



FOX LANE & DISTRICT RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

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FLDRA AGM & OPEN MEETING 20th February at 7.45pm at Burford Hall, URC.

Present		
Richard Mapleston (RM) Chairman	John Macrory (JMac))	Richard Thompson (RT)
Sue Younger(SY)	Lia Dover(LD)	Laraine Feldman (LF)
John Philips	Julia Mountain (JM)	

Apologies		
	Richard Eason	Paul Mandel
	Cllr Ian Barnes	

Agenda		Action
Welcome from Chairman(RM)	RM welcomed everyone (approx. 80 people present) including Cllrs Maria Alexandrou, Cllr Dinah Barry from Winchmore Hill ward, Cllr Daniel Anderson (Southgate green ward) Cllr Derek Levy and Cllr Stephanou Ioannou (Southgate ward). He explained that we would have the AGM first with Chairman's report and reviewing and setting priorities for 2020. This would be followed by the Open meeting with one main item, Update on Low Traffic /Quieter Neighbourhood for the Fox Lane area.	
AGM Chairman's Report	<p>RM introduced the Chairman's report for last year and referred to the main priorities set at the 2019 AGM. There were 5 priorities set last year: Primary school places, Fox Lane Quieter Neighbourhood, Palmers Green Town Centre, Public Transport and Environmental issues and these would continue to be priorities this year.</p> <p>Primary School places – RT reported that there was still an ongoing problem of a shortage of places in the local area for children starting primary school and he had worked with the Council and Enfield Learning Trust to ensure that Bowes – Southgate Green was continuing to provide places for children. Problems had arisen because Broomfield School (the site of Bowes-Southgate Green) was now expanding and needed more space and cuts to the education budget. Places assured for the 2020 intake but need to make sure places will be available for 2021 intake.</p> <p>Fox Lane QN/LTN – main priority, report gives details of progress last year and topic will be covered in the second part of the meeting.</p> <p>PG Town Centre – LD reported that Palmers Green was selected last summer as one of 5 sites in Enfield for rejuvenating the town centre shopping area. The Palmers Green Action Group had been set up and had been successful in cleaning up and helping to create more 'green' areas (eg. outside the Job Centre in Aldermans Hill) in PG.</p>	<p>RM</p> <p>RT</p> <p>Com</p> <p>LD</p> <p>Com</p>

<p>New Priority for 2020</p>	<p>Main initiative is to attract new tenants to empty commercial properties and where private housing developers are involved to make sure that any levies applied are used for improvements to the community.</p> <p>Public Transport – FLDRA continues to take an interest in PG station and reliability of train services which have improved over the last year now the new trains have come into service but still ongoing problems with cancellations to services. Having step free access at PG station is important for travellers and FLDRA has been told by Govia/Thameslink in that work would start soon. (Update- after an Enfield transport meeting with the train company, residents and Bambos Charalambous on 21 February we were told that they were still at the design stage and it would take 2-3 years!). FLDRA is also monitoring local bus services, some of which have longer journey times because of new road layouts and more traffic on main roads.</p> <p>Environmental issues – FLDRA is continuing to look at new developments in waste disposal with the Pinkham Way site and the proposed new Edmonton Incinerator and any implications for pollution on the local area. Also how any extension of the ULEZ will affect this area.</p> <p>Other priority areas – there was a general discussion on other priorities and it was decided another priority would be the Maintenance of the street scene. Many residents were concerned about the state of the pavements (broken and uneven slabs and replacement by tarmac) and reduction in the number of street trees. Cllr Anderson reported that tarmac was a cheaper but more resilient option for pavements and better for wheelchair users and many of problems were caused by utility companies subsequently digging up roads and pavements. Also, many roads in poor state of repair. Fox Lane railway footbridge also in need of improvement as it floods, is poorly lit and seen as unsafe.</p> <p>Changes to waste bin collection – FLDRA would be monitoring any effects of the reduction of service to fortnightly collections taking place from March.</p> <p>Some of these priorities may need to be amalgamated depending on their relative importance through the year.</p>	<p>LD</p> <p>Com</p>
<p>Planning</p>	<p>JP reported that FLDRA looked at the planning notices for the area each week and the list is put up on the website. FLDRA will object, if appropriate, to large scale developments like the Southgate Office Village development and will take up specific planning problems within the area.</p>	<p>JP</p>
<p>Treasurer's Report</p>	<p>JMac produced a sheet detailing the income and expenditure for the last financial year compared to 2018. Subscriptions were slightly down compared to last year but reminders had now been sent out so expected overall amount to increase this year.</p>	<p>JMac</p>

<p>AGM Election of Officers and committee</p>	<p>Election of Officers: The four officers, Chairman (RM), Vice-chairman (LD) Secretary (SY) and Treasurer (JMac) were elected unopposed for another year as were the other four existing committee members JM, LF (membership secretaries) JP (Planning) and RT. Two new members of the committee were elected : Ibrar Dar – proposed by Adrian Day, seconded by Pipin Kipadia Paul Dick – proposed by David Milkmane, seconded by Graham Curtis</p>	<p>RM & Com</p>
<p>Open meeting- Update on Low traffic Neighbourhoods</p> <p>Presentation of 2 alternative LTN schemes and discussion</p>	<p>Richard Eason (Enfield Council officer for Healthy Streets) had sent an update on the Fox lane QN/LTN. He states that the team are now in the process of finalising a report on the engagement process over the original plan and reviewing input from groups about a revised scheme. There will also be a review of ANPR (Automatic Number Plate Recognition) to see whether it is suitable for use in a QN/LTN area.</p> <p>The following next steps are given in his update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Publication of initial engagement report once discussed with relevant Ward Councillors • Development of a revised scheme design • Ward Councillor discussion on revised scheme design • A workshop session with local community representatives to discuss revised design and how it is presented • Sharing of revised design to wider community with opportunity for final comment • Decision on whether to proceed with a trial • If a trial period is decided, formal consultation would then start enabling a further opportunity for comment. <p>The local ward councillors will be meeting with Richard Eason at the end of next week and they encouraged residents to write to them about their views on QN/LTN. The councillors were concerned that correct procedure and consultation had not been followed as they knew a lot about the area but had not been consulted at all about the original design. They felt strongly that at this stage there should be full consideration of evidence, costings and knock-on effects of the different proposals. If there is a trial then there needs to be a willingness to make changes afterwards.</p> <p>Two schemes were briefly presented: 1. Fox Lane Low Traffic neighbourhood (green poster). This scheme provides for an alternative range of closures at the</p>	

ends of certain roads to provide more exits but taking the whole area into account. It does not allow motorists to drive through the area and aims to reduce the speed and volume of traffic particularly on the busiest roads.

2. FLATWG – Fox Lane Area Traffic Working Group – This group also provides alternative ways of restricting through traffic but favours the use of ANPR rather than physical barriers.

There was discussion from residents about how there would be more inconvenience for motorists in the area with longer journeys but it was hoped that the roads would be safer and healthier for pedestrians and cyclists. Public transport, particularly buses, would need to be improved if residents were to accept these changes.

The meeting closed at 10.00pm and RM thanked everyone for coming.

Date of next Open meeting – Wednesday 22 April at 7.45pm in Burford Hall