

School places - Winchmore Hill ward forum 11th July 2019

Chaired (very well) by Cllr Derek Levy. Also present David Burrowes, Rob Worth, parent rep at Bowes Southgate Green and part of the action group (lives in Broomfield Lane).

Previous to that: detailed police feedback. Main nuisance is someone locally who sells cars on the street, with many cars left parked up and preventing house owners from parking; Council pursuing illegal trading charges, as all the cars are taxed/insured so legal. A Southgate CAPE has been established, with Dionne Johns as Chair.

Southgate Village development: attempts to explain the planning process, unlikely to go to planning committee before November. Explaining also the nature of housing need: Gvt say target of 2400 new homes pa for Enfield, Mayor of London says 1800 pa, current delivery just over 500. Enfield has 11000 homes officially overcrowded and over 3000 in temporary accommodation. Everyone agreed the proposed scheme wouldn't help with that at all. Median income in Enfield is £34k, median house price £440k = 12 x income = unaffordable.

Primary schools: Richard Thompson (FLDRA Committee) explained also how this related to the housing item and how there were knock on effects, eg on West Grove. Rob Worth filled in some detail. Derek Levy said - you need to take this up with the Leader, she is all powerful (!).

Protest at Enfield Council Offices, bring a child and a banner, Monday 15th from 3.00pm.

Schools admissions 2019: a bit more analysis:

1. East of A10 (34 schools): 6 oversubscribed, 7 just full/short waiting list; **21** with empty places
2. West of A10 (24 schools): 14 oversubscribed, 6 just full/short waiting list; 4 with empty places

Garfield Primary went to 3FE last September; the headteacher is considering coming to the Ward Forum. They definitely have space but could they accommodate everyone for ever going forward? Garfield is a short walk through Arnos Park from Southgate Green, but in the wrong direction. Lakes Estate to Garfield would be a nightmare drive.

Richard Thompson (FLDRA Committee – Schools Places Priority focal point)