#### NOTICE OF MEETING

# ENVIRONMENT AND COMMUNITY SAFETY SCRUTINY PANEL

Thursday, 3rd March, 2022, 6.30 pm – Team Space 1, Level 2, 40 Cumberland Road, Wood Green N22 7SG (watch the live meeting Here watch the recording here)

**Members:** Councillors Scott Emery, Julia Ogiehor, Kaushika Amin, Gideon Bull, Dana Carlin, Eldridge Culverwell and Preston Tabois

**Co-optees/Non Voting Members:** Ian Sygrave (Haringey Association of Neighbourhood Watches) (Co-Optee)

Quorum: 3

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#### 2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

#### 3. ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS

The Chair will consider the admission of any late items of urgent business (late items will be considered under the agenda item where they appear. New items will be dealt with as noted below).



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#### 5. DEPUTATIONS/PETITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/QUESTIONS

To consider any requests received in accordance with Part 4, Section B, Paragraph 29 of the Council's Constitution.

#### 6. MINUTES (PAGES 1 - 10)

To approve the minutes of the previous meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> December.

#### 7. UPDATE ON FLY TIPPING STRATEGY (PAGES 11 - 22)

#### 8. UPDATE ON PARKING MANAGEMENT IT SYSTEM

Verbal update.

### 9. Q&A WITH THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CUSTOMER SERVICE, WELFARE AND THE PUBLIC REALM

Verbal Update

## 10. UPDATE ON THE WORKS AT STANHOPE ROAD BRIDGE (PAGES 23 - 38)

#### 11. WORK PROGRAMME UPDATE (PAGES 39 - 44)

To note the work programme.

#### 12. NEW ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS

To consider any items admitted at item 3 above.

#### 13. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

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Wednesday, 23 February 2022



## MINUTES OF MEETING Environment and Community Safety Scrutiny Panel HELD ON Tuesday, 14th December, 2021, 6.30 pm

#### PRESENT:

Councillors: Scott Emery, Gideon Bull, Dana Carlin and Eldridge Culverwell

ALSO ATTENDING: Ian Sygrave.

#### 116. FILMING AT MEETINGS

The Chair referred Members present to agenda Item 1 as shown on the agenda in respect of filming at this meeting, and Members noted the information contained therein'.

#### 117. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Ogiehor and Cllr Amin.

#### 118. ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS

None

#### 119. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

#### 120. DEPUTATIONS/PETITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/QUESTIONS

None.

#### 121. MINUTES

#### **RESOLVED**

That the minutes of the previous meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> November were agreed as a correct record.

#### 122. TREES UPDATE

The Panel received a presentation which provided an update around Queen's Wood, Parkland Walk, street trees, funding for new trees and staffing resources within the Trees team. The presentation was introduced by Simon Farrow, Highways, Parking,



Parks & Open Spaces Manager as set out in the agenda pack at pages 9-18. Alex Fraser, Principal Tree & Nature Conservation Manager, was also present for this agenda item. Cllr Hakata, Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport and the Climate Emergency and Deputy Leader of the Council, was also present for this agenda item. The following arose during the discussion of the presentation:

- a. The Panel sought clarification around the number of trees removed in a year. The Panel noted that the presentation stated that 191 trees had been removed in the previous year, whilst the budget papers for agenda Item 9, suggested that it was 300. In response officers advised that 191 was an average, but that that the service had been removing more trees, particularly due to a backlog associated with Covid. Officers clarified that 191 related to removal of street trees whilst the 300 figure included trees in parks and open spaces.
- b. A Panel Member welcomed the fact that the Trees team was up to full strength but raised concerns around a failure to respond to a specific enquiry for five months. Officers offered their apologies for the failure to respond and advised that the service had been operating at 40% capacity for some time.
- c. The Panel noted that in relation to Parkland Walk, one of the key lessons learnt was around contractors cutting down trees that were beyond the scope of the works and assurances were sought that rigorous monitoring of contractors was taking place. In response, officers advised that the team had undergone a fundamental restructure and that contract monitoring was much more robust. Officers advised that they did not think that previous mistakes in this regard would be replicated.
- d. In relation to a question around capital funding, officers advised that the existing capital provision from LBH was £70k for tree planting, but that there was further provision for up to £30k in the budget for match funding.
- e. In relation to concerns about Queens Wood, officers advised that the decision to remove the trees was done to mitigate the Council's financial risk from an insurance claim and that it was felt that it was within the Council's interests to mitigate this exposure otherwise they would have potentially been liable for hundreds of thousands of pounds. In relation to a follow up, officers advised that in a similar situation in the future, they would still be minded to remove four out of the five trees, due to the potential cost exposure and the legal advice that they had received.
- f. In relation to a question around trees being felled as part of the bridge replacement works at Stanhope Gardens, officers advised that the new bridge had to be higher than the old one, and that the construction works would kill the affected trees, so a decision had been taken to remove those trees before weeks commenced. It was noted that Planning Permission for those works had been granted the week before.
- g. In relation to concerns about the types of trees planted, officers advised that they typically sought to plant trees that were easy to maintain, suitable to their environment and not prone to particular diseases. This included consideration of proactively trying to improve maintenance costs or the likely impact of a particular type of tree, on a particular location. Officers advised that they effectively had a list of trees to use and that these were much suitable that some of the trees that were planted three or four generations ago.
- h. Officers agreed to provide the Panel with a written response on the felling of trees on Stationers Park as well as the felling of trees in Finsbury Park and the

extent to which the impact on wildlife was considered. (Action: Simon Farrow/Alex Fraser).

- In relation to a particular case involving some large trees near the Roundway, officers advised that regular maintenance was carried out on those trees and that they did look at replacing certain trees with more suitable ones in particular locations.
- j. The Chair advised that she like to see a cost analysis about how much money was spent on mitigating insurance claims against how much was spent on tree maintenance. (Action: Simon Farrow/Alex Fraser).
- k. The Chair also raised concerns about the discrepancy in tree coverage between, the west and the east of the borough and was concerned that the replacement works, and tree sponsorship seemed to be disproportionately focused on the west of the borough and would exacerbate the existing disparity. The Chair requested a breakdown of the number of trees on a ward by-ward basis. (Action: Simon Farrow/Alex Fraser).

#### **RESOLVED**

That the update in relation to trees was noted.

# 123. CABINET MEMBER QUESTIONS WITH THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT, TRANSPORT AND THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY AND DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

The Panel undertook a Q&A session with the Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport and the Climate Emergency and Deputy Leader of the Council on his portfolio. The following arose during the discussion of this agenda item:

- a. The Panel sought assurances around what was being done to engage with young people around wildlife, trees and open spaces. In response, the Cabinet Member advised that the redesign of the Parks staffing structure included an engagement officer and a key part of that role was around outreach work. This outreach work would include engagement with schools and young people. The Cabinet Member set out that a high priority for the Parks service was to engage with groups that were not already well engaged with. Officers added that there was also a full time volunteering officer that had been added to the service and that as part of the parks and Gren Spaces Strategy, engagement would be a key output for the service. One element of the strategy was having an annual celebration of community involvement event and that this would include a specific focus on celebrating involvement in the east of the borough.
- b. The Panel commented that in comparison to other boroughs, it was felt that Haringey's Electric Vehicle charging points were too slow and too expensive to use. The Panel enquired what could be done to improve this. In response, the Cabinet Member advised that the current charging arrangements were predominantly located in parking spaces, these arrangements allowed the Council to significantly increase capacity and the Council was in the process of adding another 80 new chargers in the coming weeks. The Cabinet Member

- acknowledged that the existing chargers were not the fastest on the market. The Council was also looking at introducing a pilot scheme for faster lamp post chargers and it was anticipated that, the two combined, would give the borough a good mix of EV charging infrastructure.
- c. In light of the Leader's recent comments suggesting that the NLWA should pause the procurement exercise for a new waste incinerator at the site in Edmonton, the Panel sought clarification from the Cabinet Member whether that would impact his vote on the issue at the upcoming NLWA meeting. The Cabinet Member recognised that the Leader had a responsibility to speak up on behalf of concerned residents, but he advised that, as a Board Member of the NLWA, he was required by statute to vote in the interests of the NLWA and that he could not be moved to vote in any particular way.
- d. The Panel suggested that a campaign should be launched around restoring civic pride with the aim of tackling fly-tipping. The Panel also suggested that more should be done to educate residents about what materials could and could not be recycled. The Panel further set out that they would like to see the return of the reuse and recycle centre at Ashley Road. The Panel suggested that these were areas that the Cabinet Member could work jointly with Cllr Chandwani. The Cabinet Member advised that he shared the concerns around civic pride and advised the panel members that the NLWA did a lot of work around reduce, reuse and recycling programmes. One example was that the NLWA recently launched a mattress recycling programme and that 1300 mattresses had been recycled to date.
- e. The Panel questioned what could be done in relation to possible insourcing of the leisure contract to level up the disparity in leisure facilities in the east versus the west of the borough. In response, the Cabinet Member commented that the Council was in the process of examining all of its existing external contracts, to see if a better deal could be achieved through insourcing. The Council had recently brought the New River sports centre back in-house, and this centre was under good management and was working well.
- f. The Panel sought clarification on the timetable and consultation proposals for the potential implementation of an LTN scheme around the Ladders, Endymion Road and Wightman Road. In response, the Cabinet Member advised that officers had been collecting a significant amount of traffic data and air quality monitoring data in the area. From this data, preliminary designs would be drawn up and these would be consulted upon with residents and local businesses over the course of January and February. The intention was that this would then be turned in to a piece of genuine co-produced design work that would be ready for early summer. In addition to this, a separate piece of work was being undertaken on Green Lanes to assess the feasibility of accelerating walking, cycling and public transport schemes in this area.
- g. Cllr Chandwani updated the Panel on some of the recent changes to waste legislation and agreed to come back to the next Panel meeting to undertake a Q&A. (Clerk to note).

Noted.

## 124. SCRUTINY OF THE 2022/23 DRAFT BUDGET / 5 YEAR MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY (2022/23-2026/27)

The Panel considered and commented on the Council's 2022/23 Draft Budget / 5-year Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) 2022/23 – 2026/27 proposals relating to the Place priority of the Borough Plan. The papers were introduced by John O'Keefe – Head of Finance (Capital, Place & Regen), as set out in the agenda pack at pages 19-94 of the agenda pack. Along with a cover report the budget papers included the following appendices:

- Appendix A Key lines of enquiry for budget setting
- Appendix B 2022/23 Draft Budget & 2021/26 Medium Term Financial Strategy Report (presented to Cabinet 8<sup>th</sup> December 2020)
- Appendix C 2022/23 New Revenue Budget Proposals
- Appendix D 2022/23 New Capital Budget Proposals
- Appendix E Proposed 2022/23-2026/27 Capital Programme
- Appendix F Previously agreed MTFS savings.

The Panel were advised that there were no new savings proposals put forward in the budget for 2022/23 and that the budget included around £11.8m of growth proposals. There was, therefore, an opportunity for the Council to have some time and space to assess its existing savings programme. There was also a refresh of the Borough Plan underway.

The following arose as part of the discussion of the Draft Budget & 2021/26 Medium Term Financial Strategy:

- a. The Panel sought assurances around the impact of pre-agreed savings that had not been met, particularly given the impact of Covid, on the overall budget picture. In response, officers advised that the papers included a savings tracker, which was RAG rated. The Panel were advised that the extent to which these savings had not been achieved had already been factored into the 2022/23 budget. The savings would be rolled over to the base budget for future years.
- a. The Chair sought clarification around whether there were any new growth proposals for community safety contained within the budget. Officers responded that there were no specific growth proposals in this area. The Chair commented that there were a number of staffing pressures in this area and sought clarification from the Cabinet Member whether discussion to this effect had been undertaken. In response, the Cabinet Member for Community Safety, advised that he was new in post and that no discussions had taken place to date. However, the Cabinet Member advised that he would be looking to pick this up as part of his upcoming one-to-one discussions with officers.
- b. The Panel sought reassurances about a strategy for dealing with waste dumped by private landowners, such as at Somerset Gardens. In response, officers advised that this was something that had been raised in previous budgets, particularly in relation to Housing Associations. Officers advised that they were looking at how to tackle this issue but commented that previous

- experience had shown that it could be challenging to hold landowners to account.
- c. The Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport and the Climate Emergency advised the Panel that he was seeking to improve green spaces in the Borough, and he welcomed the additional investment in the parks team, which he suggested was a three or four fold increase in staffing resources. The Cabinet Member also welcomed the commitment to a net gain in tree numbers year-on-year. The Cabinet Member advised that a key priority for the budget was to increase revenue growth in climate and the environment and ensure additional resources in this area. The Cabinet Member also highlighted the significant additional investment in parks asset management that was reflected in the budget, partially in recognition of the increased profile of parks during the pandemic.
- d. The Panel sought assurances around the additional investment in blocked gullies and whether the investment of £326k was sufficient. In response, the Cabinet Member for Customer Service, Welfare and the Public Realm advised that this was a £326k additional investment into the revenue base budget and that it would, therefore, be available every year, rather than a one-off sum. In addition to the revenue investment there was also a £355k investment in the capital budget for dealing with blocked gullies. The Cabinet Member advised that this funding would be used to ensure that every gully in Haringey was cleaned on an annual basis. It was anticipated that this would make a significant improvement to flooding and blocked drains the borough.
- e. In relation to a question around additional investment in the budget around waste contract changes and whether this had taken into account upcoming legislative changes around waste, such as paper separation, the Cabinet Member advised that these legislative changes were not due to come in to force until 2024/25 and so would need to be factored into the next iteration of the waste contract and subsequent rounds of budget setting. Officers advised that the additional investment related to additional waste disposal costs arising from a shortfall in recycling, some of which was due to changes in what could and could not be recycled. Veolia were no longer required to cover these costs so the Council would need to do so.
- f. The Panel queried whether there was scope for further invest to save proposals into increasing the recycling rate and thereby reduce waste collection costs. In response, the Cabinet Member advised that Haringey was already well ahead of many of the neighbouring boroughs in the NLWA in terms of waste separation. The budget also contained a revenue bid for a recycling officer, which was matched funded by Veolia, and would assist with the education, information and advice agenda around recycling. Officers advised that Haringey was already undertaking a number of the legislative changes that were being brought, such as a separate kitchen waste service and the separation of six items at kerbside. The Cabinet Member emphasised that the additional costs were due to a contractual issue, rather than a performance issue. The Panel was advised that the Council was also piloting a scheme to recycle small electrical items such as toasters.

- g. The Panel sought assurances about deploying any staff that were no longer required as a result of the capital bid around mechanisation of street cleansing. In response, the Cabinet Member advised that the additional investment in mechanical street sweepers had been made in previous rounds of the MTFS. It was clarified that the bid in question was for £96k for additional jet washing equipment. The Panel were also assured that alongside the mechanical street sweeping machines, there was still a requirement for manual sweeping to take place in the nooks and crannies of a particular street.
- h. In response to a question around overlaps in portfolios, the Cabinet Member for Customer Service, Welfare and the Public Realm assured the Panel that she spoke regularly with the Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport and the Climate Emergency and that they worked together closely on a range of issues.
- i. The Panel welcomed the additional investment into cleaning blocked gullies and commented that part of the issue related to historic underinvestment in this area. The Panel sought assurances that troublesome locations would be cleaned more than once a year and that there would also be provision to clean hard to access locations such as Haringey Passage. In response, the Cabinet Member reiterated that the additional investment would allow every drain and gully to be cleaned once a year and she assured the Panel that troublesome locations would receive additional cleaning. The Cabinet Member clarified that this did not mean that instances flooding would never happen again, not least because of London's outdated sewage system, but that Haringey was doing what it could to prevent blockages in the parts of the drainage network that it was responsible for maintaining.
- j. In response to a question, the Cabinet Member advised that part of the cleansing issues in and around Turnpike Lane related to the fact there were timed collections in place and the additional investment in pavement washing equipment would make a difference to this but, it would also be necessary to address the underlying bin containment issue.
- k. The Cabinet Member highlighted the additional investment into maintaining carriageways contained in the budget. In response to a question, it was noted that the £20m investment into this area was a significant amount and it was felt that this was an achievable level of investment.

Following the discussion on the 2022/23 Draft Budget/MTFS 2022/23-2026/27, the Panel put forward the following recommendations to Cabinet, subject to ratification by the parent Overview & Scrutiny Committee:

- 1) The Panel were broadly supportive of the budget proposals and welcomed the level of investment into the borough. The Panel were particularly pleased to see the long overdue investment into the maintenance of the boroughs drains and road gullies, and a commitment that every drainage asset in the borough would be cleaned at least once a year.
- 2) The Panel welcomed the commitment to invest in the borough's tree stock and noted the aim of achieving a net neutral position. The panel advocated for additional investment in this area, above the £75k per year, rising to £100k per year with match funding, that had been allocated in the budget. The Panel felt that Cabinet should make firm commitment to a net increase in the number of

- trees in the borough, particularly in light of the historic decline in tree numbers over recent years due to an underinvestment in this area.
- 3) The Panel sought a commitment from Cabinet that the existing inequities in tree coverage across the borough would be addressed. The Panel noted that the overwhelming number of sponsored trees to date were in the west and centre of the borough. Cabinet should commit to ensuring that the east of the borough was prioritised when planting new trees. Cabinet should also make a specific commitment that low levels of tree coverage in wards such as Tottenham Hale and Bruce Grove would be addressed.
- 4) The Panel requested that Cabinet provided assurances that areas of lighting in parks where sections of the park were lit, whilst others are in shadow, were looked at as part on the investment in improved lighting. As it was felt that this could create a false sense of security for people travelling through parks at night. The Panel would also like assurances that preservation of wildlife habitat will be considered when determining lighting requirements in our parks and open spaces.
- 5) The Panel noted that a large proportion of the active travel schemes proposed were unfunded at present and would like assurances that funding for these schemes would be pursued. As part of the Road Safety Strategy, the Panel would like to see additional investment into active travel, with a particular focus on improving cycling infrastructure.
- 6) That Panel requested clarification on the funding for the Highways Asset Maintenance programme proposal. The bid was funded by council borrowing for the first year 2022-23. Thereafter it was assumed that there will be grant funding available to undertake this work. The Panel sought clarification/ further information about how robust this assumption of further funding was.

#### **RESOLVED**

That the Panels considered and provided recommendations to Overview and Scrutiny Committee (OSC), on the 2022/23 Draft Budget/MTFS 2022/23-2026/27 and proposals relating to the Scrutiny Panel's remit.

#### 125. WORK PROGRAMME UPDATE

#### **RESOLVED**

That the work programme was noted, and any changes therein were put up to the parent Overview & Scrutiny Committee for ratification.

#### 126. NEW ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS

N/A

#### 127. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

3<sup>rd</sup> March 22

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CHAIR:
Signed by Chair
Onto



### Page 11 Agenda Item 7

Report for: Environment and Community Safety Scrutiny Panel, 3rd March

2022

Item number:

Title: Update on Fly Tipping Strategy

Report

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Communities.

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Ward(s) affected: All

Report for Key/

Non Key Decision: Non Key Decision

#### 1. Describe the issue under consideration

1.1. This report updates Scrutiny Members on our progress against Borough Plan commitments for waste and street cleansing, specifically the work to reduce fly-tipping in the borough.

#### 2. Recommendations

2.1. That the Panel notes performance to date and comments on progress against Borough plan objectives.

#### 3. Background

- 3.1 Haringey's Approach to keeping our streets clean from fly tips is recognised by the council taxpayer as one of the most important duties we have. We know from our 2021 Resident Satisfaction Survey that cleanliness is a top priority for residents (28% of residents saying this is what they most dislike about their area makes a difference to their day-to-day quality of life), second only to safety.
- 3.2 Our Cleaner Haringey Strategy (March 2021) focuses on keeping the borough clean and encouraging our residents to play their part in helping us do so. Fighting illegal rubbish dumping is one of the four specific priorities selected for achieving a cleaner Haringey within the Strategy, each backed up with a series of actions. If our streets are clean, free from dumped rubbish, people will more likely feel safer walking them reinforcing positive perceptions of their area, gaining civic pride and easing congestion on our roads. Businesses are more likely to want to locate in the borough, growing our economy and providing futures for our young. Our duty is to provide and maintain this; our aim is that while we do, our people will be naturally inclined

to play their role as joint custodians of their communities. Our vision directly supports that stated by our Borough Plan for 'Place': "A place with strong, resilient and connected communities where people can lead active and healthy lives in an environment that is safe, clean and green."

- 3.3. Illegally dumped rubbish remains a significant concern for half our residents and a third refrain from reporting it or providing crucial information to resolve it. We need to understand the reasons why this is the case, address them and give confidence to our residents that we will act on their evidence and together we can make that change to improve our place. We must be clearer as to what fly tipping is, not allow unwanted items to be left out for others or the council to take, and investigate instances where the source is obvious, such as a mattress outside a property.
- 3.4 A small proportion of fly tips in Haringey are left by illegal waste collectors, however the vast majority (over 80%) however is household waste, often presented in the wrong place and/or at the wrong time or placed on the pavement because their property has limited waste storage or, in the cases of flats above shops, no waste storage facilities. In 2020, we cleared over 40,000 items of illegally dumped domestic bagged waste and over 20,000 larger items, such as furniture white goods and mattresses. The remaining fly tips are from local businesses. Of the fly tips that are reported, the vast majority are black sacks or furniture (please see breakdown below).

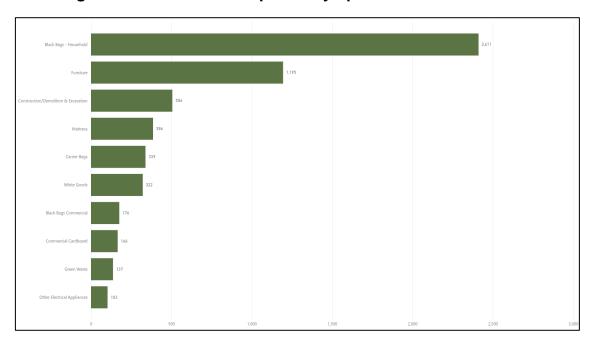


Figure 1: Breakdown of reported fly tips over last 3 months

#### 4. Current Performance

4.1. The table and graph below show the number of recorded fly tips we dealt with during 2021 compared to 2020. In 2021 we saw a decrease in the number of

recorded fly tips by approximately 7.2%. It is not possible to quantify the exact reason for this, however we attribute the decrease to the work undertaken by enforcement together with a reduction in lock downs which led to an increase in fly tips (anecdotal evidence suggests a large increase in DIY work) during the Covid crisis first national lockdown. During the national lockdown key waste services - namely our reuse & recycling centre and special collection service were temporary suspended.

4.2. The graph also details the number of fly tips reported by the public compared to the number that are proactively removed by Veolia.

Table 1: Fly Tips 2020 and 2021(Jan to Dec)

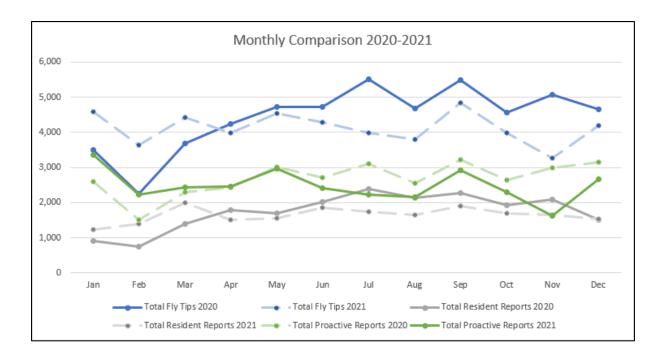
Fly Tips Resident Reports Fly Tips – Veolia Reports

2020 53,089 20,840 32,249

2021 49,512 19,724 29,788

Table 1: Annual Comparison 2020 to 2021





#### 5. Our Approach

5.1. Over the last 18 months we have continued to review our initiatives to tackle fly tipping and improve the borough's cleanliness and street scene appearance. We are working closely with partners (Veolia, Police, Parking

Enforcement, Homes for Haringey, CCTV) and continue to improve the way we use data to inform how we deploy our enforcement resources.

Our approach to Fly Tipping includes:

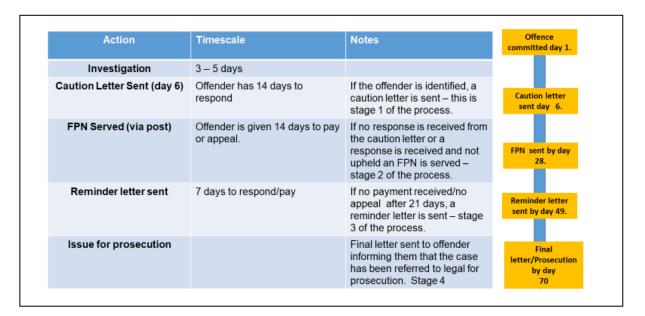
- Education, communication, and early intervention
- Prevent recurrence
- Targeted enforcement
- 5.2. The enforcement service is currently being restructured and will move from a generic model to a structure that delivers a more dedicated waste enforcement service. The move to the new model will:
  - Improve planned and targeted waste enforcement operations across the borough.
  - Enable enforcement officers to place more focus on areas of greatest need, including, income recovery and prosecutions of outstanding FPN's.
  - Improve supervision of caseloads, performance management, training and development of staff to further improve the quality of work through the introduction of a dedicated Tasking Team Manager

#### 5.3. Litter & Waste Enforcement Team

During 2021, the COVID Pandemic contributed to a fall in the number of FPN's issued overall. Whilst there was an increase of the number of FPN's issued in June 2021, and an increase in the number of weekly enforcement operations from one to three, the COVID legacy has continued to impact on overall FPN activity.

5.4. The team continue to use a flexible approach to develop the FPN process (see illustration below) to improve payment and prosecutions of outstanding FPN's. The process has now included centralising the reminder letter part of the process, so the letters are sent centrally by our business support team. This make the process more efficient and we now see a stabilised number of first and final reminder letters sent out each month.

Figure 3: FPN Process



- 5.5. We are also working with Veolia to utilise an intelligence led approach by targeting resources at hotspot areas identified from Veolia's monthly fly tip data. This along with the Intel, evidence and feedback directly shared between Veolia operatives and Enforcement officers on the ground produces more successful outcomes and better collaborative work between the two services.
- 5.6. The enforcement team also regularly undertake joint operations with Safer Neighbourhood and Town Centre Policing teams, Veolia and Homes for Haringey as part of the council's commitment to building on existing joined up work.

#### 6. On Street Containment of Waste

- 6.1. The borough of Haringey faces a series of challenges in its containment of waste: the borough has a high prevalence of resident fly-tipping, a higher than average number of privately rented properties (many being HMOs without adequate bin storage) and inadequate waste disposal facilities for flats-above-shops. All of which result in waste left on the street, negatively affecting the street scene and residents' perception of the area.
- 6.2. In March 2020, the first part of a trial of waste containment (black boxes similar in size to yellow salt bins) began to examine whether the street scene could be improved by providing residents living in flats-above-shops with some form of fixed on-street containment to use prior to collection. Before the trial started, letters were sent to residents in flats above shops and to traders informing them about the boxes and their use.
- 6.3. An evaluation of the trial in the summer of 2020 confirmed that thoughtfully placed, well signed, appropriately sized and well-designed structures like black drop boxes can store waste safely, positively contribute to the waste containment challenges Haringey has and improve the street scene overall.

The additional waste containment capacity had successfully reduced the number of sacks on the street.

- 6.4. The second part of the trial, February 2021, increased the provision and made it mandatory for residents to use the facilities, with fixed penalty notices being issued for non-compliance. The 6 week trial was successful, and the street scene has noticeably benefitted. The trial did, however, highlight how critical regular and adequate enforcement activity is in assuring the scheme works to best effect.
- 6.5. In April 2021, the Council secured capital funding to extend the scheme strategically along our timed collection zones. Whilst the timed collection zones still operate for commercial waste companies to collect bagged commercial waste from the street, the boxes significantly reduce the mess from, and number of, waste bags present on the street, as well as giving residents living in flats-above-shops the convenience of putting waste out at any time of day. The boxes are emptied twice per day, seven days per week.
- 6.6. The on-street containment will be implemented across twelve timed collection zones by end of completion (April 2022). The planning for each scheme involves a calculation of waste capacity requirements according to the number of flats present, a survey of the streetscape to assure safe movements of pedestrians, and consultations with various lead stakeholders to include Highways, Regeneration, TfL and, in ASB sensitive zone, local traders and police. Ward councillors are notified ahead of residents and business owners, each being provided maps of the intended locations and clear instructions as to what the new rules for presenting waste are. Boxes are then installed a week later followed by a two-week enforcement grace period whereby warning letters are issued to those not complying. This 'blueprint' rollout plan has so far been very successful: well received by residents, good compliance, and with significant improvements regarding the cleanliness of our shopping zones.
- 6.7. Not all the borough's streets with flats-above-shops can safely accommodate the installation of boxes: restricted paving widths and existing street furniture being the most common barriers. In these areas, the council continue to seek alternatives to having residential waste bags presented on the street, which include reviewing existing waste containment arrangements and targeted enforcement of timed collection rules.

#### 7. CCTV

- 7.1. We continue to upgrade the Council's CCTV infrastructure to significantly increase the current number of cameras in Haringey. This has allowed us to increase our enforcement action using evidence derived from CCTV. The cameras include a mix of fixed cameras and deployable mobile cameras that can be used at varies locations across the borough as the need arises. As part of this programme, we have also completed a brand-new state of the art CCTV Control Room which is now fully operational.
- 7.2. Predominately CCTV is seen as a tool to use to detect or prevent criminality taking place in an area. Although a helpful tool in this respect, using mobile

- CCTV units to target fly tipping is equally helpful and has delivered a number of positive outcomes over the last 9 months.
- 7.3. The extension and refresh of the camera network is underway and so far five clusters (Wood Green, Turnpike Lane, Finsbury Park, Seven Sisters and Bruce Grove) of cameras have been installed. The roll out will continue to north Tottenham and the west of the borough.
- 7.4. By the end of the roll out we will have doubled the number of fixed cameras from 130 to approximately 300 and increased the number of deployable cameras from 9 to approximately 40. To date 35 deployable cameras have been installed. At least 11 of the deployable cameras have analytics, which is a useful component to specifically target Fly Tipping Hot Spot Areas.
- 7.5. In addition, we have introduced Body Worn (BWC) Cameras which the enforcement team use to capture evidence whilst engaged in waste enforcement operations. The BWC's improve the quality of evidence obtained by enforcement officers and provide added reassurance and safety for officers whilst investigating waste related offences.

#### 8. Joint Working Protocol

- 8.1. We have strengthened our approach to working with internal colleagues and external partners to support our work to tackle fly tipping and breaches of waste disposal by traders or residents living in the borough.
- 8.2. Procedures to respond to most cases have long been in existence and are proven to be effective. Where clear evidence exists and the responsible party can be identified, fixed penalty notices are issued.
- 8.3. On occasions however, a more holistic approach is required, and this will be the case when a problem has been ongoing for some time or/and the breach of waste is a symptom of a more complex issue or multiple problems. If the problem appears more complex, a coordinated response from several functional disciplines is required. This is particularly important where the problem relates to, for example, waste generated from a domestic dwelling or where an issue is related to overcrowding of an HMO or where there are other ASB related problems.
- 8.4. The Council and its partners carry out several regulatory functions that allow them to influence and control the behaviour of individuals, businesses, and other organisations within the borough. These regulatory services cover a wide range of areas including:
  - Environmental Health pollution, food protection, noise, health and safety.
  - Licensing alcohol, entertainment, gambling, street trading.
  - Trading Standards e.g. fair trading, animal health & product safety
  - Housing Standards HMO & Selective licensing & disrepair.
  - Planning enforcement and building control.
  - Parking

- 8.5. The joined-up protocol introduced in the summer of 2020 aims to use the full arsenal of enforcement powers available across the Council, not just those offered to environmental services. This approach means that we can identify the quickest and often the most effective means of tackling an ongoing fly tipping/waste issue. It also allows the council to instigate a range of measures at any one time if it becomes apparent that the fly tipping problem is part of a wider range of problems/crimes taking place at a location.
- 8.6. The joined up working protocol extends to our waste contractor Veolia, tasking operations are now carried out jointly between Veolia and various Council services. The use of Whats app messaging as a form of communication between Veolia operatives and Enforcement officers has been embedded into the team's operational work. Veolia operatives generally receive immediate feedback from the enforcement officers after receiving a referral. The improved communication between officers on the ground has resulted in an increase in the number of FPN's being issued.

During a 3-month period the following improvements have occurred:

- 49 Referrals from Veolia
- 76 PACE Caution Letters issued
- 46 FPN's issued because of referrals from Veolia for fly tips.
- Feedback to Veolia staff following successful enforcement of a fly tip/dumped rubbish brought to our attention by Veolia's street cleansing or refuse staff.
- 8.7. A wide range of tools and processes are now used to support enforcement action. These include:
  - Issuing of licenses or permits which may bind the applicant to certain service standards or behaviours which can be subsequently monitored and enforced. (*Private Tenants property Licensing*)
  - Joint Inspections to ensure compliance with statutory duties and or license conditions. (*licensing & HFH*)
  - Issuing of legal notifications to both residential and commercial premises (*Trading Standards*).
  - Outlining breaches, rectifications needed and consequences of non-compliance. (*Breaches of Planning*)
  - Approximately 60 CEO's within parking have new handheld technology with fly tipping reporting functionality.
- 8.8. In February 2022, the Council created a new working group with Network Rail to jointly tackle areas of land where demarcation between the Council/Network Rail is unclear and/or areas of land under Network Rail where further work is required to clear and prevent ongoing fly tips (amongst other anti social enviro crime activity). A joint walk about between Officers is

planned for March 2022 and regular meetings/visits will be held moving forward to strengthen partnership working.

#### 9. Resident Engagement

- 9.1. We have increased our communications and media campaigns that publicises work undertaken by our enforcement teams. This includes appeals to residents for information to assist investigations to identify fly tippers. Whilst unquantifiable, we believe this publicity has bolstered the enforcement profile and further represents the clear message that fly tipping in Haringey will not be tolerated (see Appendix 1)
- 9.2. We continue to strengthen our links with, and support, of Neighbourhood Watch schemes, resident associations, and community groups. In November 2021, we piloted a Neighbourhood Waste Champions scheme in Northumberland Park. The scheme identifies residents and/or residents' groups who can be the eyes and ears of the council. The residents report evidence and Intel about waste offences to enforcement officers who follow up, take enforcement action where possible and feedback to the resident.
- 9.3. We know that 58% of residents are willing to report a fly tip but there has been a decrease in those who don't report because they don't know how to. The Council is committed to increasing the awareness and use of the 'Our Haringey' app and has posted around 60 posts mentioning the Our Haringey app in the past year, including the app promotion campaign that took place August to October 2021.
- 9.4. The main messaging related to fly-tipping posts is encouraging people not to do it by providing information on how to dispose of it properly/legally. We have placed approximately 19 posts mentioning waste carrier licencing over the last year. In addition, promotion of the Council's value for money bulky waste service has been undertaken through direct delivered leaflets and social media campaigns. The Council has commissioned Agripa Panels advertising the bulky waste service to be placed on the refuse and recycling fleet which will be unveiled within the next 2/3 months following the current covid message panels.

Figure 4: Agripa Panel which will shortly be on the refuse and recycling fleet



9.5 We also work closely with NLWA to ensure RRCs complement our services to residents, including the new public facility opening at Edmonton in 2022.

#### 10 Top 10 Hot Spot Areas

- 10.1. Enforcement teams continue to maintain and periodically review a tasking list of 10 fly tip hot spot areas 30 areas in total. Each area is monitored, and in most cases, a joined-up approach is adopted to manage and resolve the problem. The concentrated joined up effort of our highest problematic areas has delivered the following outcomes:
  - Large "A Board" warning signs erected to warn fly tippers
  - Leaflets and letters delivered to nearby properties and businesses.
  - Footage captured on CCTV and published on the Wall of Shame.
  - Red bags and envirocrime tape are used to alert residents that the fly tip is under investigation by the Enforcement Team.
  - Designing out problems Bin storage etc
  - 1208 FPNs issued to residents since April 2021
  - 633 FPNs issued to businesses since April 2021
  - Anecdotally approximately 75% of residents issued with FPNs reside in a HMO or rented property in the borough.

Figure 5: Litter and Waste Team Type of FPN's issued 01/04/2021 – 10/02/2022

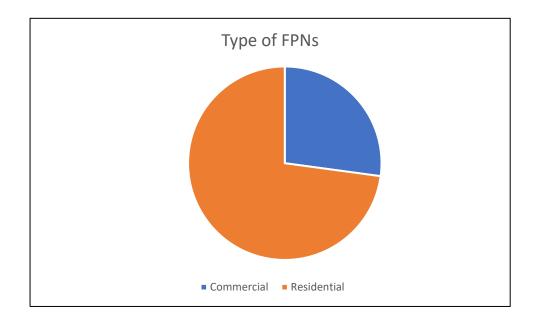


Figure 6: ASB Enforcement Waste Team Type of FPN's issued 01/04/2021 - 10/2/2022

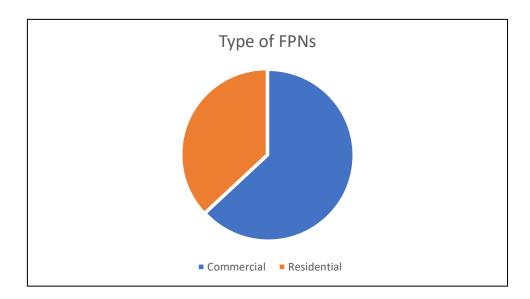
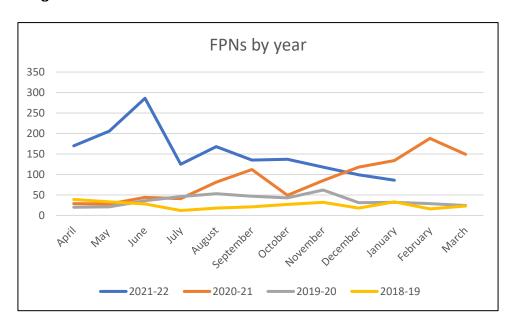


Figure 7: FPN's issued 2018 - current



Examples of successful enforcement action and associated communications can be found in Appendix A

#### 11. Contribution to strategic outcomes

11.1. Dealing with fly tips supports the Place Priority of the Borough Plan, specifically 'A cleaner, accessible and attractive place' with the objective to improve cleanliness and reduce the levels of fly tipping. It also aligns with the existing and prospective Community Safety Strategy for Haringey and Cleaner Haringey Strategy.

#### Appendix A

1. Examples of Enforcement action and associated communications

















# Stanhope Bridge and other tree updates

March 2022

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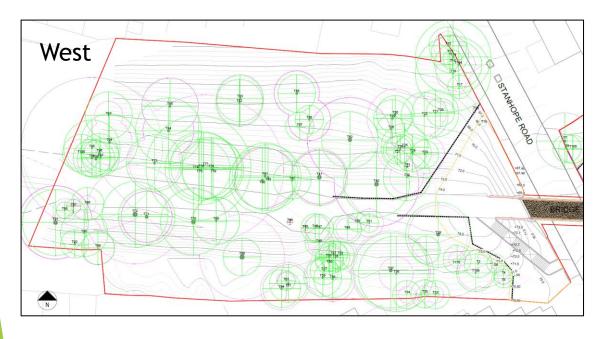
## Background - Wider Parkland Walk

- Designated a Local Nature Reserve in 1990 and covers an area of just under 13ha in size (129,688m2)
- As a former railway line dating back to the late 1900's the Parkland walk is carried by or goes under 12 bridges.
- Islington Council are responsible for two bridges and the remaining ten fall to Haringey Council to be maintained.
- Of the ten bridges the Council is responsible for seven fall within the remit of the Parks and Leisure Service. The Parks and Leisure Service has embarked on an eight year project to renovate or renew the seven bridges, entrances and path surfacing along the walk.
- The Council has currently committed a budget of £11.6m with a further £2m expected to be required to complete the works beyond the current MTFS period.
- ► The seven bridges are:-
  - Upper Tollington Park bridge Renovation Work Completed
  - Vicarage Path footbridge Renovation Work Completed
  - ▶ Stanhope Road bridge Design Work completed and planning permission agreed.
  - > Stapleton Hall Road bridge Ongoing monitoring and preliminary survey work.
  - Northwood Road bridge Ongoing monitoring and preliminary survey work
  - Mount Pleasant Villas bridge Ongoing monitoring and preliminary survey work
  - ▶ St James' Viaduct Ongoing monitoring and preliminary survey work

# Stanhope Bridge - Why are the works taking place

- Structural inspections identified sustained progressive failure of its abutments
- ▶ The bridge deck is currently propped to maintain sustainability
- Feasibility work identified that the structure was not economically viable to repair the bridge
- ▶ Therefore, a new structure or no bridge needed to be considered
- Consultation with 4000 residents and other stakeholders undertaken.
- ▶ 85% of respondents wanted to maintain the continuity of the walk with a new bridge.
- Those responded to the questionnaire where able to indicate priorities for the new design, important to residents were the issues of sustainable design and accessibility.
- The options for the bridge and the supporting structures were evaluated using criteria informed by community priorities including:
  - design,
  - impact on the built conservation area
  - Impact on biodiversity
  - Impact on neighbouring properties
  - Durability and full life costs
  - Sustainability

# Stanhope Bridge Site Boundary



Totals	Removed / To be removed	Potentially at risk / to be protected
174 Individual trees	<ul> <li>Total 5 trees to be removed:-</li> <li>2 already removed - B class trees</li> <li>3 trees due to be removed</li> <li>1 - B class tree,</li> <li>2 - C class trees</li> </ul>	5 - C class trees
2 groups of trees	1.5 groups	0.5 group - C class trees
1 hedge	0	1 hedge



# Stanhope Bridge - Why are the trees being felled to facilitate the works?

No trees are being removed on the western side of Stanhope Road.

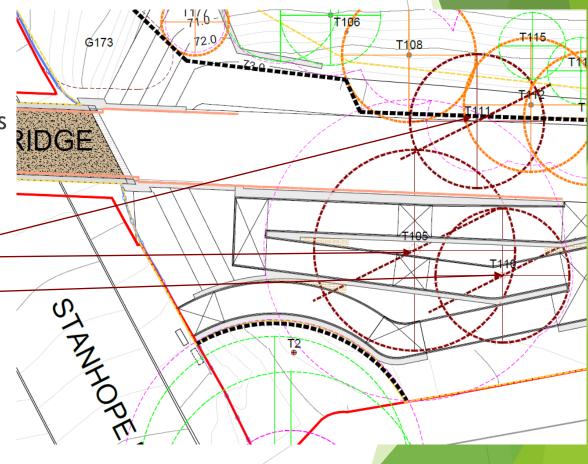
On the eastern side of Stanhope Road five individual trees were identified for removal as part of the scheme. Two have previously been removed, three are identified for removal.

Those three trees are:-

► T105,-

► T110,-

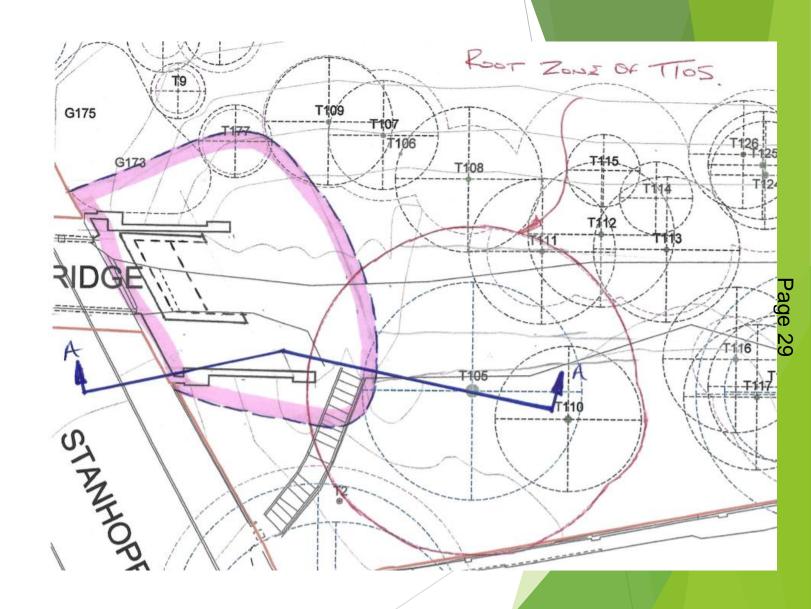
▶ T111.



# Stanhope Bridge - Why are the trees being felled to facilitate the works?

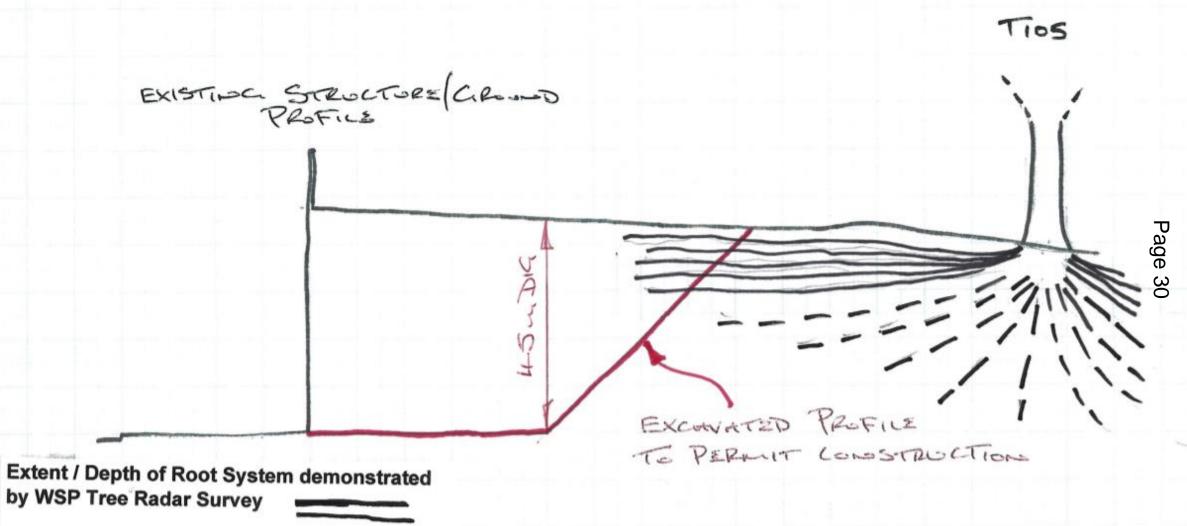
- ► T105 A class B moderate quality tree, covered in a non native species which has impacted its development.
- The removal of the current abutments will lead to the excavation and removal of part of its root system. (See Slide 7 and 8)
- ▶ T105 and T111 (C class tree) The build up of the new access ramp to the bridge will increase the soil deposited on top of the root plate in the amount of between 50 cm and 125cm. (Slides 9 and 10)
- Best practice suggests significant detrimental impact on trees by adding more than
   5 cm of soil to the current ground level.
- Overall 55% of T105 (See Slide 11) and 50% of T111 root plates impacted by works.
- ▶ T110 is a C class (low) quality tree which is removed to enable the works.
- ▶ 169 trees are protected
- An additional ten new trees are being planted.

- Area outlined in pink is excavation to permit abutment demolition of existing structure and construction of new smaller abutment.
- Assumes 3m working space for piling rig and 1:1 temporary excavation



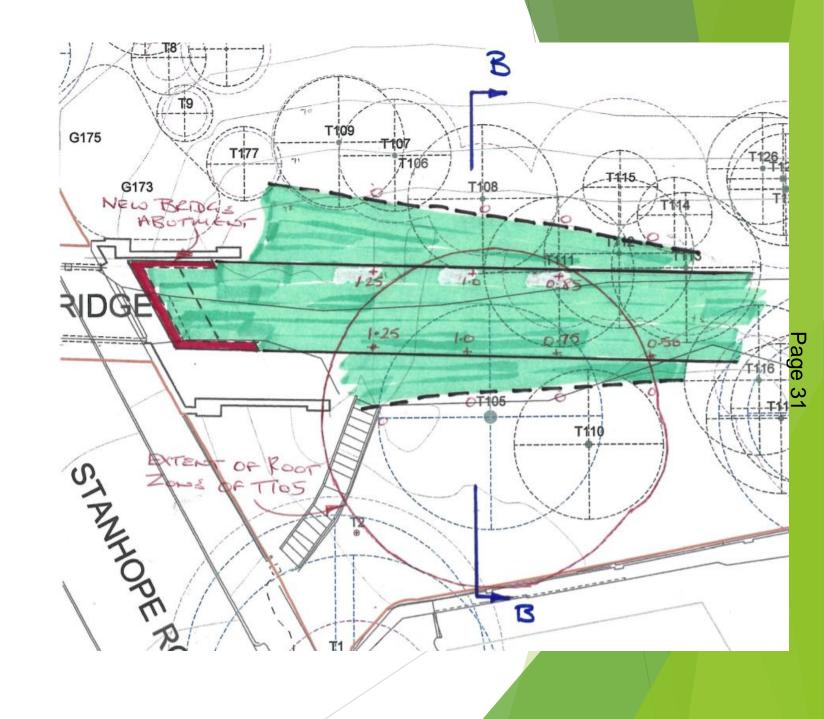
Conjectured root system beyond scope

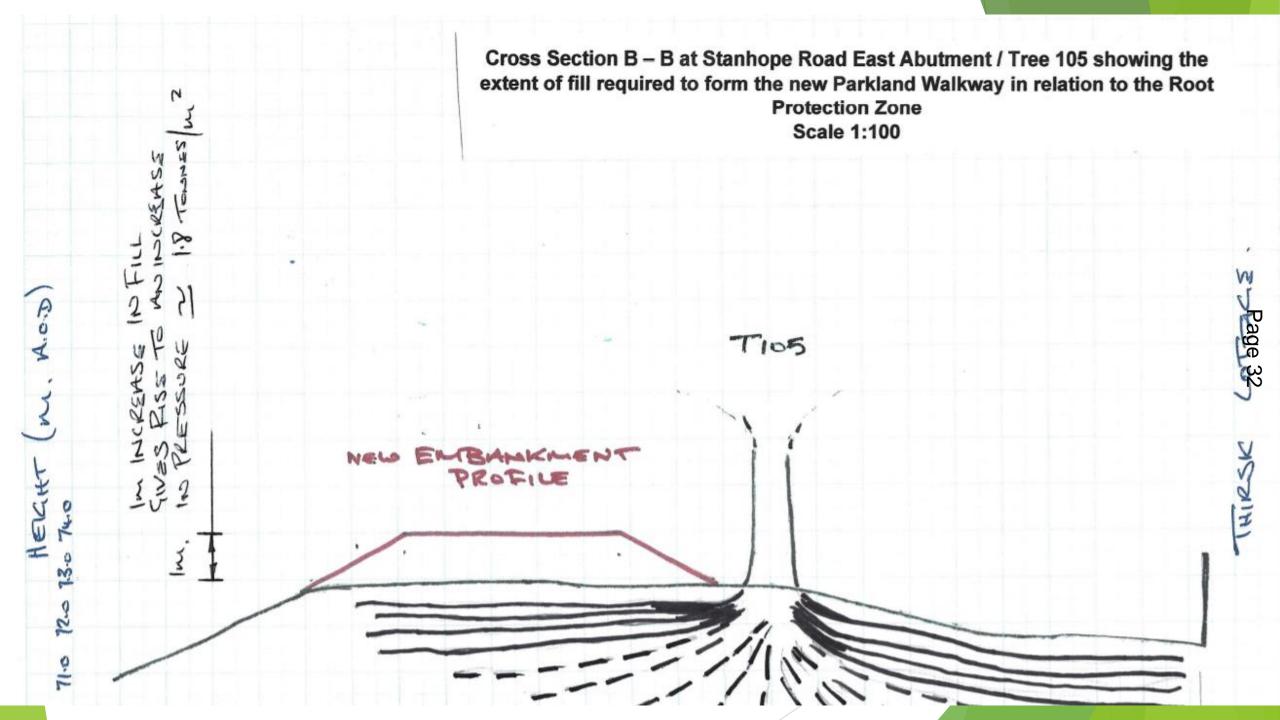
of WSP Tree Radar Survey

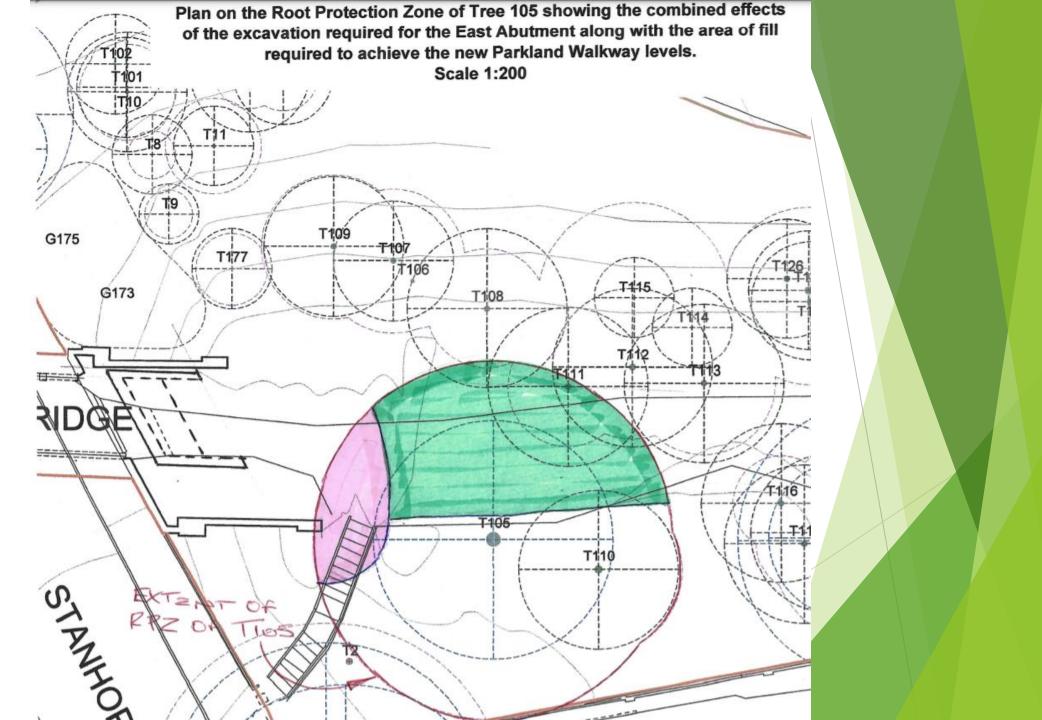


### T105 and T111

- Depth of fill between 50cm and 125 cm
- Increase in fill gives rise to an increase in pressure of circa 1.8 tonnes per m2







# Stanhope Bridge - Why is the bridge height being raised?

- ► The new bridge has to be designed with a clearance of 5.3m to the existing carriageway to meet the requirements of the Highways Agency Design Standard 'Design Manual for Road and Bridge Works', the suite of design standards generally adopted by Highway Authorities in Great Britain.
- Adopting this clearance will minimise the possibility of accidental impacts to the bridge deck with consequential structural damage and will futureproof the route to allow for the possibility of routing of 'double decker' buses along Stanhope Road in the future.
- ► The clearance is not related to the operational weight of vehicles using the carriageway below.

## Update from previous scrutiny meeting:-

- Stationers Park the Council removed 3 dead trees, two from within a play area and one opposite the water feature.
- Finsbury Park, trees felled recently include 5 dead or damaged trees from the avenue of Poplars along the southern carriageway and a Maple tree near the deport was removed because it was found in a hazardous condition.

### Tree planting by ward last five years:-

Tree planting by ward 2016-2021 ALL SITES						
Council ward	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	Totals
Alexandra	6	1	11	2	25	45
Bounds Green	11	11	1	12	4	39
Bruce Grove	9	0	4	8	0	21
Crouch End	3	5	10	2	2	22
Fortis Green	0	5	6	0	1	12
Harringay	2	1	20	100	18	141
Highgate	1	2	9	1	2	15
Hornsey	3	6	1	0	50	60
Muswell Hill	6	10	13	2	8	39
Noel Park	1	11	3	12	59	86
Northumberland Park	9	0	10	0	0	19
Seven Sisters	12	26	15	0	34	87
St Anns	7	3	3	2	69	84
Stroud Green	0	2	0	8	9	19
Tottenham Green	6	10	10	2	4	32
Tottenham Hale	12	25	14	2	23	76
West Green	74	0	0	11	65	150
White Hart Lane	15	6	0	0	1	22
Woodside	16	35	0	0	4	55
Total per year	193	159	130	164	378	1,024



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#### **Environment and Community Safety Scrutiny Panel - Work Plan 2020-22**

• Scrutiny review projects; These are dealt with through a combination of specific evidence gathering meetings that will be arranged as and when required and other activities, such as visits. Should there not be sufficient capacity to cover all of these issues through indepth pieces of work, they could instead be addressed through a "one-off" item at a scheduled meeting of the Panel. These issues will be subject to further development and scoping. It is proposed that the Committee consider issues that are "cross cutting" in nature for review by itself i.e. ones that cover the terms of reference of more than one of the panels.

Project	Comments	Priority
Low Traffic Neighbourhoods	Examining the Council's plans to implement Low Traffic Neighbourhoods and examining What lessons can be learned from other local authorities who have successfully implemented similar schemes? The Panel were concerned about the communication and consultation process undertaken as part of the previous pilot scheme as part of Liveable Crouch End.	

Date of meeting	Potential Items
3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2020	Membership & Terms of Reference.
	Appointment of Non-Voting Co-opted Member
	Covid-19 Recovery update

	<ul> <li>Update on Youth at Risk Strategy</li> <li>Gangs, Knife Crime &amp; Hotspot locations. (MOPAC Performance update?).</li> <li>Transport hubs as hotspot locations for crime, especially Finsbury Park, Turnpike Lane, Seven Sisters and surrounding areas, particularly drug-dealing, knife crime.</li> <li>Update on the Ducketts Common stakeholder Strategic Group</li> <li>Work Programme: To agree items for the work plan for the Panel for this year.</li> <li>Cabinet Member Questions; Communities, Safety and Engagement (to cover areas within the Panel's terms of reference that are within that portfolio).</li> </ul>
3 <sup>rd</sup> November 2020	<ul> <li>Cabinet Member Questions; Climate Change and Sustainability</li> <li>Improving Air Quality &amp; reducing pollution</li> <li>Street Trees &amp; Update on Queens Wood</li> <li>Update on Single Use Plastics Policy</li> <li>Recycling Rate</li> <li>Update on Parks and Green Spaces Strategy</li> <li>Parks Performance</li> <li>Membership and Terms of Reference</li> </ul>
	Appointment of non-voting co-optee

	Work Plan
Budget Scrutiny	Budget Scrutiny
10 <sup>th</sup> December 2020	<ul> <li>Police Priorities in Haringey &amp; Community Safety Partnership Update; To invite comments from the Panel on current performance issues and priorities for the borough's Community Safety Partnership.</li> </ul>
	Update on Haringey & Enfield BCU integration.
	Additional Police numbers in Haringey
	• Cabinet Member Questions: Communities, Safety and Engagement (to cover areas within the Panel's terms of reference that are within that portfolio).
4 <sup>th</sup> March 2021	<ul> <li>Cabinet Member Q&amp;A – Cabinet Member for Transformation and Public Realm Investment. To question the Cabinet Member on current issues and plans arising for her portfolio.</li> </ul>
	Waste, recycling and street cleansing data
	Update on Fly Tipping Strategy
	Planned and Reactive Highways maintenance Performance
	Work Plan update

#### 2021-2021

28 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	Membership & Terms of Reference.
26 Julic 2021	Appointment of Non-Voting Co-opted Member.
	Work Programme
	Cabinet Member Q&A – Cabinet Member Questions; Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport and the Climate Emergency and Deputy Leader of the Council
	Strategic Transport update:     The funding (pact Could)
	<ul> <li>TfL funding (post Covid)</li> <li>Reducing Congestion (Better west to east transport links)</li> </ul>
	Liveable Neighbourhoods
ath a	Cabinet Member Q&A – Cabinet Member for for Customer Service, Welfare and the Public Realm.
9 <sup>th</sup> September 2021	Waste, recycling and street cleansing data.
	Briefing on the changes to Waste Legislation
	• 12 month update on the recommendations from the Review into Blue Badges and Supporting Better Access to Parking for Disabled People. Inc update on implementation of designated disabled bays.
	Update on Parking Transformation Programme (inc. the new permit system).
11 <sup>th</sup> November 2021	Cabinet Member Q&A – Leader of the Council (N.B. questions which related to the Leader's portfolio which the Panel has responsibility for i.e. Community Safety and Serious Youth violence).
	Police Priorities in Haringey & Community Safety Partnership Update; To invite comments from the Panel on current performance issues and priorities for the borough's Community Safety Partnership.

	<ul> <li>North London Waste Authority –Edmonton Incinerator &amp; context within the wider Waste Strategy</li> <li>Crime &amp; ASB Hotspots.</li> <li>Work Plan</li> </ul>
14 <sup>th</sup> December 2021 (Budget Scrutiny)	<ul> <li>Budget Scrutiny</li> <li>Cabinet Member Q&amp;A – Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport and the Climate Emergency and Deputy Leader of the Council.</li> </ul>
	Trees update – (Queen's Wood, Parkland Walk [lessons learnt], staffing resources within Trees team, removal of street trees, funding for new trees)
3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2021	<ul> <li>Update on Fly-tipping strategy</li> <li>Cabinet Member Questions; Cabinet Member for Customer Service, Welfare and the Public Realm</li> </ul>
	Trees and Stanhope Road Bridge works
	Parking Management IT System

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