

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TURKEY STREET WARD FORUM HELD ON MONDAY, 10TH JULY, 2017

Kempe Hall,
Kempe Road,
Enfield, EN1 4QW

Present; Councillors Dino Lemonides Katherine Chibah & Toby Simon, PC Aspinall, Mick Lerpiniere (LBE Council Housing) and 20 residents

1. APOLOGIES

Councillor Pite (due to her own Ward Forum). Councillors also apologised for the gap between meetings. This had been due to the by-election in Enfield Lock followed by the National General election.

2. UPDATE FROM POLICE

- a. The police reported that they now had 'body worn video' which should have a significant effect on conviction rates and guilty pleas. There had been a significant decrease in crime recently, with robberies halved and burglaries down even more. However, there was an unacceptable level of vehicle crime at Turkey Street station.
- b. Residents raised speeding issues. PC Aspinall reported that the speed guns have now been re-calibrated and were now available to his team. He had received special training in their use. Residents asked if they could assist by being trained to use speed guns as other constabularies did, but he understood that the Metropolitan Police did not favour this.
- c. Residents also noted the level of bicycle misbehaviour in Bullsmoor lane.

3. HIGH-RISE BUILDINGS IN THE BOROUGH

- D. Mick reported on high-rise buildings in the Borough following the Grenfell Tower disaster. Enfield had 54 high-rises of which three had cladding, which was now being removed from Dorset & Keys houses in the neighbouring ward of Enfield Lock. Inspections were undertaken to ensure that fire appliances could easily get access to high rises and for obstructions within the building.

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4. PARKING AND YELLOW LINES

- E. Yellow lines in Turkey Street; councillors reported that these have now been commissioned, following completion of legal processes and would be installed as soon as possible.
- F. Residents noted the problems of parking outside schools, notably Capel Manor. It was suggested that parent associations might be helpful in reducing this. Councillors explained that parking enforcement was a matter for the local authority and will take it up with the relevant team.
- G. Request for yellow lines at the junction of Bullsmoor Close; residents reported that refuse lorries had been unable to access the Close several times in recent weeks and asked that this be prioritised. If the bin lorry could not get through, it blocks the road which was an access point for a significant community, with over two hundred dwellings
- H. Residents could report parking contraventions on 020 8443 0602

5. TURKEY BROOK

- I. There was a continuing problem of fly tipping and rat investigation. Residents noted that
 - i. a pizza shop regularly dumped waste food into the brook, by the bridge at the junction with Hertford Road;
 - ii. there was a significant rat problem at the eastern end of Gilbert Street;
 - iii. there was a fly tip at 1 Turkey Street, opposite number 44; and
 - iv. the culvert at the railway station was also problematic.
- J. Councillor Chibah reported that the Environment Agency, which had responsibility for the water course, was unwilling to use rat poison because of the existence of a family of water voles which are a protected species. She was in continued correspondence with them about this.
- K. The Council had acquired a patch of land, about a decade ago, to the east of 1 Turkey Street which it promised to maintain but was not doing so.

There was also a tree overhanging the brook between 3 & 5

Turkey Street

6. M25/A10 ISSUES FOR TFL/HA

- M. Councillor Simon reported that the Highways Agency recently announced that it was favouring option 2, which was the more extensive widening of the junction. Residents asked that they be properly involved consulted for

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any further consultations; consultation had been much more extensive in Broxbourne than in Enfield.

- N. They asked that there should be stricter enforcement of the yellow box at the A10/Bullsmoor Lane junction.
- O. They also asked what was the purpose of the resurfacing of the Highways Agency compound to the south west of the M25 junction.
- P. The underpass for the A10 at Bullsmoor lane was being used as a toilet and needed cleaning and maintenance. A resident suggested that special paint which reflected urine back at the perpetrator might be a useful option.

7. ENVIRONMENTAL, HOUSING & ESTATE ISSUES OF CONCERN

- Q. Residents asked whether permits to use the Civic Amenity site at Barrowell Green were available for those who hold whose only vehicle is a van, but were transporting only non-commercial waste; and whether residents were permitted to her other than to hire a van.
- R. The Railway bridge at Hoe Lane was increasingly obstructed by vegetation.

8. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

These were agreed and the attached feedback on various issues provided by officers was noted.

9. DATE AND LOCATION OF NEXT MEETING

Monday October 2nd at 7.30pm Kempe Hall, Kempe Road, Enfield, EN1 4QW.

10. COMMENTS BY OFFICERS

Item f. With over ninety schools in the borough and limited civil enforcement officers it would not be possible to have continuous patrols at any particular school. The council's parking contractor (NSL) has been asked to make extra visits to Capel Manor School in September when the school is back open.

Item g. At the current time, we do not have sufficient resources to undertake further schemes until those ongoing schemes reach their

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conclusion. Beyond this, new schemes will continue to be taken forward on a priority basis. As part of our ongoing assessments, we continue to liaise with our Waste Services teams. They provide regular updates on areas in which their crews experience the most significant delays or obstructions. We will consider that information when we re-assess further requests to be taken forward as part of our programme later this year.

We do acknowledge that for those concerned there is a wish for their request to be treated as a matter of urgency. This is often put to us when those requests are being made. Regrettably, limited funding and resources restrict the number of requests that can be taken forward at any one time. All requests must be reviewed with a certain level of objectivity and not all can be treated as a priority and progressed with the same level of urgency.

Item i. In terms of the brook, Street Cleaning undertakes periodic litter & waste removal from Turkey Brook. This includes the area around the Hertford Road Bridge which also suffers fly tipping.

Item k. It is confirmed that the area adjacent to No 1 Turkey Brook falls within Enfield Parks service for maintenance. Parks will arrange for the immediate removal of the flytip waste and will also ensure that fence lines are cleared to prevent encroachment onto the pavement.

Item l. The area of land to the rear 3 to 5 Turkey Street is not council owned. If the trees in question are located between the rear fence line and Turkey Brook then the obligation for maintenance is with the property owner. If the trees are posing a hazard to public safety along foot path 129 from Turkey Street to Waltham Garden then an arboricultural officer can inspect and advise accordingly if required.

Item m. (Response from Highways Agency).The public consultation for the M25 junction 25 improvement scheme was held from 16 January to 28 February 2017. A letter of invitation to attend the public exhibition events was issued in advance of the consultation period to around 50,000 households. Information was also available on our website, at public libraries and advertised in the Essex Enquirer. When the preferred route announcement was issued on 28 June, that announced we would proceed with Option 2, we did not repeat the above mailout to residents and instead we wrote to all 411 respondents that completed a questionnaire from the public consultation, to inform them of the outcome. Information was again placed on our website, at public libraries and advertised in the Essex Enquirer. A public exhibition will take place in early 2018 and we can of course write directly to these households to inform them of the details nearer the time, if you can please provide the addresses/postcodes to write to.

The meeting ended at Time Not Specified.