

Muswell Hill, Alexandra, Fortis Green and Highgate Area Cttee

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MINUTE REF NO MH48(f)

Highways and Streetscene issues in the Alexandra, Fortis Green, Highgate and Muswell Hill Area

Issues have been raised over the years by many local people and solutions are needed. A councillor contact has been indicated and where available, the year when the issue was first raised and an LBH number.

(Many of these issues will have been raised a number of times by different individuals and may have different/multiple LBH numbers)

Alexandra Ward

Redesign of road infrastructure or ban on long/large lorries at the factory entrance next to the Sweet Tree Bakery in Palace Gates Road

Over time, the lorries using the factory entrance have got bigger and bigger, and it is now commonplace, when one is entering or exiting the factory, for the 184 bus route to be impeded for up to about 20 minutes. The raised flower beds at this location are also being regularly damaged.

Contact: Cllr Juliet Solomon

Vehicles rat-running through the Bidwell Gardens N11 area

There are still problems with rat-running in the Bidwell Gardens area and further needs to be done to resolve this.

Contact: Cllr Juliet Solomon

Joint ward initiatives: Alexandra and Fortis Green

Traffic Lights on Colney Hatch Lane N10 at the junctions with Alexandra Park Road and Pages Lane

The traffic lights need to be reviewed as there are often long tail-backs at all junctions which then impacts on the times of buses using Colney Hatch Lane, Alexandra Park Road and Pages Lane. The junctions also need to be looked at again to make it easier and safer for pedestrians to cross Pages Lane and Alexandra Park Road where there are no pedestrian phases. The crossing at Alexandra Park Road in particular needs to be improved as it is not clear to pedestrians when it is safe to cross the different lanes of traffic.

Review should also include the pedestrian crossing in Colney Hatch Lane to the immediate North of the junction to ensure that crossing phases are co-ordinated with the main junction light phases to avoid driver confusion and the potential for pedestrian injuries.

Contact: Cllr Juliet Solomon and Cllr Martin Newton

Fortis Green Ward

Parking Aylmer Parade

Parking provision for the businesses in Aylmer Parade N2 including visitor parking and loading. Help is well overdue especially as Traders were told in 2010 that a Stop-and-Stop scheme was due to be installed but nothing was done.

Member enquiries from Cllr Newton from 2006

Street lighting – Coldfall Estate N10

Renewal of poor and insufficient Street lighting for Coldfall Estate N10 including Everington Road, Barrenger Road, Marriot Road, Steeds Road and Coppetts Road. This is especially important given the entrance to Coldfall Primary School, entrances to Muswell Hill Playing Fields and the alleyways on the estate.

Member enquiries from Cllr Newton from 17 December 2007 (LBH/44510)

Highway Resurfacing

Resurfacing Fortis Green N2 (the road) between Denmark Terrace and the borough boundary at Springcroft Avenue. Originally due to be resurfaced c.2006 as the riding carriage surface had deteriorated to such an extent that it was impacting on all transport users including cyclists – it still is!

Long standing resident (LBH/89026) and member enquiries from Cllr Newton

Road Safety and Traffic Calming

Traffic calming measures in Greenham Road N10 which is a narrow residential road with limited passing places so vehicles tend to speed.

Member enquiries from Cllr Newton from 2007 (LBH/42115)

Highgate Ward

Contact: Cllr Rachel Alison unless otherwise indicated

North Hill/Church Road/View Road Crossing

To include a pedestrian phase at this very well used junction by Doctors' surgery.
LBH 0713912

Speeding on North Hill

Raised via ward panel and Leo Kears at Haringey in January 2010. Again with SNT in April 2011 who asked that Highways use speed gun.

North Hill railings

Picking up on issue from 2007 earlier this year. Repair and repainting of 100m+ of Victorian railings.
LBH 0619212

Replacement street lighting – Miltons

January 2010 LBH 73103

Removal of excess street furniture – Miltons

Cllr Bob Hare to advise

Street lighting – Hillside Gardens

20th April 2012 raised direct with Steve Lain tried to include at end of year – possible inclusion this year.

Bulging churchyard wall at junction of Southwood Lane and Highgate High Street

Enquiry 75601 May 2012

Resurfacing Langdon Park Road

January 2010 (pothole survey)

Proper repairs on Jacksons Lane (cobble)

on-going

Information about accidents on Archway Road

Have tried via SNT. Could Highways help?

Muswell Hill Ward

Summerland Gardens car park behind M&S

Two-way entry and exit from the car park via Summerland Gardens onto Muswell Hill Broadway together with removing the exit to Hillfield Park. Issue raised with Cllr Engert by residents in 2004.

Member enquiries from both Cllr Engert and Cllr Newton from 2008 (LBH/51813)

Traffic Issues in St James's Lane N10 and surrounding area

Solutions to acute traffic problems including from vehicles exiting from Summerland Gardens car park through the surrounding narrow residential roads, large HGVs using these unsuitable roads with many of them getting stuck, aggressive and dangerous driver behaviour caused by the inability for cars going different ways to pass each.

Member enquiries from both Cllr Engert and Cllr Newton from 2008 (LBH/51514)

Street lighting – St James's Lane area N10

Renewal of Street lighting for St James's Lane, Hillfield Park, Muswell Hill Place and Alexandra Gardens

Member enquiries from Cllr Engert from 2009 (LBH/65109)

Pedestrian Crossing on Muswell Hill

Direct pedestrian crossing at the bottom of Muswell Hill to enable walkers to cross to and from Alexandra Palace Way without having to negotiate a number of very busy roads.

Member enquiries from Cllr Engert from 2009 (LBH/62086)

Please refer to 'Street issues 190612.doc' from Cllr Jenks for further issues mainly in the MH4 and MH5 Polling Districts which is provided below for ease of reference.

Joint ward initiatives: Muswell Hill and Fortis Green

Muswell Hill Roundabout (junctions with Muswell Hill, two arms of Muswell Hill Broadway, Queens Avenue and Dukes Avenue) – Solutions to improve the pedestrian environment including crossings and resolve issues around traffic build-up at the roundabout particularly to Queens Avenue which impedes traffic flow and delays buses at peak times.

Member enquiries from Cllr Newton from 2007 (LBH/36580)

Muswell Hill Traders initiatives to improve the shopping area

Develop and take forward some of the bold and exciting initiatives put forward in the bid to round two of the Mayors Outer London Fund in 2011.

Street Issues for Inclusion in the Area Plan Muswell Hill Ward Postal Districts MH4 and MH5 (with exceptions)

This complements the information provided already for Muswell Hill Ward and Fortis Green Ward.

This information is subject to updating in line with Council led focus group discussions taking place with regard to parking issues and to smarter travel.

Priory Road (LBH 0067911)

- a) cars going too fast, especially when the road is empty
- b) drivers find it difficult to see to the right when pulling out of roads like Danvers Road because of cars parked on Priory Road inhibit their view
- c) need for pedestrian crossing at the end of Priory Road , near Redston Road, where there is a parade of shops and two bus stops

Muswell Hill Roundabout: bus stop (LBH 0544012)

Greenways (Wood Vale to Park Road) (LBH 84782 and LBH 0267911)

Making it safer for cyclists (pathway surface and lighting)

Shopping Parade : Junction of Priory Road and Park Road) (LBH 89728 and LBH 0564512)

Most of the area needs

- a) new pavements, to avoid trip hazards and to improve shopping centre appeal
- b) proper drainage (a lot of ponding)

Farrer Road: the combination of awkward bend plus perception by some people that it is a one way road is a potential hazard (comment at transport forum 1st June 2012)

Examples of requests for resurfacing/improved pavements

Lynton Road (LBH 92148)

Etheldene Avenue (LBH 0564512 and LBH 92652)

Park Avenue South (LBH 88792)

Paving stones should be replaced with paving stones not tarmac (LBH 85116)

Recycling banks as part of road scene (LBH 89014)

Double yellow line at end of pathway near Moravian Church N8 (still not done) (LBH 81790)

Concerns raised by residents in separate correspondence (no LBH reference available)

"I emailed the Council about the crossover on Park Road, outside the swimming pool, the footpath and Moselle Place but I haven't had a progress report from anyone. It's quite tricky walking along there from Hornsey Central. I have also emailed about dangerous pavements outside Villiers Terrace and Palace Road - half hearted minor repairs have been carried out but there are still trip hazards"

The juxtaposition of the bus stop by the fire station in Priory Road and the yellow junction box/pedestrian crossing could represent a hazard with cars overtaking a stopped bus.

A resident says that neighbours on Carysfort Road agree the pavements are tatty, back of Kelland and there is also some flooding around a couple of drain covers.

Also the flats to the rear of Kelland Close, the fence and overhanging and sprouting trees give a very delapidated impression. This was the subject of an e mail to Homes for Haringey dated 28th February 2012 but nothing has been done so far.

There should be a review of the junction at the foot of Muswell Hill. Examples of issues: it is difficult for pedestrians to cross from one side to another; also there has been a complaint about visibility towards the left for drivers turning towards Priory Road who have come from Park Road.

Revised 22.06.12 Revisions underlined.