



# FOX LANE & DISTRICT RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

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## FLDRA AGM & OPEN MEETING 6<sup>th</sup> February at 7.45pm at Burford Hall, URC.

<b>Present</b>		
Richard Mapleston (RM) Chairman	Don Arthur (DA)	Richard Thompson (RT)
Sue Younger(SY)	Lia Dover(LD)	Laraine Feldman (LF)
Sue Cook(SC)	Julia Mountain (JM)	

<b>Apologies</b>		
	John Macrory(JMac) Treasurer	Paul Mandel
Cllr Daniel Anderson	Cllr Ian Barnes	Zahir & Geraldine Anwar

<b>Agenda</b>		<b>Action</b>
Welcome from Chairman(RM)	<p>RM welcomed everyone (approx. 60 people present including Cllrs Dinah Barry and Maria Alexandrou) and explained that we would have the AGM first with Chairman's report and reviewing and setting priorities for 2019.</p> <p>This would be followed by the Open meeting with 2 main agenda items, Update on Quieter Neighbourhoods from Enfield Council and Overview of Enfield's Local Plan. He then read out the letter of thanks from Noah's Ark Hospice for the £760 donation from FLDRA following the Christmas quiz event.</p>	
<p><b>AGM</b> Chairman's Report</p> <p>Treasurer's Report</p>	<p>RM introduced the Chairman's report for last year and referred to the main items. There were 4 priorities set last year and the first two: Primary school places, and the Impact of Cycle Enfield and related issues (specifically the Fox Lane Quieter Neighbourhood) were covered in the report and would continue to be priorities for this year.</p> <p>The third priority, scrutinising the London plan and Local plan, had become very important as consultation on the Local Plan was now ongoing with a deadline of 28 February so it would remain a priority.</p> <p>The last priority, the Ultra Low Emission Zone (ULEZ) for central London comes into force on 8 April 2019 and by 2021 will include all the inner London area bounded by the North and South Circular Roads -its impact on FLDRA area would be monitored.</p> <p>RM presented the Treasurer's report as JMac was unable to come to the meeting and it was approved by the membership. There is now a vacancy for the Verifier post as Chris Brook wants to step down after doing the job for 11 years - there were no offers from those present at the meeting.</p>	<b>RM</b>

<p><b>AGM</b> Election of Officers and committee</p>	<p><b>Election of Officers:</b> Chairman – Richard Mapleston proposed by RT and seconded by JM. Secretary – Sue Younger proposed by JM and seconded by SC. Treasurer – John Macrory proposed by SC and seconded by JM Existing committee members continuing for 2019 – JM, LF, RT, LD. New member – John Phillips who will help with Planning issues. Richard Crutchley volunteered to help with planning on a part-time basis (not able to attend committee meetings). JM and LF taking over membership duties after handover from DA.</p>	<p><b>RM &amp; Com</b></p>
<p>Resignation of committee members</p>	<p>RM stated that 2 stalwart members of the committee were standing down this year. Sue Cook, who dealt with planning issues for 4 years, and Don Arthur who was membership secretary for 7 years were both thanked by RM on behalf of the committee for their hard work and presented with a card and leaving present.</p>	
<p><b>Priorities for 2019</b></p>	<p>The following priorities were put forward for this year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provision of Primary school places</li> <li>• Fox Lane Quieter Neighbourhood Area – monitoring progress</li> <li>• Palmers Green Town Centre- reviving High Street shopping area.</li> <li>• Safer Neighbourhoods – policing and public safety (recent stabbing on Grovelands Road and several muggings on Aldermans Hill)</li> <li>• Public transport - reduction in bus services and unreliability of trains on Govia Thameslink ( Palmers Green and Winchmore Hill stations) Cllr Maria Alexandrou said she would send details of her correspondence with Govia /Thameslink over reliability of the train service through Palmers Green and Winchmore Hill.</li> <li>• Consideration for pedestrians – in road design in QN Fox Lane area.</li> <li>• Air Pollution – from local traffic and on North Circular Road if Pinkham Way waste plan goes ahead.</li> <li>• Waste collection and fly-tipping. Cllr Dinah Barry said large scale fly-tipping a problem as Enfield as has to spend a lot clearing rubbish from sites such as those near New River (which belong to Environment Agency) in Winchmore Hill.</li> </ul> <p>It was decided that the committee would look at these 8 priorities with a view to amalgamating some and establishing their relative level of importance.</p>	<p><b>RM &amp; Com</b>  <b>LD</b>  <b>DA</b>  <b>LD</b>     <b>Andy Barker</b></p>
<p><b>Open meeting</b> Update on Quieter Neighbourhoods</p>	<p>Copies of an Update on the Fox Lane Area QN by Richard Eason, Officer in charge of QNs at Enfield Council, were handed out and RM said an email had been sent to all <u>those on our mailing list</u> and was available on the website. RM went through the main issues raised and pointed out that the next roads to have planters installed would be Amberley Road, Burford Gardens, Lakeside Road, Oakfield Road and The Ridgeway. There was a discussion about the pros and cons of the planters including comments that the planters in some roads had been moved by the refuse collectors using their lorries and the Fire Brigade. It was reported that some planters had been hit by vehicles and they were now in a different position on the roads. Claire Rogers from ‘Better Streets for Enfield’ encouraged everyone to look at her website and join her campaign to adopt measures to make residential streets more friendly for pedestrians and cyclists and less likely to be used as rat-runs by motorists. She wanted more monitoring of the roads with planters to see whether or not the through traffic had reduced. The discussion had to be cut short so there would be time for a refreshment break followed by a talk and questions on the Local Plan by our speaker, Cllr Dinah Barry.</p>	

<p><b>The Enfield Local Plan and Heritage Strategy</b></p>	<p>RM explained that he had put up the links to the consultations on the Local Plan and Heritage Strategy on the FLDRA website and the deadline for comments was 28 February. There were also Local Plan Drop-In sessions being held in the libraries- the Palmers Green Library would be holding one on 19 February from 11.30 – 14.00pm.</p> <p>RM introduced Cllr Barry who explained the extent of the Enfield Local Plan and its main impact in terms of housing development – the new Local Plan requires Enfield to build 2,400 homes every year up until 2036 ( currently Enfield has built approx. 550 homes a year) because of London’s acute shortage of homes. She pointed out that Enfield has nearly 3,500 families ( 1 in 24) in temporary accommodation which is very expensive for the Council-it has a duty to find accommodation for them but it will save money if permanent homes can be found.</p> <p>The document states that preferred options for growth are in Town centres and areas around stations so Palmers Green and Southgate are very likely to be affected. Also, along the ‘movement corridors’ ie. A10 and A406 and possibly parts of the Green Belt.</p> <p>The Heritage Strategy looks at preserving the character of local areas and significant buildings and making sure new buildings are of a good design. Cllr Barry emphasized that this consultation was very important and encouraged everyone to take part in the consultation which closes on 28 February.</p>	<p><b>RM &amp; Com</b></p>
<p><b>Any other business</b></p>	<p><b>School places</b> – a question about the Grovelands site for a new primary school. Cllr Barry answered that problems due to different owners of site: Historic England, Thames Water and Enfield Council, and still under review but very difficult for Council to build a new school because of restrictions imposed on councils by Government. RT said he was looking into the current position on the Grovelands site.</p> <p><b>Cycle Enfield-</b> a question was asked about monitoring of number of cycle journeys on cycle lanes in Green Lanes. Cllr Barry said she would send us the figures but she thought that there were 10,000 cycle journeys recorded in January ( excluded pram/buggy pushed on cycle lane)</p> <p><b>Palmers Green Town Centre Tidy-Up</b> – a resident said this would take place in May and she would send us details for the website.</p> <p><b>RM</b> thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and particularly Cllr Barry for talking about the Local Plan. The organisers of the refreshments were also thanked and the meeting closed at 10.00pm</p>	<p><b>RT</b></p> <p><b>SY</b></p> <p><b>LD</b></p>