



**Minutes: Cockfosters Ward Forum - 7.30pm, Wednesday 12th September at Vita Pax Church Hall, 29 Bramley Road, Cockfosters, N14 4HE**

Attendance: Cllr Alessandro Georgiou (Conservative), Cllr Elaine Hayward (Conservative), Cllr Edward Smith (Conservative)

**Agenda**

1. Introductions

- All three newly elected Cockfosters Ward Councillors introduced themselves to those present. They set out their priorities for the ward.

2. Crime update from the local Neighbourhood Police Team

- PC Carl Bliss presented to the Ward Forum the latest crime statistics (attached)
- There was a concern from residents about the significant number of car thefts within the Cockfosters area
- Residents noted there were desecrations of graves in the Islington Cemetery as well as suspicious behaviour from an individual which had already been brought to the attention of the police
- It was clear that residents throughout the ward felt that burglaries were on the rise and of great concern
- PC Bliss notified the forum that hand held speed cameras would soon be used in the Cockfosters Ward and rat-running would be a priority for the police in Hadley Wood which is an area chronically affected by speeding

3.

a) Public concerts in Trent Park

- There were a number of questions from residents regarding the 51<sup>st</sup> state event held in Trent Park on 4<sup>th</sup> August 2018
- PC Carl Bliss stated that there would be a report from the lead police officer present at the event which should be made available in due course
- Residents stated that there was a significant level of disruption, aggressive behaviour and littering from those attending the event
- Councillors expressed their frustration at the way TfL handled the significant number of people attending the event.
- All Councillors committed themselves to oppose similar events in the future and any event that would cause disruption to those that live within the surrounding area of Trent Park

b) Traffic and parking issues along and around the A111 and Cockfosters Parade

- There was an update from Councillors on action taken to alleviate traffic along the A111/Cockfosters Road. There was a commitment from Councillors that all roads surrounding Cockfosters Road would be consulted upon on how best to tackle the worsening traffic situation
- Residents asked questions about the status of the Black Horse Tower development and the impact a significant increase in population would have on traffic.
- One suggestion for the alleviation of traffic was that Cycle Lanes could be used along Cockfosters road. Councillors said that they would review this suggestion and assess the benefits it may have. One further suggestion was a possible road widening at the top of Westpole Avenue (end closest to Cockfosters Parade)
- Residents noted that the traffic light crossings near the Chicken Shed Theatre and Cockfosters Underground station should be reviewed as they could be two factors in the significant traffic issues on Cockfosters Road
- One resident requested that Sussex Way become a one-way road

c) Highways, pavement and other environmental issues

- Councillors updated the forum that they had conducted a significant amount of ward work to look at littering, anti-social behaviour and environmental issues (drain flooding) throughout the ward

4. Local concerns. This is an opportunity for residents to raise environmental and other matters with their local councillors. It would be helpful if you email us before the meeting about any particular issues so that we can look into them beforehand. Our contact details are below.

- Illegal dumping was raised as significant concern.