

**MINUTES OF THE MUSWELL HILL, ALEXANDRA, FORTIS GREEN AND HIGHGATE  
AREA FORUM AND COMMITTEE  
THURSDAY, 17 JULY 2014**

Councillors Beacham, Berryman, Blake, Carter, Connor, Engert, Hare, McShane,  
Morris, Newton (Chair), Patterson and Ross

<b>MINUTE NO.</b>	<b>SUBJECT/DECISION</b>	<b>ACTION BY</b>
<b>MH01.</b>	<b>AREA FORUM ITEMS</b>	
<b>MH02.</b>	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b>  There were no apologies for absence.  <b>NOTED</b>	
<b>MH03.</b>	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS</b>  There were no declarations of interests.  <b>NOTED</b>	
<b>MH04.</b>	<b>QUESTIONS, DEPUTATIONS OR PETITIONS : TO CONSIDER ANY QUESTIONS, DEPUTATIONS OR PETITIONS RECEIVED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PART 4, SECTION B29 OF THE COUNCIL'S CONSTITUTION</b>  There were no questions, deputations or petitions.  <b>NOTED</b>	
<b>MH05.</b>	<b>MINUTES - 12 MARCH 2014</b>  <b>RESOLVED</b>  That the Minutes of the meeting of the Muswell Hill, Alexandra, Fortis Green and Highgate Area Committee held on 12 March 2014 be agreed as an accurate record of the proceedings.  <i>Matters Arising</i>  <b>Parking Cross-overs</b>  The Chair reported that he was still awaiting a response in respect of the number of cross-over applications refused, and figures for enforcement action over cross-over infringement in each of the 4 Wards of the Area Forum in the past 3 years.  <b>RESOLVED</b>  That officers be requested to provide a response in respect of the number of cross-over applications refused, and figures for enforcement action over cross-over infringement in each of the 4 Wards of the Area	

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	Forum in the past 3 years.	
<b>MH06.</b>	<p><b>FEEDBACK FROM AREA FORUM PART OF THE PROCEEDINGS</b></p> <p><b>(i) Odeon Parade and Piazza Development</b></p> <p>The Committee discussed the feedback from the Forum on the Odeon Parade and Piazza Development.</p> <p>The main points raised during the Forum discussion had been:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Broad support for the development of the Odeon Parade and Piazza Development</li><li>• Some concerns in relation to parking at the new development</li><li>• Some form of town centre management being identified</li><li>• The specific points as raised in the formal resolution below.</li></ul> <p>The Committee then briefly discussed and summarised its comments and on a MOTION by the Chair it was:</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b></p> <p>That following consideration of the Odeon Parade and Piazza Development, the Muswell Hill, Fortis Green, Alexandra and Highgate Area Committee expressed their support for the pedestrian Piazza area and for the Muswell Hill shopping area, and felt that some form of town centre management could be appropriate and request the Cabinet Member for Planning/Cabinet to consider:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>i. Removal of the black Arqiva phone box on Fortis Green Road to the north of the development which obstructs the view when turning in or out of the Odeon car park and also makes it difficult for pedestrians to use the footway, particularly those with mobility difficulties;</li><li>ii. Provision of electric points (during construction of the Piazza paving) to enable lights to be installed in trees in front of the Odeon Parade development;</li><li>iii. Clarification of any proposed town centre management for Muswell Hill including for the public space area around the Odeon development and the</li></ol>	

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need to identify which officer will be responsible, for both this and other Town Centre developments.

**(ii) Proposed Police location at the Odeon Cinema**

The Committee noted the positive views expressed during the Forum as regards to the proposed Police Contact Point at the Odeon Cinema which would be staffed jointly by police and volunteers on Wednesdays and Thursdays between 7-8pm and on Saturday between 2-3pm.

The particular comments expressed were summarised as:

- The effectiveness of being open only three hours per week and the particular times of the operation, and the responses of Inspector Casey that the arrangement would be reviewed after initial operation to assess effectiveness and whether there was a need to increase frequency
- That the times chosen had not been random and that the time chosen had been assessed through previous public attendance that this was the optimum time

A brief discussions by the Committee ensued where the following views were expressed:

- The need to ensure that there was effective publicity for the Contact Point, and the encouragement of volunteers to assist
- Further details of how the Contact Point including the 'private room' for people to speak in confidence would operate

It was then:

**RESOLVED**

That a letter be sent by the Chair on behalf of the Committee to Inspector Casey once confirmation had been received of the proposed presence at Muswell Hill Odeon by the Met Police and to ascertain issues of management of the location particularly:

- Proposed structure of covering the presence by Police officers and volunteers

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The services that will be offered</li> <li>• The mechanisms to be adopted for encouraging volunteers</li> </ul> <p><b>(iii)St James Primary School Redevelopment</b></p> <p>With regard to the schools development proposals the Committee noted the overall support for the development.</p> <p>There were particular comments in respect of supporting a holistic approach to the St James &amp; Cranwood developments to ensure best use of the sites for both housing and an expanded school.</p> <p><b>NOTED</b></p>	
<p><b>MH07.</b></p>	<p><b>AREA PLAN UPDATE</b></p> <p>The Chair advised the meeting that the Area Plan was an ‘issues record’ which in the main highlighted highways/parking/planning issues. The Chair advised that it was a ‘work in progress’ which could be added to and updated throughout the course of the year.</p> <p><b>NOTED</b></p>	
<p><b>MH08.</b></p>	<p><b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIR CONSIDERS TO BE URGENT</b></p> <p>(i) Rubbish Bin Collection issues affecting two areas</p> <p>Councillors from both Highgate and Fortis Green Wards raised issues pertaining the current bin/refuse collection in Milton Avenue, Milton Road, part of Milton Park and the north side of Northwood Road in Highgate where there are a number of homes in multiple occupation, and the issue of large numbers of bins having to be housed on the pavement, with evident overflowing of bins, and subsequent intolerable smells/stench/pest issues to all occupants, particularly those with basement windows looking out on a line of bins.</p> <p>Similar concerns were expressed in relation to Queens Avenue in Fortis Green where there are various issues with rubbish due to the large number of homes in multiple occupation.</p>	

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Following a brief discussion by the Committee the Chair  
MOVED and it was:

**RESOLVED**

That in respect of the extreme concerns expressed by the Committee regarding current bin/refuse collection in Milton Avenue, Milton Road, part of Milton Park and the north side of Northwood Road in Highgate where there are a number of homes in multiple occupation, and the issue of large numbers of bins having to be housed on the pavement, with evident overflowing of bins, and subsequent intolerable smells/stench/pest issues to all occupants of the said homes, particularly those with basement windows looking out on a line of bins, and also in Queens Avenue in Fortis Green where there are various issues with rubbish due to the large number of homes in multiple occupation, the Cabinet Member for Environment/Cabinet be asked to consider:

- i. Review the current household waste collection for Milton Avenue, Milton Road, a small part of Milton Park, and the north side of Northwood Road, and agree to an exception to the two week collection and variation to the contract to allow a one week collection;
- ii. Review the current household waste collection for Queens Avenue and agree to an exception to the two week collection and variation to the contract to allow a one week collection; and
- iii. To meet with the Chair of the Committee and relevant Ward Members at the locations in Highgate and Fortis Green to review these issues.

The meeting ended at 20.45hrs.

COUNCILLOR MARTIN NEWTON

CHAIR