

Winchmore Hill Ward Forum - 25.4.23 Quaker House - Minutes

1. Welcome

Cllr Chamberlain welcomed residents to the meeting.

2. Police update

Police ward contact number: 07721 479449 winchmore.snt@met.police.uk – Call 999 in emergencies and 101 at other times.

PCSO Luke Lancaster & PC Anwar Miah gave an update on crime in Winchmore Hill.

They reported that looking at the indicators the crime rate in Winchmore Hill was relatively low in comparison to other wards locally.

They noted that there had been a spate of thefts from cars and car thefts at bottom of Bourne Hill. They advised to keep smart keyless entry keys in a Faraday security pouch, fit a tracking device, and use a steering wheel lock. Broad Walk burglaries had occurred where the houses backed onto Grovelands Park. The park gates are now closed at night and this now seems to have subsided.

Residents' Questions/Issues Raised:

- a. Moped delivery bikers are driving over the pavement on The Green. The groups are also intimidating. Speed is also an issue.
- b. Cars park on pavement near Salisbury pub
- c. Car racers in Fords Grove car park. It was noted that a gate was now installed a gate and the Council was issuing keys to season ticket holders.
- d. Residents reported seeing weed being smoked in in parked cars by Brackendale, Woodcroft and Beechdale at 8pm-10pm on a regular basis.
- e. A complaint was raised regarding electric scooters speeding in cycle lanes.

Police to investigate the issues raised and undertook to visit the Green to look at some of the issue raised.

3. ULEZ

It was noted that the High Court has ruled that there is sufficient evidence that the Mayor's ULEZ decision may have been unlawful. A judicial review launched by 5 opposing councils have now been given the green light to proceed to trial on 2 grounds

- Failure to comply with relevant statutory requirements.
- The proposed scrappage scheme was not consulted upon
- Residents questioned air quality data and impact on trade's people.

A general discussion was held on the issue.

4. Southgate Circus to Great Cambridge junction Cycling route

It was noted that the consultation had been extended to 30.4.23. It was reachable with some effort via <http://letstalk.enfield.gov.uk> residents were encourage to reply to the consultation, but the general feedback was that the information consulted on was too vague and unclear how it would be implimented.

Residents' Questions/Comments

- a. A number of comments were expressed over the vagueness of the plan as is. It was not clear what its purpose was or what impact it would have on the built environment. With the increased congestion on Southgate High Street, it was asked if these cycle routes be partitioned like cycle lanes.
- b. W6 bus on that route, need more buses not cycle routes.
- c. Floating bus stops are a dangerous problem on cycle lanes.
- d. Businesses closed since cycle lanes introduced- look at Palmers Green high street.

5. On The Green Consultation report

Deferred – Waiting on Council for report which is not ready yet. The consultation was carried out over a year ago.

Residents Questions/Comments

- a. Bikers riding on the pavement leaving, cigarette butts,
- b. Rubbish collections leading to littering with bags being split.
- c. Remove bench near Going Greek to stop litter, add hanging baskets, adjust position of planters.

6. Resident Questions/Comments

Advance Questions/Comments

Bob Ladell representing Woodcroft Wildspace, N21 3PT a volunteer run wildspace advertised their Wildstock Music Festival on Sunday 21 May 1-5pm in aid of Little Sparks. He also noted some points of interest regarding the space, they have school visits, support Duke of Edinburgh Awards activities, support Cooking Champions, St Marks Adult Autistic do gardening. They run an apple tasting event in September.

Questions/Comments from the floor

- a. Residents expressed their view that they did not want the tower blocks proposed at several sites around the borough.
- b. Back land development was ruining the character of the area.
- c. Parliamentary Boundary changes were discussed. Winchmore Hill Ward could be part of Edmonton, decision by June/July.
- d. Pedestrian crossing needed on Bourne Hill and Wades Hill as it's dangerous to cross
- e. The level of use of the 456 bus was questioned, a number of residents testified that it was well used.
- f. Booking system at Barrowell Green – it was noted by a resident that it was unofficially possible to go without appointment if it is quiet. They wondered if number recognition might be used to speed up the appointments system.

7. AOB.

- Voter ID is to be introduced and will be required at polling stations, Visit www.enfield.gov.uk or call 020 3821 1813 or email elections@enfield.gov.uk
 - UK passport, driving licence, Blue Badge, government issued photo ID like Oyster card
- Residents were warned to be especially careful around the areas where cameras were now being used to replace barriers. The school street fines were noted and LTN PCN fines were now over £5.5m.
- Grovelands Bowling Club – meetings 20 May, 28 May, 30 July was recommended.
- Cashless parking machines - 45 minute free parking machines now installed in Fords Grove car park and Lodge Drive car park and from the 4 May you can pay at 150 pay-point shops in Enfield or use the phone number as well as the phone app. Councillor were concerned regarding the impact on residents without smart phone access.

Meeting Closed 8:38pm.