



November 2024 Update



Its that time of the year when we get together and celebrate the passing year, make merry and perhaps do something for those in need. We've been fortunate to benefit from the generosity of both local business and community members and have a number of wonderful prizes in our charity raffle. To give you a flavour of what we have:

- Tea at House of Commons donated by our local MP Bambos Charalambous
- Local business Walkers Brasserie, Rimini, Holtwhite Bakery & Stripes Hair Salon have all donated vouchers
- Our previous Chair has donated a ticket for an Opera Prelude Concert at Burgh House
- And then we have a selection of household goods, including a print from a local artist, CDs & a selection of wine & spirits.

We look forward to seeing you on the 4th December at the Fox if however, you are unable to attend and would still like to buy raffle tickets or make a donation to the charity we are supporting (The Ark | Rev Julie will be speaking to us on the night to explain her work in the community) you can do so by reaching out to us directly by emailing info@foxlane.net

We will also be holding a quiz on the night "seasonal questions"...there's a bottle of bubbly up for grabs but it's definitely focused on taking part and having fun!

You're invited to a Christmas party!

Please join us for a small party to celebrate the season. Let's eat, drink, and be merry! ...maybe even make some new friends

Dec 4th | Starting @ 7.30PM

The Function Room at The Fox Pub
413 Green Lanes, London N13 4JD

There will be a short year end review, a talk by Rev Julie, a quiz and a raffle to support a local charity + drinks & nibbles

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Enfield Plan | Updates

We raised our questions and concerns directly with the council regarding their proposed plan. The Inspector has published their 'stage 1' Matters, Issues and Questions

This includes a covering letter and three appendices. Appendix 1 sets out the MIQs for the initial matters the Inspector wishes to discuss, Appendix 2 provides guidance on producing written statements, Appendix 3 provides a draft hearing programme (which may be subject to change – a final programme for stage 1 will be published once it is clear who wishes to attend, and written statements have been received).

The process now moves onto an initial hearing.

Key Dates:

- Wednesday 18th December – inform me if you wish to appear/speak at the hearings.
- Wednesday 8th January – submit optional further written statement in response to the Inspector's questions.
- Wednesday 22nd January – opening of hearings.

We will look to engage in this process and keep you updated as matters progress. The documents from the Inspector mentioned above can be found on our web site should you be interested.

Transport | Green Lanes/Hedge Lane junction

Case Reference: 101001163402:

We recently received an update on the Green Lanes/Hedge Lane junction:

Enfield Council is currently working closely with designers to finalise the concept design for the Green Lanes/Hedge Lane junction. This project aims to enhance pedestrian safety and demonstrates our ongoing commitment to improving the pedestrian environment and reducing collisions involving pedestrians over the long term. We expect the proposed concept design to be finalised early in the new year, provided that the proposals will be accepted by TfL.

Please note that the funding received from TfL covers only the concept design phase. Further funding from TfL will be required to proceed with the detailed design and construction stages.

Kind regards,

Mikey Christoforou MCIPR
Communications Officer
Journeys and Places | London Borough of Enfield

Our thanks to Cllr Maria Alexandrou for sharing this.



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Wards and councillors | Working in partnership

I mentioned in a previous update that I would be reaching out to our councillors I'm happy to confirm we now have some dates in the diary. Below are the question we raised with them:

- What is the council's strategy on public transport?
 - a. Is there a strategy for bus services across the borough (who owns it?) and specifically the W9. Members are calling out the lack live tracking for the W9, to quote one member *"Metroline who run W9 say the issue is for TfL to resolve. Without this we don't know when the next bus is coming which, given they are only at 15 min intervals, is a long wait, or as happened to me twice recently I walked off only for the bus to arrive at the stop a few moments later."*

The committee reached out to the new provider and they responded "We are aware of the issues affecting the route times and all the digital apps in regard of W9 route. Unfortunately, these are not caused by Metroline system failures, and we are all relying on TfL to restore the correct information and tracking systems as soon as possible"
 - a. Are there any plans to introduce a park and ride facility as there used to be at Arnos Groves – We are seeing car parks closing for development purposes.
- Enfield Plan
 - a. The Enfield Plan references development that could impact the volume of commuters is there a plan around Tubes & Overground services.
 - b. How will the high street be made attractive to businesses. The Plan promises a vibrant high street based on attracting tech and other service providers rather than retail. While we appreciate the effort to encourage public transport use, we know that businesses cannot thrive if customers and staff cannot park nearby with ease, or have to pay too much for daily parking. With CPZ being proposed for the whole area, it looks like parking will inevitably become a big problem in the area.
 - c. Infrastructure: schools. Historically, there has been an area around the Lakes Estate which is outside the catchment area of all local primary schools, leading to time-poor parents having to drive to schools further away. Walker School is the only one within reach and it is oversubscribed (St Monicas is Catholic). There was an idea to build a school in a corner of Groveland's Park but this was abandoned. What is the plan for expansion of primary school places?
 - d. Infrastructure: GPs. After the closure of the GP practice on Old Park Road, other practices, in particular the Winchmore Hill practice that took on all the patients, have become overstretched. How will the care needs of the residents in all the new buildings be catered for?



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 - e. It has been acknowledged that Enfield has a growing elderly population. How have the needs of this demographic been included in the Plan? We are worried about the closure of almost all station car parks, the reported closure of the only Dementia Centre, the cost of CPZ parking for older people on limited incomes, and the increasing waiting times for GP and similar appointments as a result of high-density developments.
 - f. Affordable housing - The main reason given by the Council for its plan to build on Green Belt land is the need for affordable family-sized accommodation, with a declared intention to require 50% genuinely affordable units. We read that Barrats, one of the largest developers, have pulled out of several proposed schemes on the basis that 50% is not financially viable. We are concerned that the sacrifice of the green belt will be wasted if, under pressure from developers, Enfield ends up watering down the requirements for affordable housing
- Pedestrian lights at Bourne Hill/Hedge Lane junction: Can our Councillors please find out the timeline Enfield Council and TfL are working to introduce pedestrian light crossings here. TfL have funded Enfield Council to carry out planning/possible design which Enfield Council say they are now doing. How can we ensure this is high priority for Council
- Does the council have a plan for the pavements in the Lakes estate as we are receiving reports from members of the poor condition and that some residents are opting to use the road.
- Statistically car related crime and theft in Enfield is materially higher than the national average as a percentage of total crime. We do see less violence and crimes of a sexual nature (based on the Home Offices published data) does the council have a plan on crime? What are your views on how safe it is to life in Enfield?
- How would you characterise the council's relationship with its residents? What challenges are there? Is there trust and respect in either direction? Where are the opportunities to bring about change for the better? If that is needed? Perhaps you feel there isn't an issue.
- Are reductions in funding the reason for the significant debt the council carries and what is the impact to services? What plan is there to address this debt and reverse any reduction of services. Who in our community is being impacted the most by these funding issues?

To be clear some of these questions our local ward councillors may not be in a position to address but in those instances, we would ask they be submitted to the council.

I will look to provide updates in our next newsletter but wanted to share these questions with you in the first instance.



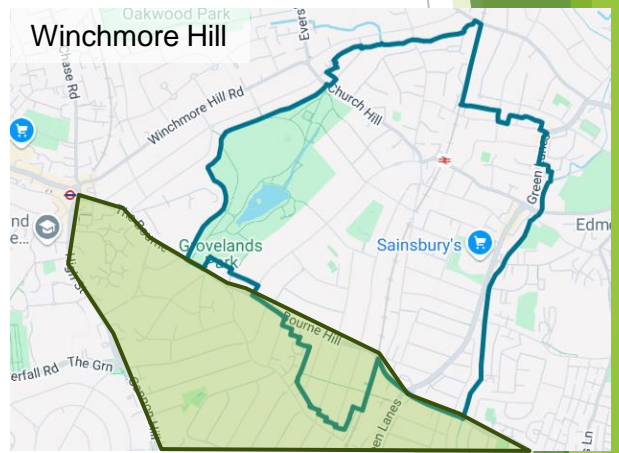
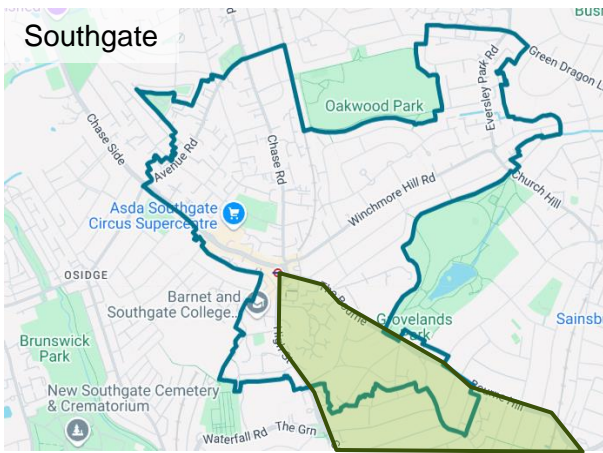
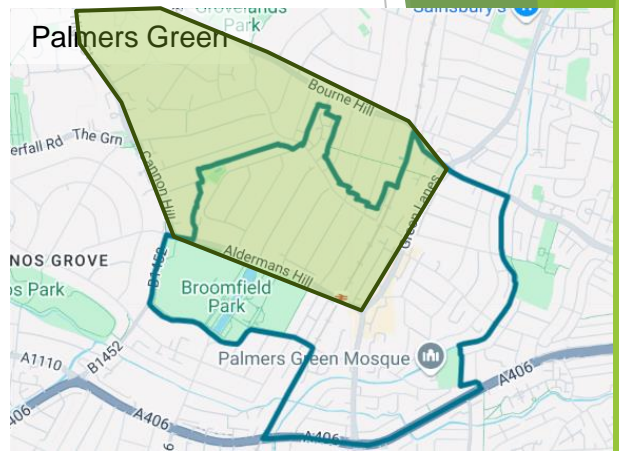
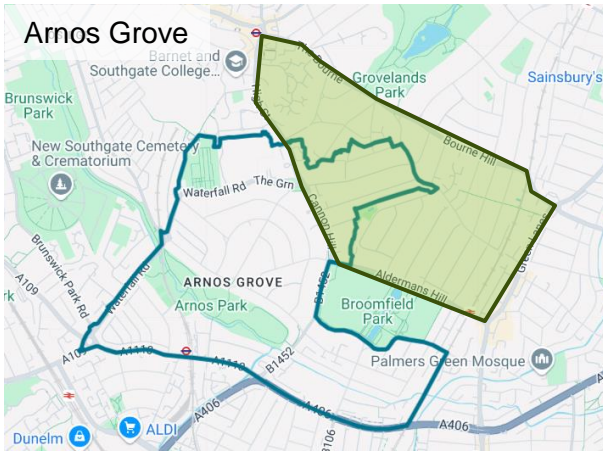
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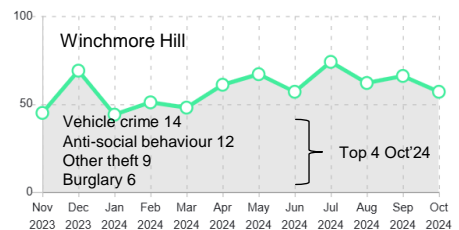
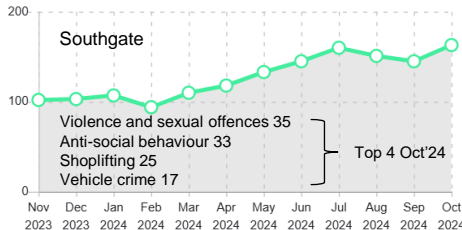
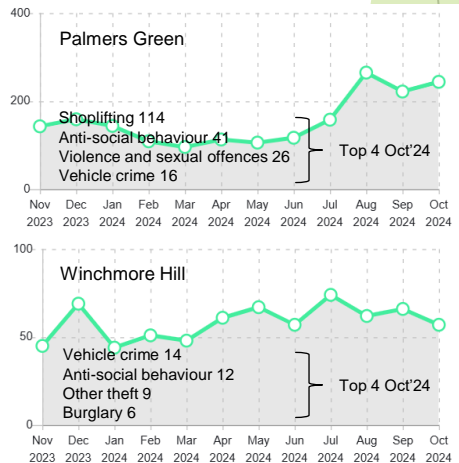
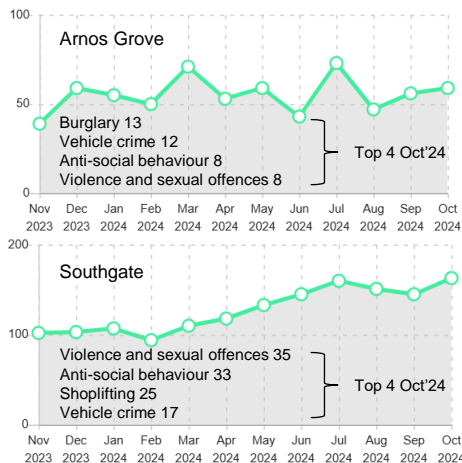
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Crime & Safety | Metropolitan Police Services

In our last newsletter we talked to Enfield as whole and said that this month we would start to dig into the local statistics. It's worth noting we are covered by 4 Metropolitan Police Services



As you can see there isn't one specific force that covers our catchment area.



The data above and specifically the top 4 reported crimes change materially dependant on the specific areas so this is something we will look at in detail over the coming issues as the published data does allow us to dig into our specific catchment area across the 4 forces.



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Local developments | Updates



There are a number of developments in local Pubs namely the Heartwood Collection acquisition of The Woodman, from Marstons. The acquisition will see the pub undergo an extensive multi-million-pound refurbishment to create 150 internal covers with a further 60 external covers.

More recently the announcement by Mitchell's and Butlers of their development plans for Ye Olde Cherry Tree. Below is a response from their CEO in regard to the proposed change of name and refocus of the pub to become a brasserie we thought you might like to read:

Thank-you for your email and having been in the hospitality business for as long as I have, I know how emotive it can be when companies like Mitchells & Butlers change long-established pub names. As you rightly say, in this instance we are bringing our Browns Brasserie to Southgate, and the problem we have, is that Browns is not a pub brand. However, we had the same issue in Ruislip, where we converted a Harvester to a Browns, and locals asked us whether in doing so, we could resurrect the original pub name, The George. In that instance, we were bringing back a name, so slightly different, but we did so by having a brass plaque referring to The George, whilst 'Browns' is still the main branding. I guess there would be no harm in looking at whether we could do something similar here. It wouldn't quite be your "Browns at the Cherry Tree" headline, but it would keep the heritage, by acknowledging that it will still be the Cherry Tree for those that know it as such. I will ask our Project team to take a look at this, and see what is possible. Kind regards Phil Urban

As we (FLDRA) hear more we will be sure to share with you, alternatively we are keen to hear your views on these developments.



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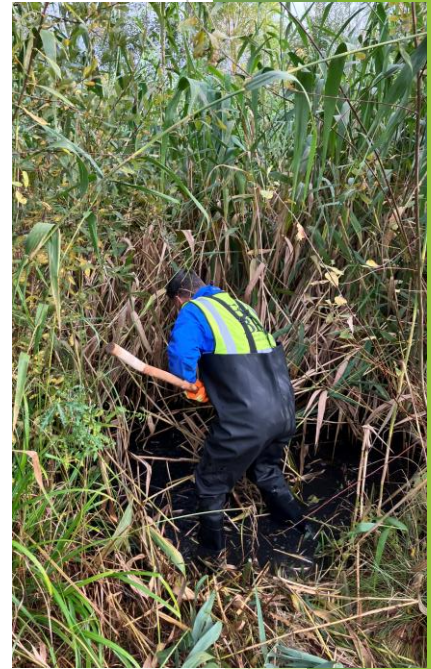
Environment | Broomfield Wetland Management Workday

On Wednesday 27th November the FoBP joined a corporate volunteer group from Thames 21 and members of Enfield Council to carry out the second year of the management plan for the Broomfield Wetland.

The purpose of this is to reduce overgrowth of the reedbeds and surrounding willow trees and remove organic waste to allow the wetland to fulfil its purpose in flood prevention and cleaning water on its way through to the river Lee. The management plan requires for the cutting back of approximately one third of the reedbed each year, in a three-year cycle, and removal of the reeds from the site for composting elsewhere as well as clearing inlets, outlets and walkways.

The volunteers will be working for the morning, the work will involve some volunteers working in the water with chest waders and arm length waterproof gloves and more working on the wetland banks and parkland.

The team says "This should be a good work-out and great fun!"



What's next| Next Issue of our newsletter

- Support your local business | You may be surprised at what we actually have available to us from local businesses. We explore what we have on our doorstep.
- WhatsApp community | The FLDRA is looking to introduce a FLDRA WhatsApp community
- 2024 Round Up | Summary of the year



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As the seasons start changing....
Some beautiful scenes snapped by Judith our
Membership Secretary on a recent walk in the park