

# Federation of Residents' Associations of Barnet (FORAB)

Chair: Gordon Massey

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## Minutes of the Meeting held at 7pm on Thursday 14th April 2022 via Zoom

### Present:

Gordon Massey	Barnet RA	Chair
David Thompson	Friern Barnet & Whetstone RA	
Frank Orman	Mill Hill RA	
Jes Howey	Railway Terraces RA	
John Dix	New Barnet Community Association	
Karen Miller	New Barnet Community Association	
Paul Flashman	Totteridge RA	
Peter McCluskie	Hampstead Garden Suburb RA	
Peter Pickering	Finchley Society	
Rob White	East Barnet RA	Secretary
Robin Bishop	Barnet Society	
Salim Sabri	West Finchley RA	Treasurer
Sheila Shannon	Finchley Society	
Tim Stevenson	Lodge Lane N12 RA	
Tony Zeilinger		

### Introduction

Gordon welcomed everyone to the meeting, and introduced Peter McCluskie – first time at FORAB representing Hampstead Garden Suburb RA.

### Agenda Items

- 1. Apologies:** Daniela Boyce (Lodge Lane N12 RA).
- 2. Minutes of meeting on 23rd November 2021:** accepted.
- 3. Matters Arising:** none. Gordon thanked David for circulating a note with his inputs before the meeting and encouraged others to do the same for next time.
- 4. Local Plan EIP** (examination in public): Nick Lynch's email explains process. Doubts about the draft Plan's list of development opportunities. Foul sewer flooding can be a capacity issue. Concerns that the Plan is taking too long and could be out of date.
- 5. Proposed Planning Bill:** Michael Gove dropped previous bill, but sparse information about new bill – focus may be on brownfield sites and densification (based on [Supurbia](#)). The Queen's speech and subsequent debate may reveal more.
- 6. Update on major development schemes:**
  - a. Barnet House - rejected and now at appeal based on "non determination".

- b. B&Q - SoS may call in, but not sure how that will end.
- c. Finchley Central & High Barnet Stations - no news.
- d. Cockfosters Station - Grant Shapps vetoed plans, waiting to see if Judicial Review is pursued.
- e. Arnos Grove Station - Planning Inspector granted permission at appeal. Potential intervention by Grant Shapps.
- f. Victoria Quarter - Refused at Planning Committee meeting, appeal based on "non determination". NBCA to be Rule 6 participant in the inquiry.
- g. Homebase North Finchley - amended plans do not satisfy the appeal's reasons for refusal.
- h. NLBP (North London Business Park) - Mayor's Stage 1 report on the proposed doubling of units only recently received. It informs Barnet Council that the development does not conform to the London Plan so should be refused. Planning Committee decision now likely to be in the Autumn.
- i. Finchley Memorial - Judicial Review being pursued to try to overturn Barnet's consent.
- j. Hendon Hub - Judicial Review being proposed.
- k. Mill Hill Battery Storage - Proposed facility on greenbelt land unanimously refused by Barnet Council.

## **7. Upward extensions**

Hartnell Court in Finchley Central 'permitted development' application for two extra floors and 50% increase in units was refused and now at appeal.

Other PD examples should take note of the inspector's decision on an appeal against refusal for a conversion in Beaconsfield Road N11 (see email circulated to FORAB on 31st March 2022).

## **8. Hot food take-aways**

There is now a regulation that these are not allowed to open within 400 metres of an education establishment. A recent opening in High Barnet was refused permission for hot food and has now opened as drinks only (bubble tea).

## **9. Telecoms Masts**

FBWRA opposing a mast near a listed church, revised plan almost the same.

HGS has successfully prevented masts thanks to two conservation areas.

Victoria Rec mast controversial because some want better coverage but others object to masts close to houses.

Barnet Council should be approached suggesting a policy of shorter 5G masts.

## **10. Low Traffic Neighbourhoods**

One proposed in Burnt Oak was rejected by councillors and residents' opposition.

No other proposals currently identified. Need to ensure proper consultations are held.

## **11. Ultra Low Emission Zone**

Mayor is proposing to extend ULEZ to the whole of London by the end of 2023.

## **12. Congestion Charge**

A pay-per-mile option may be considered as a long term option instead of extending this zone.

### **13. Local Plan Guidance Documents**

Three new guides coming from GLA: Characterisation and Growth, Small Site Design Codes, and Optimising Site Capacity: Design-Led Approach. May be useful to refer to when opposing developments. Details will be circulated when they are published.

### **14. Next London Plan**

Work starts after the May elections.

### **15. Communications with Barnet Council**

Can be poor response from Council departments. May be due to capacity issues. Frank: Graham Perrier is a responsive highways inspector. John: Peter Zinkin is influential and worth contacting if other responses fail.

NLWA runs Summers Lane depot and appointments still required. Others like timed slots to minimise queues. Difficult to contact NLWA with issues.

### **16. Large Events in Parks**

Oak Hill Park (East Barnet) had a rave and music festival planned for August, but nobody was consulted or even knew about it. Trying to get it stopped.

Mill Hill - proposal from Council to hold events for up to 5,000 people without any consultation. 51st State festival planned for Cophall Fields. Rob to send Frank details of the problems experienced in Cockfosters when 51st State was held there.

### **17. Next Meetings**

There was a vote on whether to hold meetings in Zoom or in person for the rest of this year: 9 for Zoom and 2 for in person.

The date of the next meeting will be discussed and agreed in due course, perhaps in 3 or 4 months.

Gordon thanked Karen for hosting this Zoom meeting, and the meeting closed at 8:50pm

### **Associations in FORAB**

A list of the Associations in FORAB (currently 17) is maintained at [forab.org.uk/members](https://forab.org.uk/members) with links to their own websites or Facebook groups where available. Please advise Rob ([rob@eastbar.net](mailto:rob@eastbar.net)) of any changes.