

FOX LANE & DISTRICT RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION – GENERAL MEETING and SUMMER SOCIAL

6TH JUNE 2018 at 19.45hrs at Burford Hall

<p>Present Committee Members (in alphabetical order): Don Arthur, Sue Cook, Lia Dover , Laraine Feldman, Julia Mountain (in the Chair), Sue Younger. Apologies: Richard Thompson, Richard Mapleson Enfield Ward Councillors (in alphabetical order): Daniel Anderson (Southgate Green), Ian Barnes (Winchmore Hill); Dinah Barry (Winchmore Hill), Charith Gunawardena (Southgate), Derek Levy (Southgate) Daniel Anderson (Southgate Green) Guest Speaker: Robert Molteno of “Living Streets” Association Members and Other Residents and Guests.</p>

Agenda	
Safety and Evacuation	The chairperson advised on safety procedures in the event of an alarm.
Chairperson’s Welcome	The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked newly elected Ward Councillors to introduce themselves to the meeting.
General Update	<p>The update on education services in the area was postponed because the Committee Member responsible for this topic was unable to attend.</p> <p>Sue Cook gave an update on Planning including a summary of cases in which FLDRA had made representations to the Council. It was noted that FLDRA supports the creation of new affordable housing, but intervenes mainly in cases of over-development, suspected “beds in sheds”, unlicensed “HMOS” (houses in multiple occupation, which often feature overcrowded and dangerous conditions), and cases where works have been carried out without planning consent. Cllr Levy explained some of the difficulties faced by the Planning Department, including developers that find ways of delaying enforcement of planning decisions.</p> <p>Concern was raised about the disturbance caused by large commercial events being held in Broomfield Park. Councillors Anderson and Levy explained that the park is licensed to be hired out to event organisers, and this does not require planning permission. It is a useful source of revenue at a time when funding for the upkeep of parks is difficult to secure. Councillors are in talks with event organisers with a view to minimising the loss of amenity and inconvenience caused to local residents.</p>
Local Scene	It looks like a busy summer with lots of community-led events for all the family. Those mentioned by participants at the meeting included: Open Garden at Arnos Park (Sunday 24 June@ 2 pm); Picnic in the Orchard in Broomfield Park (Sunday 1 July @ 2pm) ; Open Air Cinema @ Bowling Green, Broomfield Park (21 August); Palmers Green Festival in Broomfield Park (Sunday 2 September @ 12 noon); History of Broomfield House Exhibition, Dugdale Centre (from 28 July).

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<p>Presentations: “Living Streets” And “Better Streets for Enfield”</p>	<p>Robert Molteno of “Living Streets” gave a lively presentation about the work of this voluntary, UK-wide organisation which campaigns for better and safer streets for walkers and wants to inspire people to choose walking as the natural choice for everyday local journeys. They promote measures such as safe crossings, pocket parks, and road access filters that discourage rat-running.</p> <p>Clare Rogers explained that her organisation, “Better Streets for Enfield” , pursues similar aims and is campaigning locally to promote “low traffic neighbourhoods”.</p> <p>A scheme has been implemented in Waltham Forest that has been a success, with an estimated 15% reduction in local car trips.</p> <p>There was an animated discussion with questions and contributions from the floor. One of the main concerns from residents is the steep increase in the volume of traffic in residential roads, as well as speeding cars, which creates an unhealthy and dangerous environment, especially for our children.</p> <p>Cllr Anderson explained that the Council is constantly reviewing and trying new traffic management measures. Views from local residents vary widely, and it is difficult to balance everyone’s needs. There are also severe budgetary constraints due to government cuts. Speed cameras are very expensive. Traffic police have been cut by half. Measures need to be self-enforcing and encourage behaviour-change.</p>
<p>The discussion was followed by a pleasant social gathering with drinks and nibbles where residents, committee members and councillors were able to mingle and talk informally.</p>	
<p>Meeting Closed</p>	<p>The chair closed the meeting at 11 pm.</p>
<p>Date of next Meeting</p>	<p>Wednesday 26 September (General Meeting)</p>