

Southgate Green Ward Forum

7th October 2014 7.15pm

Southgate Beaumont, Cannon Hill

Chair: Cllr Daniel Anderson (Southgate Green, Labour)

Cllr Alessandro Georgiou (Southgate Green, Conservative)

Cllr Claire Stewart (Southgate Green, Labour)

Cllr Bambos Charalambous (Associate Cabinet Member for Enfield West)

Welcome and introductions

-Cllr Anderson welcomed all residents to the first Southgate Green Ward Forum and introduced Cllr Georgiou, Cllr Stewart, Cllr Charalambous and Police Community Support Officer Stuart Juffs.

Community policing issues – PCSO Stuart Juffs

-Stuart Juffs informed residents that their latest operation (Operation Autumn Nights) was underway to tackle burglaries and motor vehicle thefts.

-There have been complaints of anti-social behaviour in parts of the ward and Cllr Anderson and Stuart Juffs completed a ward walk around to identify hot spots. There have also been a lot of complaints about youth anti-social behaviour behind the High Road blocks by Friern Barnet Road.

-Stuart Juffs is based at Southgate Police Station on Wednesday, Thursday and Saturdays from 7pm to 8pm.

-The Police are able to carry out home visits for residents in Southgate Green to help identify areas of concern and give advice on how to make homes more secure.

Ritz Parade Development Plans

-The briefing note outlined three proposed options for the Ritz Parade Development.

- The general view of residents was that the Ritz Parade façade, at least, should be preserved (this could be preserved legally) and that the building could provide a community centre as outlined in the NCAAP.

-Residents wanted to be able to feed into the consultation much earlier than January.

-The Councillors agreed with residents that the next Ward Forum (November) will focus mainly on the Ritz Parade development.

School admissions

-Residents highlighted their preference for Primary School places within walking distance of their homes.

-It was recognised that though there is a general pressure on places across Southgate Green, the area of the Lakes Estate has a high need for primary school places, and it is here where there is no possible site for a school, which is having a knock-on effect for the rest of South West Enfield,

-Cllr Charalambous spoke about the new two form entry school proposed for Grovelands Park and the expansion at Garfield School.

-Residents were supportive of the Grovelands Park proposal and asked that Southgate Green Councillors lobby for and support the proposal.

Arnos Grove Car Park

-Some residents were unaware of the proposed development at Arnos Grove station car park.

-Concerns were raised about the reduction in car parking spaces, increased population density and further pressures on local facilities and school places. It was recognised that developers do not take into account the need for educational facilities and other services.

-Residents asked that Councillors put pressure on all relevant agencies to work together, rather than in the current fragmented way, to ensure that more facilities are provided.

- Residents were unclear of whether this development had already been agreed and concerns were expressed that LBE did not appear to have a parking strategy.

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'Other significant sites with potential to contribute to the regeneration of the area include the land around Arnos Grove Station. However, TfL are currently considering the redevelopment of these sites given their current use in providing popular commuter parking.'

Broomfield House

-Cllr Charalambous informed residents that a Broomfield House Partnership Board had been set up. An options appraisal and a Conservation Management Plan are being carried out and the Council are looking at the Heritage Lottery Fund.

Air quality

-There is a borough-wide air quality monitoring project taking place in collaboration with University College London. This will give a comprehensive view of the borough's air quality.

-Residents were concerned that, if the Pinkham Way site were to be developed, it would result in a huge increase in traffic fumes from large lorries travelling to the site. Cllr Anderson stated that Ian Davis, Director of Environment at Enfield Council did not feel that there would be any development on the Pinkham Way site in the next year.

Brief updates

-The Fox Lane and District area has been nominated to be a quieter neighbourhood area. There will be an open meeting on 12th November so that any resident in the area can have their say. Council officers will be attending to talk about the quieter neighbourhood area.

-The Pinkham Way Alliance has researched a potential flood risk in the area and surface water management. The site at Pinkham Way is approximately 6.5 hectares of absorbent land, which may be stopping flooding on the North Circular Road. Enfield Council has a surface water management plan but Haringey and Barnet do not seem to. Broomfield school area and the Railway Bridge are potential risk areas.

-There have been changes in the Environment Crime and Waste Enforcement teams at Enfield Council. However, there is still an expectation that Officers should be able to respond to queries/reports in three working days.

-South West Enfield Partnership (SWEP) will be starting up again soon and we hope to receive details in the near future.

Councillor updates

-Cllr Georgiou informed residents that he had been working on casework surrounding asphaltting on Selborne Road.

-Cllr Stewart informed the residents that she was on the Enfield in Bloom committee and they were looking for sites across the borough to plant bulbs. Cllr Stewart invited residents to suggest some sites for this.

Date/venue of next meeting:

Tuesday 18th November, 7.15pm

Bowes Primary School, Bowes Road, London N11 2HL