

Winchmore Hill ward forum 1.7.22 at Quaker House at 7pm

- Welcome and introduction by the ward councillors.
- Update from police- Mariya Angelova

Police Contact Details

Ward phone 020 8721 2681 (not covered 24/7) or call 101. Call 999 for emergency

Direct email Winchmorehill.snt@met.police.uk

Ward crime levels relatively low in comparison with other areas of the borough. Crime levels such as residential burglary improved from last year. Vehicle crime still high but overall lower this year.

- Councillor updates
 - Winchmore Hill Ward councillors are Maria Alexandrou and Lee Chamberlain, and the ward is now a two member ward following boundary changes.
Election results - Cllr Maria Alexandrou, 1899 votes and Lee Chamberlain, 1725 votes.
 - Planning application 76 Broad Walk N21 3BJ, reference 22/02126/CND was discussed. Cllr Chamberlain noted the legal requirement on him as a planning member to wait until the decision to determine a view on the application.
 - Low Traffic Neighbourhood Schemes LTNs - one community fundraising to commence legal proceedings against the council's position to make Fox Lane road closures permanent- contact onecommunitystoptln@gmail.com or call 07956 664077.
 - Forest School, Grovelands Park - Mike Campbell spoke on his proposed business:
 - All day outdoor nursery. There are 160 in the UK. The nursery hopes to open in August starting with 12 children aged 2 to 5. The staff pupil ratio will be 1 to 4. It is a private business and pays the council £1000 per year in rent fees. Will open 50 weeks per year Monday-Friday 9am-3pm in most weathers. No half days. Drop off is encouraged through the various entrances in park. Activities to be centred in park in forest area between Seaforth Gardens and Branscombe Gardens.
 - Resident concerns expressed included:
 - Proportion of staff to children.
 - Child safety.
 - Toilet facilities (toilet tent to be erected each day).
 - Other side of park might be better.
 - Consultation of the slip road closure, the Green A plan has been drafted and is awaiting approval which will be sent to businesses and residents around the Green including Wilson Street. Once the consultation is open, resident were requested to send in their views on the proposed changes to remove the problems of parking, the loading bays, motorbikes, rubbish etc.

- Residents' Questions/issues
 - Toilets in Grovelands Park- need renovating and be better maintained.
Action Cllr Alexandrou.
 - Increasing traffic speed along Church Hill was a concern. Action was requested, including a speed survey.
Action Cllr Chamberlain.
 - Problem parking in Wilson Street.
Action Cllr Alexandrou.
 - Cigarette butts on the grass on the Green and around the benches. Cleansing and enforcement required.
Action Cllr Chamberlain.
 - It was asked if there would be a summer Fair on the Green in 2023? It was not known at this point.
 - The extension to the ULEZ was discussed. The consensus was that it will impact unfairly on poorer residents who cannot afford to change car or pay the charge.
 - Lack of electric charging points in Winchmore hill was noted. This would be investigated.
Action Cllr Chamberlain
 - Enfield Local plan was raised along with residents objections to Sainsburys Green Lanes N21 3RS redevelopment. With the supermarket and car park being changed to mixed use homes and non residential floorspace. Concerns over the impact on the environment, local traffic, infrastructure were raised. Views can be send by email to localplan@enfield.gov.uk by noon Monday 13th September.
 - Concerns over too many inappropriate buildings/towers in Enfield were expressed. It was noted that there are enough brownfield sites and residents do not want to building on the Green Belt.
Interest was expressed on the changes at the Sidings site, alongside Winchmore Hill Station, it would be investigated.
Action Cllr Alexandrou.

Meeting closed at 8:40pm.