

St John's Wood Area Forum
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Dear St John's Wood Area Forum Member

Thank you to all who were able to attend the recent St John's Wood Area Forum and help us make decisions that affect your local area. Your views are important to us, so I'd like to take this opportunity to let you know what we are planning to do in response to your feedback.

At our last area forum meeting on Thursday 23 June, three workshops were held to give you the opportunity to comment on crime reduction, local planning issues and the council's Parking Policy Review. If you would like more detail on the workshop and Neighbourhood Fund discussions, visit www.westminster.gov.uk/neighbourhoods or contact the Area Forums team.

Open Forum – Crime Reduction

Inspector Rosie McLean and the local Police Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) sergeants for Abbey Road, Ricky Kandohla, and Regents Park, Martin Pace, gave an overview of recent problems in the area and how the SNTs are responding. The SNTs are a good point of contact with the police and aim to respond to all enquiries within 24 hours. They can be contacted on:

Abbey Road:	AbbeyRoad.snt@met.police.uk	020 8721 2462
Regent's Park:	WestminsterRegentsPark.snt@met.police.uk	020 8721 2463

The number to call in an emergency is still 999 but there is an additional 24 hour non-emergency number you can call to report an issue you are concerned about. We gave you a non-emergency number at the time, which still works, but you can now just call 101 to contact the Metropolitan Police Force for all enquires except emergencies

In the Open Forum you asked if the area would have extra police for the Olympics. Inspector McLean said that there would be 17 weeks of additional policing cover before, during and after the Olympics. You also heard about the new policy at Quintin Kynaston School where sixth form students have to earn the right to leave the school grounds at lunch time. This policy aims to reduce the anti-social behaviour issues around the school.

Planning and Planning Enforcement Issues

Mike Chatten and Amanda Coulson from the North Area Planning Team and Paul Simmons from the Planning Enforcement Team discussed several proposed developments and planning enforcement cases in St John's Wood.

The Barrow Hill Farmers' Market opened on 14 May and a retrospective planning application was submitted on the same day. Planning permission has now been granted for 12 months. This is an opportunity to see if the market does cause any problems and ensures that the terms of planning permission can be changed if necessary to address any issues.

The shisha bars at 75-77 Abbey Road have had their appeal dismissed and have been given a year to find alternative premises. If the noise nuisance continues during this time, it is also possible for the council to issue them with a stop notice. This would require an immediate end to the activities in breach of planning control. If you are disturbed by activities at these premises you should contact Paul Simmons on 020 7641 2928 or psimmons@westminster.gov.uk

Planning permission has been granted for the St John's Wood Barracks development. A restrictive parking zone will ensure that barracks residents only park within the site. This means that there will be no extra pressure on parking in the surrounding streets. More parking will also be created on Ordnance Hill as it will be possible to remove the yellow lines.

The London Business School submitted a large application several months ago for a development between Sussex Place and Park Road. Over 100 objections have been received from residents and a meeting has been held with the applicant to discuss their concerns. When revised plans are received, the council will re-consult the objectors and other groups. This proposal will then be reported to the Planning and City Development Committee.

Parking Policy Review

Cllr Heather Acton, Deputy Cabinet Member for Parking and Transportation, Hugh Brennan, Principal Transport Planner, and Barry Smith, Operational Director of City Planning, discussed the Westminster Parking Policy Review 2010-11. Over the past nine months we have undertaken a major review of parking provision across the city and on 9 May, the cabinet agreed, for consultation, a series of draft policy proposals for parking in Westminster. These proposals can be seen on the council website at www.westminster.gov.uk/parkingpolicyreview. The consultation closed on 23 June and the responses received are being analysed and will help inform the final parking policy proposals, which will go to cabinet for approval on 1 August.

Neighbourhood Funds – how should yours be spent?

Abbey Road, Regent's Park

Neighbourhood funds are dedicated funds to support local projects and priorities. They enable councillors to address the local issues that matter most to residents, and we want your suggestions on how they should be spent. This could range from improving the local environment with new trees, flowers or improved paving, to purchasing new equipment for the local sports club, or funding activities for older residents.

Suggestions were put forward at the St John's Wood Area Forum and further suggestions can be made to your ward councillors through the details at the bottom of the page. To find out how neighbourhood funds were spent last year, visit www.westminster.gov.uk/neighbourhoodfunds. To find out which electoral ward you are in please visit www.westminster.gov.uk/wardfinder.

Your next St John's Wood Area Forum

I look forward to welcoming you to the next St John's Wood Area Forum on Monday 21 November 2011, at the Danubius Hotel, agenda to be confirmed. For more information, please contact the Area Forums team using the contact details on the front page of this letter.



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