

Neighbourhood Governance

Note of Lady Margaret Ward Forum Meeting

Lady Margaret Ward Forum meeting – held on Friday 12th September 2008 at 7.30pm at the Christ The Redeemer Church, Allenby Road UB1 2HE

Present: Councillor Gurcharan Singh (Chair), Councillor Keith, Councillor Jandu

Attendees: Over 55 people attended with 32 signing the attendance sheet.

Note taker: Kofi Nyamah (KN) - Neighbourhood Co-ordinator (West)

Apologies: None

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| 1. | <p>Welcome and introductions</p> <p>The meeting started at 7:35pm in the hall of Christ The Redeemer Church, Allenby Road with Councillor G Singh (Chair) welcomed those present and introduced Councillors Keith, Jandu and Ealing Council officer, Kofi Nyamah.</p> | |
| 2. | <p>Ward forum arrangements</p> <p>Councillor G Singh said the new Ward Forum would replace and differ with the previous Area Committee. He explained the ward forum has been allocated £40,000 and this was available for projects such as traffic schemes, minor controlled parking zones (CPZ) schemes, crime reduction items and street clean-ups to improve the ward.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Resident enquired if the money could be accumulated with other funding to finance larger projects. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Any monies not spent or committed for spend by a ward forum at the end of the 2008/09 financial year must be reported within the budget Cabinet report in July 2009 and that Cabinet be asked to consider carrying forward any underspend into the 2009/10 financial year |

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| 3. | <p>Update of local projects in progress</p> <p>Councillor G Singh</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Over £1 million spent on improving Jubilee Library and its services - Consultation regarding Greenford Park improvements were ongoing and due to end on 26 September 2008 - A resident enquired about the redevelopment of Spikesbridge Park and its long standing crime problems <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Councillor G Singh replied that a contractor who proposed to utilise park had backed away. £50,000 had been allocated for the park, but the contractor failed to reach agreement - Resident stated a previous proposal was made for the running track in Spikesbridge Park to be upgraded for better use. The facilities are inadequate; there are better facilities at similar parks in other areas of the borough. - Ealing Council has a 10-year plan to resurface carriageways with roads within Lady Margaret ward. These include Windermere Road, Hillside Road and Cranliegh Gardens scheduled for resurfacing. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Expressions of interest are currently being sought for Spikesbridge Park, further information can be found at: http://www.ealing.gov.uk/services/business/procurement/tender_opportunities/ |
| 4. | <p>Suggestions from residents present at meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Street lighting on Allenby Road is poor, van deliveries to the alleyway at rear of shops result in buses having to mount the footpath in order to pass. (ii) There have been speed humps put in on Allenby Road by the council and then removed (iii) Poor vehicle parking on Allenby Road, pedestrians are forced into walking off the footpath and onto the road | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) An additional street light to be recommended ii) Councillor G Singh replied he was in ongoing discussions with the council highway department regarding Allenby Road iii) Issues to be resolved after Traffic Orders are advertised |

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| | <p>(iv) Allenby Road recycling centre should be relocated as it attracts added refuse</p> <p>(v) Alley-gating locations were discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 29-31 Bycroft Road. ▪ 141-143 Ascot Gardens to Maple Grove ▪ 56-90 Mansell Road leading to Purcell Road ▪ 95-97 Westbury Road ▪ 25-27 Cedar Grove leading to Ash Grove and Sunnycroft Road ▪ 98-104 Mornington Road to 1 Avon Road <p>(v) Traffic calming measures not consistent along Allenby Road. Small humps encouraged speeding along Allenby Road until North Road. Could speed humps be moved further down Allenby Road towards North Road?</p> <p>(vi) Speed cameras on Somerset Road to enforce against speeding vehicles and the removal of the many speed humps that increase the problem of vehicle noise nuisance</p> <p>(vii) 20mph signage on carriageway and 30mph signposts is confusing. Could signposts be moved to Ruislip Road?</p> | <p>iv) Recycling centres are on a daily cleanse schedule (to remove any excess rubbish/recycling or fly tips) and are monitored by the street cleansing monitoring officers. Information from residents should be passed back via the council switchboard if centres are not be used correctly or are in a poor state.</p> <p>v) Lady Margaret Police Safer Neighbourhood Team have forwarded statements in support of alley-gating at the following locations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 25-27 Cedar Grove leading to 25-27 & 34-36 Ash Grove and to 24-26 Sunnycroft Road - 95-97 & 107-109 Westbury Road leading to 110-112 & 122-124 Rutland Road - 24 Purcell Road leading to 66-68 & 78-80 Mansell Road and adjacent to 29 Fermoy Road <p>vi) Hump locations are fixed. Cushions are installed because Allenby Road is a bus route.</p> <p>vii) Councillor Keith said feedback from residents regarding 20mph zone schemes can be forwarded by email or telephone to the Ealing Council scrutiny panel</p> <p>Ealing Council scrutiny: Tel: (020) 8825 7946 Email: scrutiny@ealing.gov.uk</p> |

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| | <p>(viii) Traffic congestion on Lady Margaret Road shopping parade slip road causing aggravation amongst drivers. Could one-way system be introduced?</p> <p>(ix) Due to the high level of traffic on Lady Margaret Road particularly in the early and later times of day, could vehicle weight restrictions be looked into? It is a pollution problem as two schools are located on Lady Margaret Road</p> <p>(x) Yellow-line marking on road junctions of Mornington Road. Vehicle access into and out of road is made difficult by parked vehicles on junctions</p> <p>(xi) New street name signs to replace existing signs on concrete blocks in Rosecroft Road</p> <p>(xii) Can disused Cabletron cable boxes along Neal Avenue be removed? Neal Avenue is located outside Lady Margaret ward and falls within Greenford Broadway ward</p> <p>(xiii) Fixing of broken footpath slabs on Bycroft Road</p> | <p>viii) One-way system on Lady Margaret Road service road to numbers 177-223 to improve traffic conditions and flow to be recommended</p> <p>ix) Councillor G Singh said that traffic calming including a Zebra crossing had been implemented on Lady Margaret Road</p> <p>x) Traffic orders for Mornington Road and Allenby Road are due to be advertised</p> <p>xi) Highways inspection will be carried out for existing signs; only defaced or damaged signs will be replaced</p> <p>xii) Neal Avenue is in the neighbouring Greenford Broadway ward. Proposal forwarded to Greenford Broadway ward forum</p> <p>xiii) Highway inspectors carry out routine safety inspection of carriageways and footway depending on their priority. Defects are recorded according to the set down national criteria and orders issued to the highway contractors to carry out remedial works as necessary</p> |

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| | <p>(xiv) Vehicles parking on dropped kerbs block access on Lady Margaret Road. Ealing Council need to enforce driveways with unauthorised dropped kerbs</p> <p>(xv) Hanging flower baskets were proposed for Allenby Road</p> <p>(xvi) Costs of dropped kerb installation are expensive. If a road is due for resurfacing could affected residents be contacted beforehand and a reduced dropped kerb installation charge offered?</p> | <p>xiv) Ealing Council is currently reviewing its strategy regarding the enforcement of unauthorised dropped kerbs, if you would like to report an unauthorised dropped kerb, contact:</p> <p>Ealing Customer Services Customer service centre, Perceval House, 14-16 Uxbridge Road, Ealing W5 2HL Office hours: Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm Tel: (020) 8825 6000 (Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm) Email: customers@ealing.gov.uk</p> <p>xv) Not supported as not deemed a priority</p> <p>xvi) The minimum cost for a vehicle crossover is in the region of £750 depending on a site survey. Residents are given the option to apply and if approved have the vehicle crossover installed at a reduced price. In the future, residents will be sent a letter prior to commencement of a Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ), to enable them to apply for dropped kerb</p> |

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| | <p>(xvii) Resident asked if funding could be used to prevent fireworks noise and nuisance, particularly from front garden of houses in the period of Diwali and Bonfire Night.</p> | <p>xvii) Councillor G Singh said sanctions are already in place and the Ealing Council noise and pollution team would enforce such problems. Residents need to make the council aware of such anti-social behaviour</p> <p>Ealing Council noise and pollution team: Monday-Friday 8.30am-midnight - Tel: (020) 8825 8111 Friday 11pm-Saturday 4am - Tel: (020) 8825 5000 Saturday 11pm-Sunday 4am - Tel: (020) 8825 5000</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Halloween and Fireworks Project involving the council, the police and Fire Service was a borough wide operation aimed at reducing Anti-social behaviour, Robbery and Burglary over the 2-week period from 27 October – 09 November 2008. Environmental Health & Trading Standards officers ran inspection visits with the fire brigade to premises selling fireworks - In Southall the following results were captured during the two weeks operation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Media coverage of the Halloween and Fireworks operation involving three Southall based radio stations; Sunrise, Desi and Westside ▪ Six Council community safety marquee sessions - at these sessions over 800 attack alarms, 900 Stay Safe leaflets, 400 purse chains, 60 24-hour timers, 300 fireworks safety leaflets, 700 robbery leaflets and 80 safe travel wallets were distributed to the people of Southall |

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| | <p>(xix) King Georges Field not used by residents due to poor maintenance of its facilities. This results in attracting anti-social behaviour. Could new facilities be provided?</p> <p>(xx) Installation of fencing along Purcell Road, Mansell Road and Mornington Road the lack of fencing is resulting in security concerns</p> <p>(xxi) Alleyway behind 458-522 Lady Margaret Road from Hillside Road to Greenford High School being used as walkway by school children. Could metal railings and yellow-line be placed for child safety?</p> <p>(xxi) Trees should be considered for planting along Bycroft Road</p> | <p>xviii) The range of facilities that can be provided on King Georges Field are limited as the council only manages the land and the facilities must relate to sport. Any additional facilities would need to be check whether they could be provided on the site with the Charity Commission</p> <p>xix)</p> <p>xx) Alleyway behind 458-522 Lady Margaret Road is in the neighbouring Greenford Broadway ward. Proposal forwarded to Greenford Broadway ward forum</p> <p>xxi) At present there are five replanting locations available</p> |
| 5. | Meeting concluded at 9:10pm. | |

Additional ideas received for ward projects:

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| 6. | <p>A request was made to resurface and widen the footpath at gate 44, located at the canal side of Spikesbridge Park. Elderly people were unable to walk towards the canal path, particularly in the early morning due to the narrow path and its poor condition (forwarded from Dormers Wells ward forum).</p> | <p>- Ealing parks and countryside responses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ At the entrance to the park there is some grass on the left hand side. The path could be widened at this point ▪ The path is in reasonably good condition with a few cracks/bumps/holes in the tarmac ▪ A wheelchair would be able to use the majority of the path with no difficulty at all, with only a few minor setbacks i.e. no big potholes to get stuck in just a little uneven ground ▪ Three people abreast could walk down the whole stretch of the path from Spikesbridge Road to the bridge over the canal |