

FBWRA Chairman's Report for February 2022 Committee Meeting for website

Planning –

Barnet House – The planning officer continues to ignore my requests concerning the estimate of the actual parking requirement likely to arise from the development proposals, even after yet another reminder. Accordingly it is now intended to contact the management of the Planning Department. A draft letter has been circulated and I plan to send it on 31st January. FOI request for the data obtained to ascertain likely parking requirement still outstanding (this is to test if they have done this). FOI request about PTAL rating confirms this is 4 –so the Council should not be accepting the developer's argument that it is 4/5.

Application 20/5845/FUL St Johns Church Hall N20 0LP- still currently “pending decision”.

Application 21/4178/FUL Proposal for BT Hub outside 836 High Road London N12 9RE (North Finchley Sainsbury's) – on the Council website this is still “pending decision”. As well as Ravensdale Ave RA The Finchley Society also understand that it has been refused .

Application 21/ 5449/FUL 1522 High Road London N20 9PT Demolition of existing dwelling and construction of a new two storey dwelling with basement level and rooms in the roof space, to provide 8no. self-contained flats. Still pending consideration.

Application 21/6624/PNT - monopole opposite Friern Barnet Library – I made an objection. As discussed I also used Mailchimp, to invite our members to do likewise. They did- there were enough objections to preclude officers approving the application under delegated powers. The application has now been refused.

21/6764/PNU Additional storey at second floor level 53 Ribblesdale Avenue London N11 3PQ Having inspected, I have submitted a “neutral “ response, asking that if approved there should be a condition that the other two houses in the terrace are also altered in this way (the application appears to refer to this being intended).One neighbour has objected – interference with daylight.

Council planning website. Responses of statutory consultees in relation to planning applications should be posted on the planning website. I wrote to the Head of Development Management Planning and Building Control about this. He responded that he would remind staff about this but that responses (or not) from external consultees were not within their control- which is correct, but not (as I pointed out to him) in relation to consultations with Council departments – e.g. Highways.

Parking surveys to support planning applications. I raised the inadequacies of the “Lambeth Model” with the planning department. The Head of Development Management Planning and Building Control (above) has responded that he has asked the Highways Department to let him have comments. Still waiting for the response from the Highways Department. Reminder to be sent to him.

North Finchley Town Centre development. I made a FOI request to the Council to try to identify relevant Council landholdings for the Arts Depot. External resources demonstrate that the reply received is incomplete. I have requested an updated response (still awaited). Response to FOI

request about parking arrangements when Lodge Lane Car park is closed- still awaited (discussion with senior officer indicates no consideration has been given to this).

The same discussion with the same senior officer confirmed the interpretation of the proposed legal agreements in terms of Council property sales previously discussed. Plans from the Report on the legal agreements have now been obtained. They show the “Stage 1 “ sites to be Lodge Lane and others around and including the Arts Depot.

Finchley Society Planning Committee –I participated in the January meeting. North Finchley Town Centre development was discussed and I gave an update on Barnet House.

Highways - Friary Park Zebra crossing – FoI response indicates the Council has no proposals for altering the crossing and not many records of accidents/near misses there. I have received a comment from a member living near to the crossing that he would not wish the crossing to be “platformed” as this would increase vehicle noise.

- FBL congestion. Questionnaire printed, distributed and a good rate of responses obtained. Now being analysed

Display Boards – possibility of borrowing from the History Society – further investigation required (outstanding action on my part)

Ravensdale Ave RA. Waiting to hear from RARA after a Committee meeting. The Secretary and I may be invited to attend their AGM in April to discuss the future relationship between the two Associations, but prior to that I expect we will have a second meeting with their Chairman..

New member - new member living in the Sweets Way development, who is interested in being actively involved. The Secretary and I are meeting this new member tomorrow (29 January)

Chaville Court flooding. Thames Water advise further work, a root cut and lining work within the foul water sewer, outside Chaville Court completed 24th January. I am attending a meeting with Thames, organised by Theresa Villier’s office, on 31 January. I have also been interviewed by the Barnet Post in connection with an article they are writing about sewer overflows across the Borough.

Website- following a comment received from a member I have expanded the Data Protection wording on the website(previously it only related to membership details and not to other personal information)