I understand there is a council scoring system for footway resurfacing, but it does not account for the amount of footfall a street may have.</p> <p>The area around a recently removed bus stop in The Avenue is a pit. The bus stop was removed, but not the litter bin which remains.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hartington Road minor parking scheme • Refurbishment of two electrical cabinets in Hillcroft Crescent and St Stephens Road • Gordon Road minor parking scheme <p>6.6) Cllr Young – footway resurfacing would be unaffordable using the ward's budget.</p> <p>6.7) To be investigated. - Many residents felt that this should be considered as part of the forthcoming development of the former BT Telephone Exchange in Gordon Road.</p>
7.)	<p>Public Forum</p> <p>Reporting fly tipping on the council web site The council's current Report-it web site forms discourage people reporting issues. Can the councillors' help get the software changed?</p>	<p>7.1) Kofi Nyamah – the council is introducing a free app called Ealing 24/7 to enable easier reporting on street environmental issues from smartphones.</p>
8.)	<p>Date of next meeting</p> <p>The date of the next ward forum meeting was announced as Thursday 20 July 2017. The meeting closed at 8.50pm.</p>	