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WINCHMORE HILL WARD FORUM - 1.7.2022

**MINIUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WINCHMORE HILL
WARD FORUM HELD ON FRIDAY, 1ST JULY, 2022**

MEMBERS: Councillors

Officers:

Also Attending:

1. **WINCHMORE HILL WARD FORUM - MINUTES - 1 JULY 2022**

The meeting ended at Time Not Specified.

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Winchmore Hill ward forum 1.7.22 at Quaker House at 7pm

- Welcome and introduction by the ward councillors.
- Update from police- Mariya Angelova

Police Contact Details

Ward phone 020 8721 2681 (not covered 24/7) or call 101. Call 999 for emergency

Direct email Winchmorehill.snt@met.police.uk

Ward crime levels relatively low in comparison with other areas of the borough. Crime levels such as residential burglary improved from last year. Vehicle crime still high but overall lower this year.

- Councillor updates
 - Winchmore Hill Ward councillors are Maria Alexandrou and Lee Chamberlain, and the ward is now a two member ward following boundary changes.
Election results - Cllr Maria Alexandrou, 1899 votes and Lee Chamberlain, 1725 votes.
 - Planning application 76 Broad Walk N21 3BJ, reference 22/02126/CND was discussed. Cllr Chamberlain noted the legal requirement on him as a planning member to wait until the decision to determine a view on the application.
 - Low Traffic Neighbourhood Schemes LTNs - one community fundraising to commence legal proceedings against the council's position to make Fox Lane road closures permanent- contact onecommunitystoptln@gmail.com or call 07956 664077.
 - Forest School, Grovelands Park - Mike Campbell spoke on his proposed business:
 - All day outdoor nursery. There are 160 in the UK. The nursery hopes to open in August starting with 12 children aged 2 to 5. The staff pupil ratio will be 1 to 4. It is a private business and pays the council £1000 per year in rent fees. Will open 50 weeks per year Monday-Friday 9am-3pm in most weathers. No half days. Drop off is encouraged through the various entrances in park. Activities to be centred in park in forest area between Seaforth Gardens and Branscombe Gardens.
 - Resident concerns expressed included:
 - Proportion of staff to children.
 - Child safety.
 - Toilet facilities (toilet tent to be erected each day).
 - Other side of park might be better.
 - Consultation of the slip road closure, the Green A plan has been drafted and is awaiting approval which will be sent to businesses and residents around the Green including Wilson Street. Once the consultation is open, resident were requested to send in their views on the proposed changes to remove the problems of parking, the loading bays, motorbikes, rubbish etc.

- Residents' Questions/issues
 - Toilets in Grovelands Park- need renovating and be better maintained.
Action Cllr Alexandrou.
 - Increasing traffic speed along Church Hill was a concern. Action was requested, including a speed survey.
Action Cllr Chamberlain.
 - Problem parking in Wilson Street.
Action Cllr Alexandrou.
 - Cigarette butts on the grass on the Green and around the benches. Cleansing and enforcement required.
Action Cllr Chamberlain.
 - It was asked if there would be a summer Fair on the Green in 2023? It was not known at this point.
 - The extension to the ULEZ was discussed. The consensus was that it will impact unfairly on poorer residents who cannot afford to change car or pay the charge.
 - Lack of electric charging points in Winchmore hill was noted. This would be investigated.
Action Cllr Chamberlain
 - Enfield Local plan was raised along with residents objections to Sainsburys Green Lanes N21 3RS redevelopment. With the supermarket and car park being changed to mixed use homes and non residential floorspace. Concerns over the impact on the environment, local traffic, infrastructure were raised. Views can be send by email to localplan@enfield.gov.uk by noon Monday 13th September.
 - Concerns over too many inappropriate buildings/towers in Enfield were expressed. It was noted that there are enough brownfield sites and residents do not want to building on the Green Belt.
Interest was expressed on the changes at the Sidings site, alongside Winchmore Hill Station, it would be investigated.
Action Cllr Alexandrou.

Meeting closed at 8:40pm.

	January	February	March	April	May	June
2021						
Residential Burglary	5	3	2	3	3	2
Attempted Burglary	3	2	2	0	0	0
Commercial Burglary	0	3	2	1	4	2
Attempted Commercial Burglary	0	0	0	0	1	1
TFMV	9	11	18	10	8	8
TOMV	7	5	5	10	4	4
Robbery	0	1	0	0	0	2
Theft person	0	0	0	0	2	3
Assault	2	5	3	2	3	3

	January	February	March	April	May	June
2022						
Residential Burglary	3	2	1	5	6	2
Attempted Burglary	1	0	0	0	6	0
Commercial Burglary	2	0	0	1	2	0
Attempted Commercial Burglary	0	0	0	0	0	0
TFMV	5	4	6	3	4	7
TOMV	8	3	7	6	4	6
Robbery	0	0	0	0	1	2
Theft person	0	0	1	0	1	1
Assault	2	1	1	1	1	0

	January	February	March	April	May	June
2021						
Burglary	8	6	6	4	8	5
Motor Vehicle	16	16	23	22	12	12
Robbery	0	1	0	0	0	2
2022						
Burglary	6	2	1	2	10	2
Motor Vehicle	13	7	13	6	8	13
Robbery	0	0	1	2	3	2

MAY 2022

Burglary

Firs Lane 01/05/2022, a window and lock were broken, untidy search, a lot of values have been stolen

Park drive -04/05/2022 a window was smashed and untidy searched

Fox lane-11/05/2022 a window was smashed, nothing stolen

Bourne hill 13/05/2022- entry gained through front doors, cash and jewellery stolen

Broad walk 26/05/2022-window broken to get entry, cash stolen from a hand bag

Cosgrove close-31/05/2022- padlock damaged to get entry, untidy search, nothing stolen

Attempted Burglary

Highfield rd-11/05/2022 6 males with a knife smashed a window and tried to enter a property

Hounsden Rd- 22/05/22 a garage has been broken into and tools stolen

Queens Avenue-20/05/2022 a male presenting him as a gas worker was let into the property. He was asked to leave after a short while. Nothing stolen or damaged

Crothall close- 01/06/2022- front door forced, untidy search

Cosgrove close-31/05/2022- forced entry through front door, untidy search

Queens Av. 20/05/2022-attempted burglary

Commercial Burglary

The Green-01/05/2022, front door was damaged to get entry, unknown what is stolen

Green Lanes 08/05/2022-front window broken, untidy search conducted

Vehicle Crime

Station Road 03/05/2022, a person was seen to enter the vehicle and after noticing he left

Stonard road 10/05/2022 -theft of motor vehicle

JUNE 2022

Burglary

Compton Rd -09/06/2022- Residential Burglary a garage was broken into and tools were stolen

Crothall Close 01/06/2022 - Front door was forced open and untidy search was conducted

Attempted Burglary

Commercial Burglary

Vehicle Crime

Brackendale Rd. 09/06/2022 Theft from MV

Woodcroft Av 10/06/2022 Theft from MV

Shrubbery Gardens 10/06/2022 Theft of Motor vehicle

Broadfields Av.11/06/22 Theft of MV

Fords Rd 11/06/2022 Theft of MV

Lytton Av 5215167/22 Theft of Motor

Vicars Moor Lane 02/06/2022 Theft of MV

Vicars Moor Lane 16/06/2022 Theft of MV

Green end 17/06/2022 Theft from MV

Station rdoad 17/06/2022 Theft from MV

Avondale road 18/06/2022 Theft from MV

Hillfield park 19/06/2022 Theft from MV

Cosgrove Road 20/06/2022 Theft from MV

Wades hill 22/06/2022 Theft of MV

Broad walk 22/06/2022 Theft from MV

Making a Planning objection

The determination of a planning application is a quasi-judicial process – this means it is more tightly governed by legislation than most other decisions that the council makes. The council can be severely financially penalised if it makes a decision that is subsequently challenged, through the Planning Appeal

In writing a letter of objection to a planning application, the biggest mistake can be making your letter too personal. The temptation is understandable when you feel so outraged and fearful about the proposal. But you only weaken your case if you include points that bear no relevance to the planning guidelines that planners will weigh the proposal against. For every legitimate objection to a planning proposal there is another completely irrelevant objection to be made.

The key is to find out which is which and stick to the former, make sure you keep your objection letter business like and relevant, and communicate with the planning officer in a language they understand.

The way to object to Enfield Council about a planning application is to write to the Planning Department quoting the planning application number, either by post or by e-mail planning.decisions@enfield.gov.uk or make comment online via the following link:

<https://new.enfield.gov.uk/services/planning/applying-for-planning-permission/the-planning-register/>

Your objection will have more effect if a number of people write in to object, but do not be tempted to organise a petition; it will not carry any weight. Also avoid using a 'standard' letter. Objectors should use their own words and write their letters themselves.

The officers or councillors who determine a planning application are required by law to determine such matters in accordance with "the Development Plan", unless material considerations indicate otherwise.

A material consideration is a matter that should be taken into account in deciding a planning application or on an appeal against a planning decision.

Material considerations can include (but are not limited to):

- Adverse effect on the residential amenity of neighbours, by reason of (among other factors) noise*, disturbance*, overlooking, loss of privacy, overshadowing, etc. [*but note that this does not include noise or disturbance arising from the actual execution of the works, which will not be taken into account]
- Unacceptably high density / overdevelopment of the site, especially if it involves loss of garden land or the open aspect of the neighbourhood (so-called 'garden grabbing')
- Visual impact of the development
- Effect of the development on the character of the neighbourhood
- Design (including bulk and massing, detailing and materials, if these form part of the application)
- The proposed development is over-bearing, out-of-scale or out of character in terms of its appearance compared with existing development in the vicinity
- If in a Conservation Area, adverse effect of the development on the character and appearance of the Conservation Area. If near a Listed Building, adverse effect of the development on the setting of the Listed Building.
- The development would adversely affect highway safety or the convenience of road users, but only if there is technical evidence to back up such a claim.
- Parking
- Government policy
- Disabled persons' access
- Proposals in the Development Plan
- Previous planning decisions (including appeal decisions)
- Nature conservation

However, issues such as loss of view, or negative effect on the value of properties are not material considerations.