



FOX LANE & DISTRICT RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

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FLDRA OPEN MEETING 10th April at 7.45pm at Burford Hall, URC.

Present		
Richard Mapleston (RM) Chairman	John Phillips (JP)	Richard Thompson (RT)
Sue Younger(SY) Secretary	Laraine Feldman (LF)	Julia Mountain (JM)
Simon Lee (SL)		

Apologies		
	John Macrory (JMac) Treasurer	
Lia Dover (LD)	Don Arthur	

Agenda		Action
Welcome from Chairman(RM)	<p>RM welcomed everyone (approx.70 residents) to the packed meeting, particularly all the councillors from Winchmore Hill (later joined by Cllr Anne Brown from Southgate Green and Cllr Charith Gunawardena from Southgate), and reminded everyone to sign in so that they could be accounted for in case of fire. He pointed out the fire escape doors and the meeting point outside.</p> <p>RM explained that the agenda was in two parts, the first covering the local priorities identified at our AGM in February starting with the Fox Lane Quieter Neighbourhood (QN) with our speaker, Clare Rogers, from 'Better Streets for Enfield'. The second part, after a refreshment break, would be concerned with the NHS in Enfield and would be addressed by our guest speaker, Sue Davies, from Defend Enfield NHS.</p>	
Part 1: Local Priorities. Fox Lane Quieter Neighbourhood	<p>RM gave a short update on the progress of the Fox Lane QN scheme with the implementation of the planters and other traffic calming measures in the area. He explained that FLDRA had approached Richard Eason (Cycle Enfield) about coming to talk at this meeting but he had declined because he had been advised that the ward forums were the place for residents to raise issues.</p> <p>SY and RM had met Richard Eason to put forward the case for him to attend our FLDRA meeting as our residents' area covers four wards (with each ward meeting being held at a different venue and time and with a different agenda) making it impractical for people to attend and very difficult to obtain an overall view. In any case, we felt it would be preferable for him to address the people (ie FLDRA residents) directly affected by the scheme who actually live in the area. We have an open invitation for Richard Eason to attend any Open meeting and are hopeful that he might come along to our next meeting in June.</p> <p>RM introduced local resident, Clare Rogers, from 'Better Streets for Enfield' who gave a presentation on the traffic monitoring data collected by the Cycle Enfield QN unit in November/December 2018.This provides information on the current traffic problems in the area and will be used as the baseline for comparison with further data once the QN scheme has been fully</p>	SY & RM

	<p>implemented. Clare’s presentation is given in the document www.betterstreets.co.uk/fox-lane-the-story-so-far/ which is also available on the FLDR website.</p> <p>Clare’s talk was very well received by members who found the traffic lights analysis (red, orange, green) reflecting the traffic problems of the local streets in the Fox Lane QN area very helpful. A number of issues arose from her talk:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why isn’t the 20mph speed limit being implemented which residents had understood was part of the original scheme? How come Haringey and parts of Enfield, including Fernleigh Road QN, have this limit? Residents felt that, even if the limit is not enforceable (the reason given by the Council for non-implementation), it would be a deterrent to speeding. • Planters – some were being damaged/moved, particularly the ones in The Mall, Amberley and Selborne and it takes some time for Council to reposition them correctly. Cllr Dinah Barry reported that the Council believe they have some evidence about the person who whitewashed the planter signs and will be taking appropriate action. • Some residents living in streets that now have planters expressed the view that excessive speeds in the middle of streets are not being reduced by having planters at the ends. • Pedestrians seem to have been overlooked in the QN scheme as still difficult to cross side roads when walking up and down Fox Lane. A Walkers group was being set up by Jeni Barker who lives in Amberley Road (categorised as a ‘red’ street because of heavy traffic). • Cranley Gardens – concern over planters being introduced in this street as it’s a bus route (W9) and buses need a lot of turning space when entering and leaving the street. <p>Overall residents felt that the planters and speed humps were helpful in reducing traffic volume and speed but not sufficient and more traffic calming measures were required.</p>	
<p>Palmers Green Town Centre</p>	<p>RM reported that he and LD had attended a meeting with Costas Georgiou from the Green Lanes Business Association in Palmers Green. They were looking at measures to improve the footfall in PG Town Centre - seen as an area where people make ‘basket’ shopping trips (rather than major shopping trips). It was felt that footfall could be increased by improving the environment of PG by having benches, better crossings and a ‘greener’ area.</p> <p>Dana Burstow, a local resident, reported that she had set up a PG Action Team to make PG a more attractive place by having a clean-up of PG with an action day on Saturday, May 11th- meet at the Triangle at 10.00am. Enfield Council are supporting the initiative by providing gloves, high-viz jackets and cleaning materials etc. Her group is also aiming to improve the area by having art projects in the Town Centre and encouraging businesses to use vacant shops - a new pop-up shop, ‘Stitch’, is opening up in the original Grouts Shop very soon. For more information see Facebook/Instagram: @palmergreenactionteam.</p>	<p>LD & RM</p>
<p>Broomfield House and Park</p>	<p>Colin Younger (Chair of Broomfield House Trust) reported that meetings had been held by the Broomfield House Partnership Board and 2 options were being considered – a full footprint, but initially only partially fitted out rebuild of the House (which would be dependent on a housing development in the</p>	

	<p>stable yard in the park), or its complete demolition. However, a major fire in the House discovered early on 9 March has resulted in considerable damage to the woodwork and the Council is now assessing the extent of the damage.</p> <p>SY reported that the work on the Wetlands project has started in Broomfield Park with the excavation of the ground to create two new ponds with a connecting bridge. A large area in the west field has had its topsoil removed so that the clay can be deposited there but this area will be recovered and grassed over so that it will look the same as before the excavation. The whole area looks like a building site at present but, once the ponds have been planted with reeds and wild flowers, the Wetlands area is expected to be an attractive amenity which will create a new and interesting habitat for plants and wildlife. For more information see the Friends of Broomfield Park website www.friendsofbroomfieldpark.org. and come along to the Friends of Broomfield Park Open meeting on Monday 20 May at Ruth Winston Centre at 7.30pm when the council officer in charge of the Wetlands will be talking about the project.</p>	
Pinkham Way NLWP update	<p>Jeff Lever (Pinkham Way Alliance) reported that the Pinkham Way nature site owned by North London Waste, which is the proposed site for a waste incinerator, has become an important site of nature conservation with many species of trees and wild flowers. Residents were encouraged to sign the petition (deadline 10th April) for its preservation and asking for its removal as the recommended site for the North London Waste Plan.</p>	
Provision of primary school places	<p>RT reported that the national 'offers' day for primary school places is 16th April when parents will find out which school their 4 year-old child has been allocated for September 2019. Walker School has now become an Academy school but it is expected that it should not affect the allocation of places which will still be carried out by Enfield Local Education Authority. RT said that he had heard that an extra class was being created at a local school in the area to provide more places but, as yet, no details have been given.</p>	RT
Membership Update	<p>JM and LF (new membership secretaries) stated that they would like members to renew their membership by standing order as it makes the administration of the membership list much easier.</p> <p>JM also reported that she organised the distribution of the paper newsletter and she needs a volunteer to distribute the newsletter in Old Park Road.</p>	
Refreshment break	<p>The meeting broke up for a short refreshment break.</p>	

<p>Part 2 Guest Speaker- Sue Davies from Defend Enfield NHS</p>	<p>Sue Davies from Defend Enfield NHS gave a presentation on the state of the NHS in Enfield entitled 'Going, going and almost gone-the NHS'. She gave a brief background to the campaigning group for the NHS in Enfield which was formed in 2015 (after a 38 Degrees campaigning event) in reaction to proposed cuts in local health services and increasing privatisation of the providers of these services.</p> <p>She gave a very detailed account of the current problems with the health services in Enfield and the chronic underfunding of the NHS in Enfield which has an allocation of £47 per head compared to the average for London boroughs of £73 per head.</p> <p>Although there is now a new hospital on the Chase Farm site it does not have an A&E department which means that Enfield has only one emergency department at North Middlesex Hospital. This hospital is in a different Trust and, because of its position in the extreme south east of the borough, it involves a long journey time for many Enfield residents. Much of the land at Chase Farm has been sold off not only to pay for the new hospital but also to deal with the deficit in expenditure of the Royal Free Trust – an opportunity to provide housing for key NHS workers has been lost as a large part of the site will be used to accommodate a new secondary school for 2000 pupils.</p> <p>It was a very interesting and informative talk which was well received by the audience and it gave rise to many questions but there was very little time left -members were advised to look at the information provided in a handout and a newspaper.</p> <p>A full account of the talk can be found on the FLDR website and more information is available on Facebook at Defend Enfield NHS or the group can be contacted by email at defendenfieldnhs@gmail.com.</p> <p>Sue Davies and Jeff Lever were thanked for their talk and RM thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. RM closed the meeting at 10.00pm.</p>
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Any other business		