

Minutes of the Cockfosters Ward Forum – held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 19 March 2019 at Hadley Wood Association Centre, 1-7 Crescent East, Hadley Wood, EN4 0EL

Present: Councillor Alessandro Georgiou, Councillor Elaine Hayward and Councillor Edward Smith

**1. Introductions**

- a. The Chairman of the meeting, Cllr Elaine Hayward, introduced the three ward Councillors and thanked the Hadley Wood Association for use of their venue

**2. Crime Update by police:**

- a. PC Carl Bliss updated residents on current crime statistics and ongoing investigations that are a result of regular and possibly connected offenses.
- b. Residents raised the following concerns during this item:
  - i. Illegal raves in Trent Park
  - ii. Speeding along Westpole, Beech Hill and Lancaster Avenue
  - iii. Anti-social behavior outside Cockfosters Underground station
  - iv. Concerns regarding car thefts and thefts from vehicles
  - v. Burglaries were also felt to have been on the rise

**3. Update - Public Concerts in Trent Park**

- a. The three Councillors updated residents on the licensing proposals from Elrow and 51<sup>st</sup> State event organisers. Colin Bull from CLARA also updated the meeting on the work they were doing on this issues.
- b. Residents were deeply concerned with the number of people attending these events and the anti-social behavior it would lead to. The three Councillors stated their opposition to these two events.
- c. Residents also noted that there had been an application for the Bramley Road Sports Ground (Saracens Club and Cricket Ground). The Councillors reaffirmed their position that they were also against the Fancy Fair event on the grounds and shared the concerns residents had about parking, anti-social behavior and damage to the grounds

**4. Update - Traffic and Parking**

- a. Councillors updated the forum on work that was being done to alleviate congestion across the ward in particular Cockfosters Road. Councillors noted their conversations with TfL and the Council as well as with other stakeholders.
- b. Councillors restated that residents of Westpole Avenue would also soon be part of an informal consultation on speeding.

**5. Local concerns – Councillors have since followed up on all requests and issued raised**

- a. Residents were concerned about the move to fortnightly bin collections and the level of Council tax paid without an improvement on services from Enfield
- b. A resident noted that parking restrictions in the surrounding roads of Hadley Wood station were not being enforced

- c. Inappropriate parking across the whole ward was raised by residents, in particular outside shops along Cockfosters Road
- d. Fly tipping was also noted as an issue in Oakwood
- e. Residents were deeply concerned that Enfield Councils planning department were not enforcing planning restrictions on developments