

Neighbourhood Governance

Note of Ealing Broadway Ward Forum, Council Chamber, Ealing Town Hall, New Broadway, Ealing W5 2BY

Held on Tuesday 6 October 2015

Present: Councillor Seema Kumar, Councillor Alex Stafford and Councillor Anthony Young (Chair)

Attendees: 33 residents attended the meeting

Officers present: Tan Afzal (TA) - Neighbourhood Governance Coordinator (LBE)

No.	Note	Question /Action Point
1.	Chair's Welcome and Introductions	
	Cllr Young welcomed all attendees and introduced fellow councillors.	
2	Oxford Road - Improvements	
	<p>Cllr Young used a power point presentation to illustrate the drainage issues and consequent concerns about flooding at Oxford Road.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ West Side Drainage issue –A fairly level footway with no significant dip to allow for the smooth passage of water to the gully. Much of the water gathers at the entrance to the alleyway. Highways engineers have recommended the carriageway and footway be reprofiled to ensure the water can flow to the gully.➤ West side of Oxford Road close to 34/36- Tree roots have elevated the footway preventing the water from entering the gully. The carriageway and footpath would need to be lowered in order to help the water drain away to the closest gully.➤ East side of Oxford Road 33/39 – The difference in the footpath levels between the two gullies is 15mm, this prevents the easy passage of rain water to each gully. Adding a new gully and re-profiling the footpath close to it will prevent the water from building up.➤ The cost of implementing the improvements is £14,000.	<p>Res: At the Sunnymead end it is difficult for elderly residents to manoeuvre their bins.</p> <p>Res: Should these works not be coming out of the highways core budget?</p> <p>Cllr Young: No, as the gully is not blocked and the work needs to be done.</p> <p>Res: The ward budget has not been spent in this area of the ward, many people will benefit from the improvements.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Cllr Young asked residents in attendance whether they agreed to the ward budget being spent on the listed improvements – the majority of residents voted in favour of the recommended work. 	
3	Longfield Avenue	Question / Action Point
	<p>Cllr Young provided residents with information on the proposal to reduce traffic at the southern end of Longfield Avenue:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Many drivers use Longfield Avenue as a through-route, increasing the number of vehicles using this road. Conflicts between pedestrians and vehicles have been frequent, with a number of reports of near-misses from the general public, staff and visitors to Perceval House. ➤ The council has been investigating options for reducing traffic at the southern end, which includes a proposal to ban turning left from Longfield Avenue to Uxbridge Road, and turning right from Uxbridge Road onto Longfield Avenue for a trial basis. ➤ The scheme will be advertised under an Experimental Traffic Order giving residents the opportunity to provide comments during the first six months of operation. Any comments received, as well as the results of the traffic surveys, will be carefully considered before a decision is made on whether or not to make the scheme permanent. Consultation and implementation is expected to take place in November and December respectively. 	<p>Res: Are there no alternatives, what data suggests this as an important trial to consider?</p> <p>Res: I wrote to the council they stated there had been 8 incidents in the last three years to which I asked about whether Crossrail would have any impact on traffic. What about the impact of Dickens Yard once it is complete. By repairing Longfield Avenue this has made pedestrians assume they have priority.</p> <p>Res: I have tremendous concern about this scheme, there are no benefits and massive consequences. There are limited crossing points, with this proposal 60% of traffic will be diverted to the junctions either side. Lorries and deliveries coming to the Dickens Yard development will be diverted from Uxbridge Road.</p> <p>Cllr Young: There are far higher number of accidents at Longfield Road and St Leonard Road.</p> <p>Res: Planning conditions for Dickens Yard means construction traffic cannot use Gordon Road to access the site. I had to advise the contractors their concrete lorries were driving along Gordon Road.</p> <p>Cllr Young: There is a planning condition, what remains significant is the council had to reach a traffic management plan.</p> <p>Res: We were advised the bridge was too weak to withhold the weight of large HGV's.</p> <p>Res: We need to respond in a timely fashion, before Dickens Yard goes</p>

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		<p>full steam ahead, for once it is in place we wont be able to change anything. I believe Perceval house will be redeveloped possibly into a hotel or more housing, how will those people enter the area. They are actively moving traffic from a distributary road to local roads.</p> <p>Res: The pedestrian crossing left of Uxbridge Road has caused this chaos. Residents of Carlton Road will have to go to haven Green to go to South Ealing Road.</p> <p>Res: What is this proposal based on? A traffic flow diagram for before and after is required.</p> <p>Cllr Young: There is nothing to prevent motorists on Uxbridge Road from carrying out u-turns.</p> <p>Res: The junction by the fire station needs improving, if signals or a roundabout was added this would be better. Have a look at St Leonards Road to see what can be done to ease congestion.</p> <p>Cllr Young: There are black spots at St Leonards Road it is more prone to accidents.</p> <p>Res: Having attended an emergency route consultation meeting with emergency services I was informed the route for their vehicles would take in St Leonards Road passing the roundabout up to Carlton Road. This proposal will lead to implication for emergency services.</p> <p>Res: Would like to have transport policy attend the next meeting. How may incidents/accidents have there been along Longfield Road, Gordon Road and Longfield Avenue.</p> <p>Res: What are the yardsticks to be applied to judge the outcome?</p>
4.	<p>Update on Haven Green</p>	
	<p>Greg Phelan provided an update on matters relating to Haven Green, representing the Friends of Haven Green:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Not going to agree with the council for a stay on the outcome of the planning inspectorate. ➤ Highways department have started to widen the diagonal on the 	

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	<p>green and Crossrail have started their work.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Transport have had a sewer dug up without any explanation. ➤ Crossrail have added large posts around the compound without justification. ➤ A footway from the water trough to the cycle hub is being re-sized. The planning inspectorate had insisted council calculations to determine the size of the area be based on more accurate measurements, yet the council have proceeded to go ahead and remove the footway without any consultation. <p>Cllr Young: It was consulted on, the people who live at Haven Green Court use the footway. A curve build out where the pedestrian paths come together will help to prevent the coaches from parking there. The advantage of removing the footpath and extending the other side is to allow pedestrians using the bus stop to move more freely.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ A highways officer met with residents on the street at which time several concerns were noted, however, the footpath cannot be repaved as it doesn't flag as a priority in the annual street survey. Paving work is very expensive and could not be afforded through the ward forum budget. ➤ The council officer suggested black tar to replace the current surface and the installation of a gully. Further investigations are required to determine whether the gully would be a workable solution. 	<p>Res: The present situation with the council whereby they are expanding the footpath on the other side is needed, we don't all agree with the Haven Green conservators.</p> <p>Res: Its common land, legislation will not allow for it to be built on.</p> <p>Res: Fully understand what is in the public interest, as to what is best for haven Green is not necessarily the view of Friends of Haven Green.</p> <p>Res: There is a proposal to add a secondary school at Park View Road, this would create a traffic gridlock.</p> <p>Cllr Young: This is not a planning application, it is in a planning document as an option. This site includes the old Barclays Bank playing fields. There is a desperate need for secondary schools in this borough. The site is in private ownership. Oldfield Lane has a secondary school, it has gone ahead with no problems.</p>

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5	<p>Waste Removal at Ealing Broadway and Surrounding Areas</p> <p>Cllr Young provided the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Two task officers have been issuing on-the-spot fines along the Uxbridge Road and The Broadway, just under 400 fines have been issued. They now have cameras and a machine. ➤ There is a litter and flytip issue at The Grove by the bins, we are looking to add a cover. In Kensington and Chelsea signage has been effective, this will be piloted. ➤ With respect to concerns about the bins at The Avenue where there is flytipping from the neighbouring flats, we have asked officers to address this and keep us informed. ➤ Network Rail has taken possession of the units along the station forecourt, with the exception of Therapy, Dexters and WH Smith. The issue with waste along the flank wall has reduced greatly since the forecourt units emptied. Network Rail is now using the forecourt in preparation for the Cross Rail improvements and providing a bin may no longer be an option. <p>Cllr Kumar provided further information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Two businesses have been identified as responsible for leaving flytips along the wall right of The Broadway. They will be advised and warned. ➤ The lockable bin outside of the station is no longer an option, as the size wont allow it. ➤ The Evening Standard vendor location outside of Sainsburys has been removed. The mobile trolley in the other side of the street is also likely to be removed. 	<p>Res: I like how you clean around the station and the town hall yet not in residential areas.</p> <p>Cllr Kumar: It is very expensive and can only be carried out in the town centres.</p> <p>Res: The team leader for the Evening Standard has advised relocation by Morrisons which includes two wheelie carts close to Five Guys. He reassured me the previous days newspapers would be collected when the new delivery takes place.</p> <p>Can Kingdom take enforcement against spitting and against the traders who place their rubbish outside the requested hours.</p> <p>For the paladin bins at The Grove, the council needs to work with the facility manager at the University of West London.</p> <p>Cllr Kumar: When I visited the ES wheelie cart it wasn't chained and there was only one present. This can be resolved. The envirocrime officer does not believe the students are responsible for the fly tips at The grove. The CCTV belongs to the university, for the time being we will monitor how effective signage is in controlling the fly tip.</p>
6.	<p>Mountfield Road</p> <p>Cllr Young reported on this matter:</p>	<p>Res: It is a very narrow footpath on Mountfield Road.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ A feasibility study to identify a clear option to help alleviate concerns for pedestrians at Mountfield Road would cost in the region of £11k. ➤ The study would have to include a topographical survey, collection of collision data, a traffic survey, speed survey and road safety audit. The study would take in 8 streets within the vicinity of Mountfield Road. ➤ The next tranche of S106 from Dickens Yard will not be available until August 2017. 	<p>Res: The introduction of a one-way system would create more traffic on Woodville Road.</p> <p>Cllr Young: What worries me is the suggestion of removing parking where there is congested parking.</p> <p>Residents were asked to vote on whether they would like to have the feasibility study carried out – the majority of attendees voted in favour.</p>
7	Ward Budget 2015/16	
	<p>Tan Afzal reported on the cast iron street signs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The current allocated budget allows for six signs to be restored at a cost of £800 per street sign. Currently the following street signs are under restoration: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Castlebar Hill Parade (The Avenue) • Gordon Road • New Broadway Building • Amherst Avenue (x2) • Charlbury Grove • Hillcroft Crescent (x2) <p>There was no update on the extension of the controlled parking zone at Craven Road</p> <p>The road safety improvements at Carlton Road were expected to be completed by December 2015 with consultation to commence in October 2015.</p> <p>Cllr Young stated a resident who uses a wheelchair had requested a</p>	

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	<p>dropped kerb for Heresforde Road. A request had been made to turn the white line at the base of Eaton Rise and the beginning of Gordon Road to a yellow line.</p>	
8.	Have Your Say	
		<p>Res: There is a bench at Haven Green which is being used as a memorial to a young person, it is now covered in photographs and flowers. Cllr Kumar: Yes, and one evening there were lit candles, it would be insensitive to approach the family.</p> <p>Res: Where can I find information about planning committees? Cllr Young: Available on the internet.</p> <p>Res: Could we have some controlled parking at The Avenue, particularly on a Saturday. People are using it to access the train station. We would only require a restriction for a few hours. Cllr Young: The results to the original consultation indicated a need for Monday to Friday, there was no requests for a Saturday.</p> <p>Res: The pedestrian crossing at Haven Green does not show a red or green man. How are pedestrian crossings designed?</p> <p>Res: At the north east crossing at Haven Green the phasing of these lights are out of synch with actual traffic.</p> <p>Res: What will happen to Haven Green once Crossrail have left? Res: Why are the granite kerbstones being replace, they are very expensive, is Crossrail paying for them?</p> <p>Res: When is the storage depot at Mount Park Road going?</p>

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		<p>Cllr Young: it has reduced in size, there have been some delays.</p> <p>Res: What is the current council administrations view on the expansion of Heathrow?</p> <p>Cllr Young: At the last council meeting they reiterated their objection to the third runway.</p>
9.	Date of Next Meeting	
	Tuesday 9 th February 2016, 7:30pm – Council Chambers, Ealing Town Hall.	