

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

Planning –

Barnet House – Letter sent to senior planners as previously indicated. No specific response and now temporarily overtaken by the Planning Committee refusal of the application and the developer's appeal.

Representations for appeal submitted 6 March and circulated to the Committee. Although the Inquiry is officially notified as due to be held in May, discussions with the planning consultants acting for Baxendale Residents and the Care Home suggests that the actual date might not be for many months. Contact established with Chairman of Baxendale RA. Enquiry of Cllr Barry Rawlings elicited the response that if the Labour Group control the Council after the elections they will instruct planners to continue to resist the appeal

Application 20/5845/FUL St Johns Church Hall N20 0LP- still currently "pending decision. No developments showing on Council website since early December !

Application 21/4178/FUL Proposal for BT Hub outside 836 High Road London N12 9RE (North Finchley Sainsbury's) – - now showing as "refused" on Council website

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.

21/6764/PNU Additional storey at second floor level 53 Ribblesdale Avenue London N11 3PQ . The application has been refused.

22/0310/HSE 277 Oakleigh Road North N20 0DG – application for alterations and garden building-objection submitted

143 FBL and 79 Chandos Avenue – representations to Planning Inspector submitted on these two planning appeals, reiterating our previous objections.

Enforcement action- at the request of a local resident I submitted requests or enforcement action to the planning department for two properties, one in Oakleigh Road North

Parking surveys to support planning applications. As previously advised, I raised the inadequacies of the "Lambeth Model" with the planning department. The Head of Development Management Planning and Building Control (above) has finally responded with Highways Department comments- which are somewhat uninformative.

North Finchley Town Centre development. Further FOI response from Council to identify relevant Council landholdings for the Arts Depot received. Response to FOI request about parking arrangements when Lodge Lane Car park is closed- refused as "drafts" are excluded from FOI. (earlier discussion with senior officer indicates no consideration has been given to this).

Now covered in Newsletter article.

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. Another member copied FBWRA in on complaint to Highways Dept that he had nearly been run over on the crossing- and the same recently happened to my wife and a friend. We discussed this last meeting for later action.

- FBL congestion. Next steps – analysis to be completed

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

Ravensdale Ave RA. – RARA do not wish to proceed.

Chaville Court flooding. – Thames Water now extending area of work down to main sewer at A406.

AGM arrangements – I have now personally acquired the new laptop and projector ready for the AGM . I now have to test them. Invitation sent to TV. No response so far. Risk assessment prepared as expected by our insurers. AGM sub- committee met 28 Feb.

FOI – request for numbers of senior Council officers/Capita staff with homes in the Borough submitted. Response will possibly be material for a Newsletter article.