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CONSULTATION REPORT

Take the High Road Project
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Executive Summary

The purpose of the Take the High Road project was to continue the extended conversation it has been having with the New Southgate Community since 2009. Specifically, the consultation proposals were built on existing feedback and engagement, and the consultation has further shaped the plans into a deliverable project.

Take the High Road is a project that has arisen from the New Southgate masterplan, which was adopted in 2010, aiding the regeneration of New Southgate. This project is committed to the principles identified in the masterplan, which was shaped by the New Southgate community.

As this project has developed from the New Southgate Masterplan, it will follow all key principles in the document and indirectly Enfield's key strategies and resources that were used to produce the framework.

The purpose of the project was to set out proposals based on existing feedback and to consult residents and stakeholders. The consultation took place for 7 and 1/2 weeks from 9th May to 29th June 2012. This report sets out:

- Who we consulted on the project proposals
- When we consulted them
- How we consulted them
- The profile of people who responded in terms of age, gender, ethnicity, religion, and location in the area
- The responses we received to the consultation
- Amendments to the plans as a result of the consultation

The key findings from the consultation are:

Responses

In total, 180 responses were received to the consultation from individuals, community groups, stakeholders and young people.

This was made up of:

- 40 adult responses (see chapter 4 for more detailed breakdown of responses)
- 140 Children and Young people responses (0-19years) (see chapter 4 for more detailed breakdown of responses)

Key Findings

Please see below key findings from the consultation responses, a summary of findings can be found in chapter 4 and full data statistics in Appendix B.

- A common issue throughout all the consultation responses was the negative perception of safety and antisocial behaviour. This provides evidence that there is a need for the project as it will help address this issue by improving the open spaces, High Road and access. This report sets out the Council's response to the key issues raised and provides an approach to deal with these.
- The majority of respondents were in favour of the traffic calming proposals except the narrowing of the High Road, as it was thought that it would create more traffic due to the road already being congested.
- Although there was majority support for the removal of the car parking spaces next to the High Road open space, a number of issues were raised about lack of parking in the area for

local residents. Looking at the overview of the project and the evidenced statistics, it would be beneficial to take into consideration the need to improve the High Road Open space, safety and the support for a landmark versus the removal of parking spaces at the entrance of the Open Space.

- The new cycle and pedestrian access at the top of the High Road was highly supported, with a commitment to use the new route.
- The community felt that the proposals for the area outside the High Road shops were a good idea and would help improve the perception of safety.
- Respondents agreed there were a need for a landmark and felt that a piece of artwork would be more suitable than a tree, and there were suggestions for planters which will be in the area outside the High Road shops.
- Perception of safety was lowest at the Grove Road and High Road Open spaces, and there were aspirations for all Open spaces for better lighting, planting, seating and equipment.
- All the open spaces are being used for a form of activity, and walking was top of the list.
- The Outdoor Gym was popular among the community throughout the results.
- The correlation between the adults and children's responses was interesting, as children favoured the activity equipment including the Skate Park, although this was not top of the list for High Road open space.
- The majority of children's comments for the Open Spaces included the introduction of ball game equipment, such as, football and basketball courts.

The table in Appendix B sets out all the comments received, we have provided a response and suggested how the proposals will be changed as a result of the comments. This new proposals will be made available for residents, community groups and organisations to view, and will be displayed at a community event in September.

1. The Take the High Road consultation

Through the consultation period on the Take the High Road we aim to achieve the following objectives:

1. Clearly communicate the consultation proposal set out in the project, and the process that will be followed through to delivery.
2. Build confidence and trust that engaging with the Council on the plans for the Take the High Road will have a positive impact on residents' lives;
3. To enable the community to have a genuine influence over the consultation proposals of the Take the High Road scheme and open spaces, this will in turn improve the quality of the plans and the sense of local ownership.
4. To be transparent and clear about the reasons and benefits for the consultation proposal, this will raise the profile of Neighbourhood Regeneration as a community service.
5. To present information and enable feedback in ways that is inclusive of the whole community, including different ages, social and cultural backgrounds and other forms of diversity.
6. Create and seek opportunities for the community to meet, grow and work together on plans and projects that are of shared interest;
7. To ensure the community understand the consultation process and they can be involved, including how information will be fed back.

The key objectives for the Project are as follows:

- Improve the green spaces along the High Road; Grove Road Open Space, High Road Open, Space and Millennium Green.

- Create a green link between the open spaces and introduce traffic calming and road safety measures on the High Road
- Improve the area in front of the High Road shops by removing walls and adding new paving and planting.
- Creating a better link through to Friern Barnet Road by removing pram sheds and introducing a new path

There were a number of pre-consultation exercises that took place to shape the plans for the public consultation due to a number of proposals directly affected the High Road shops and we managed to include an open space owned by a charitable trust in the consultation.

Public consultation took place for 7 and 1/2 weeks from 9th May to 29th June 2012. This report explains how we carried out this consultation including the different groups and organisations consulted and the methods used, as well as the responses we received from local residents and organisations and our response to these. Finally it sets out how the proposals will be changed as a result. If the changes are agreed, the final plans will be adopted by the Council and fed back to the community.

The consultation was localised and non-statutory, but good practice was used in delivering the consultation following Enfield's Compact and the Statement of Community Involvement (2006) where applicable.

2. People consulted and how we consulted them

To get residents' views on the brief, different consultation methods and events were arranged throughout the 7 1/2 week consultation period such as mail-outs to residents and businesses, newspaper articles, attendance at community forums and a youth forum for 13-18 year olds. We also attended public events and held a consultation event in partnership with the New Southgate Youth Forum, 'On Your Doorstep' and Enfield Homes. The table sets out the consultation methods and activities and the different people consulted:

Date	Consultation activity and method	Target Groups	Approximate number of people attending/involved
17th April	pre-consultation with New Southgate Area Youth Forum	Young people	5
24th April 2012 & 2nd May	Pre - consultation with Millennium Green Trustees to agree involvement of site in the consultation	trustees, members and general public	20
26th April	Presentation at the South West Enfield Partnership	Residents, stakeholders, businesses, community groups, Ward Councilors	30

1st May	Ladderswood Project Team	internal Council departments	25
2nd May	Pre - consultation with High Road retailers to discuss initial concepts that will go out for consultation	Business Owners	3
9 th May to 29 th June	Article about the project and all consultation documents placed on the Enfield Council Website	Residents, stakeholders, businesses, community groups	Any resident, business or website user
May	Article in Enfield Independent and Enfield Advertiser Newspapers	Residents, stakeholders, businesses, community groups	Circulated to all residents of the borough
9th May	Facebook - promoting consultation and website link	Promotion of consultation activities on the 'Regenerating Enfield' facebook page	Any resident, business or website user
9th May	Posted consultation letter to community groups representing different racial / Disability / Age related / Faith groups or organisations	Race equalities groups Disability equalities groups Age equalities groups	18 groups
9th May	Emailed or Posted consultation questionnaire to New Southgate Neighbourhood Panel	Engaged New Southgate members of the Neighbourhood Panel	50
9th May	Questionnaire hand delivered to every address in New Southgate	Residents, stakeholders, businesses, community groups	1400
9th May	South West Partnership: emailed the consultation letter to the members of the group	Council officers and partners	53
9th May	Businesses associated to Enfield Business Retailers Association sent consultation documents	Business Owners	50
9th May	Consultation materials sent to Enfield Voluntary Action (EVA)	local EVA members	
12th May	Email to all local schools about consultation via the Schools Communication Bulletin	Schools, Governors, Parents and Children	5 Schools
15th May	Presentation at Play Partnership meeting for partners to disseminate consultation materials to their community	Voluntary, internal Council groups	10 directly, 150 indirectly

17th May	New Southgate Neighbourhood Panel meeting	Neighbourhood Panel members	25
30th May	CAPE meeting	Residents, voluntary organisations, Police and safer neighbourhoods team	30
June	Article in Our Enfield Magazine	Residents and community groups	Circulated to all residents of the borough
1st June	Distribution of flyers to businesses, residents and community groups to advertise consultation event	Local residents, Community organisations, library users, Businesses	50 directly, 200 indirectly
6th June	Youth area Forum meeting to discuss event	Young people	5
8th June	Take the High Road consultation event	Residents, community groups and library users, young people	Approx 75
15th June	Consultation reminder email sent to local schools directly	Schools and young people	5 schools
18th June	Presentation at Garfield School Governors meeting	School Governors	25
20th June	Consultation with Old Church Court Residents (independent living)	Disability Equality Group	8
3rd July	Presentation at Bowes, Palmers Green and Southgate Green Community Forum, extended consultation	Residents, ward Councilors	Approx 50 people in attendance
5th July	Update at the South West Enfield Partnership	Residents, ward Councillors, voluntary and community Groups	30

3. Who responded to the consultation

We received 180 responses to the consultation. This included responses from organisations, community groups, schools and individuals representing a sector of the community.

This chapter sets out the different ages, ethnicities, and religion of people who filled in the consultation form. We did not collect this information from people who responded using other methods or attended

community events and group meetings as this may have led to attendees being unwilling to participate given this was face-to-face consultation.

Equalities monitoring

Gender

Not all the respondents declared their gender, with 14 respondents, which is 8% choosing not to comment. There were 79 respondents who were female, which represents 44% and 87 male, which is 48% of the respondents. The mix of adults and children's gender is split which has given the consultation a good representation on gender.

Age of respondents

The main respondents of the consultation was a staggering 82%, with 28% falling within the 0-8 years old and 58% of the respondents were within the 9 to 13 age group. This is a higher response than normally received from this age group, who traditionally do not respond to this method of consultation (questionnaire) due to parents usually fill out documents on their behalf, and workshops and assemblies are the usual forms used with these age groups. As the questionnaire were designed by the area youth forum as a universal questionnaire, the questionnaire was therefore more child friendly and the local schools endorsed the document. Due to the interest in the open spaces and the consultation covering the proximity of the schools, both Garfield and Bowes primary schools felt that their pupils should be involved in the consultation.

Only 2% of the 14 – 19 age bracket responded, even though it was this age group who were involved in the design of the questionnaire. The lowest respondents were in the 20-30 year old category with 0%, but overall there was 17% of adults aged 31- 71+ year old respondents, this includes returned comments via other methods such as, email.

People with a disability

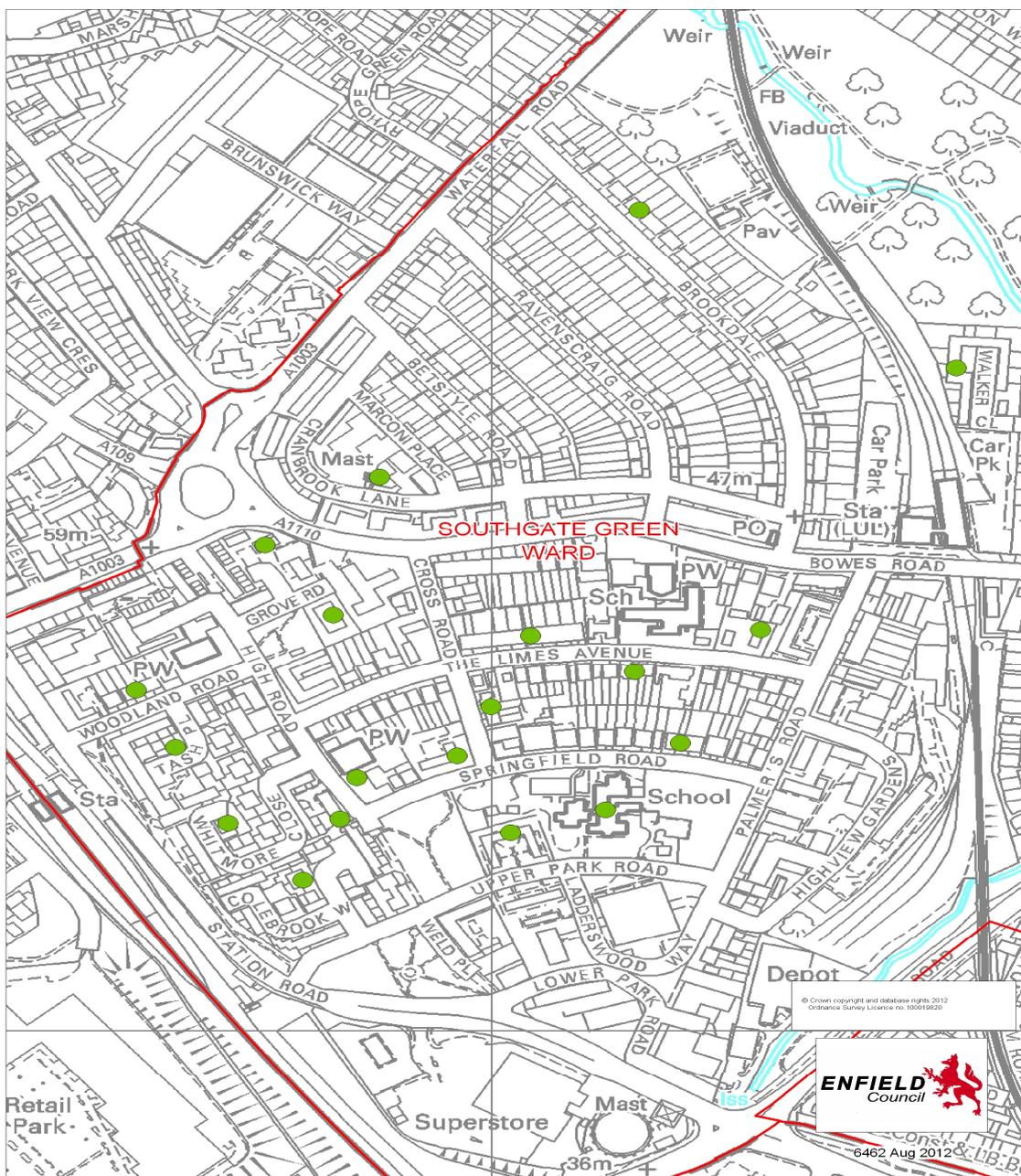
60% of the respondents answered the question about disability, of which 8% said they considered themselves to have a disability.

Ethnicity

74% of the respondents declared their ethnicity of which 33% said they were British. Other ethnic backgrounds that had higher percentages include 8% Other (ethnicities not categorised in the Councils standard list), 5% Polish, 3% Turkish and African, and an even 1% and 2% across most other ethnicities, 26% of respondents chose not to declare their ethnicity. These figures are based on the respondent's declarations which they may have considered fit into multiple categories and ticked more than one ethnicity.

Geographical location of responses

The map shows the postcode of all respondents who gave us their address and where they live in relation to the Southgate Green Ward. The majority of the respondents live or go to school in and around the High Road. The largest area for respondents came from the 2 Schools in the ward, Garfield and Bowes Primary Schools, one of which is adjacent to the High Road and open space. It was evident that respondents felt that all the open spaces needed improving in some way, and that the High Road was in need of upgrading. Consultation table (Appendix A) sets out how we have responded to the comments raised.



Note: Bowes (42) and Garfield (92) Primary Schools were the only locations to have more than one respondent.

4. Consultation Results

For all of the detailed statistics please refer to Appendix B.

Please note that percentages are based on the number of answers given in each question and are summarised below;

Question 1 – How did you find out about the consultation?

The majority of respondents found out through School (77%), leaflet in the post (4%) and the New Southgate Newsletter (4%).

Question 2. How do you travel on the High Road?

Most respondents use the High Road by walking (34%) or by car (50%), the other category (10%) identified, by bus. The correlation between adults and children was that, both groups percentages were the same in order, highest to lowest, walk, car, other and cycle.

Question 3: Do you feel safe using the High Road (in terms of traffic safety or crime and anti-social behaviour)

70% of respondents stated they did feel safe using the High Road compared to 30% who didn't, the figures were the same for both adults and children. Some of those who felt unsafe listed reasons summarised below;

- Poor lighting
- Gangs and Young adults hanging around
- A lot of Anti-social behaviour
- Debris and litter not cleaned up
- Quite enclosed
- There is a lot of traffic
- Cars travel too quickly
- It is unsafe for pedestrians

Question 4. What do you think about the proposed traffic calming measures?

Introduction of Speed Tables

68% of respondents liked the speed table proposals, of this 83% of adults and 97% children either liked or had no opinion on this proposal.

Summary of comments:

- Damages the car
- Reduces speed therefore it is safer

Road narrowing on the High Road

57% of respondents disliked this proposal, with both 52% adults and 59% children were against the proposal in separate analysis, and only 33% were in favour.

Summary of comments:

- The Road is already congested so it will make this worse
- Drivers will be confused by the priority
- Will improve safety
- There has been no reports of an accident on this road so how will this introduction make it safer
- Poor for drivers

Raised table outside High Road shops

The raised table proved a popular idea as 57% of all respondents liked the proposal, with 26% having no opinion and a mere 16% disliking this. In a separate children and adult analysis, the majority liked this plan in both groups.

Summary of comments:

- This will reduce speed by the blind corner and school
- The raised table outside the school has not helped, so this will be worthless
- This will be dangerous

Question 5. How do you feel about reducing parking next to the High Road open space to improve entrances to the space?

As this question is made up of qualitative data, the analysis looked at the positive, negative and unsure perceptions. 68% of respondents were either positive or unsure about this proposal, and the correlation between children and adults, the majority of children were for the change and the majority of adults were unsure due to the reduction of parking, highlighting this as an issue in the area.

Summary of comments:

Positive

- This would open up the High Road Open space
- This will discourage commuter parking
- Good idea but would need to increase the addresses covered under the parking permit
- It will be safer and reduce accidents
- This would improve the Open Space aesthetically

Negative

- limited parking provision already causes huge problems in the residential area, without increasing restrictions on local parking would have far fewer
- This would cause more car congestion and push cars onto alternative streets
- This may affect the businesses on the High Road

Question 6. Do you agree with the plan to remove the pram sheds at the top of High Road to create a direct path through to the main road for people walking and cycling (Friern Barnet road)?

52% of respondents were unsure about the removal of the pram sheds, with 40% in favour. In analysing the data, 87% of the unsure respondents were children who may not have been able to interpret the question fully. In a separate analysis 70% of adults were in favour of the removal of the pram sheds.

Question 7. Would you use the new pedestrian and cycle access to Friern Barnet road?

80% of respondents said they would use the new pedestrian and cycle access, with only 6% who wouldn't use the new path, this figure was made up of 1 adult and 6 children in comparison.

Question 8. Do you have any comments about the traffic calming or parking?

Summary of comments:

- Parking is an issue as commuters use the local communities parking spaces
- The High Road junction at the top needs adjusting to make it safer for drivers
- Springfield Road traffic can be an issue as this road is quite narrow
- Traffic is not a problem on the High Road although the speed of cars is an issue therefore would appreciate traffic calming measures

Question 9. Do you use the shops on the High Road?

81% of respondents said they do use the shops or sometimes use the shops compared to 19% who do not use the High Road shops at all. The breakdowns of those 19% who do not use the shops were 36% adults and 64% children.

Summary of reasons why they do not use the shops:

- Use larger shops and supermarkets
- This is a gang and youth hang out
- Not enough of a police presence
- More shops on Bowes Road
- Do not live there so they are not the nearest shops
- It feels dangerous and run down

Question 10. Do you agree with the plans for the space in front of the High Road shops?

This follows on from question 9, with 80% of respondents agreeing with the plans for improvement and only 20% disagreeing. Of the 20% the breakdown of children was 91%.

Summary of comments:

- It's a mess at present
- The improvements will need to be maintained
- Need a wall or railing to deter football and skate boards
- Railings are not as pleasant as a wall

Question 11. What would you prefer as a landmark in front of the shops?

56% of respondents preferred artwork to a tree as a landmark, and of this 91% were children.

Summary of comments:

- Trees make it dark and can aid anti-social behaviour
- Properly maintained planters
- Map of the area

Question 12. Which open spaces do you use and what for?

Grove Road Open Space

28% respondents stated they did not use the space at all which only 20% were adults, and of those who did the most usage was for walking (22%), relaxing and hanging out (17%), playing sport and exercise (13%). In a separate analysis, most adults (42%) used the space walking, or relaxing (20%). In correlation to adults, children either didn't use the space at all (80% of the 28% of respondents) which was the majority but used the space in the same way as the adults, walking (15%), playing sport and exercise (16%), relaxing and hanging out (17%).

High Road Open Space

Similarly with the Grove Road Open Space, 25% respondents stated they did not use the space at all, which only 31% were adults, and of those who did the most usage was for walking (31%) with little other usage. In correlation to adults, children either didn't use the space at all (69% of the 25% of respondents) which was the majority, although there was an even usage amongst the other activities, relaxing and hanging out (18%), playing sport and exercise (21%), walking (15%) using play equipment (11%). Although dog walking (7%) and cycle route (6%) usages were low.

Millennium Green

Of all the green space spaces, Millennium Green had a slightly higher non usage (31%), again the majority of the 31% by children at 62%. Although there was an even usage amongst the other activities, relaxing and hanging out (18%), playing sport and exercise (11%), walking (21%), using play equipment (7%), and dog walking (4%) and cycle route (5%) usages were low. In a separate analysis adults usages was for walking at 30%, compared to children's usage being relaxing and hanging out at 21% and evenly spread across the other activities except dog walking and cycling.

Question 13. Do you feel safe using open space?

Over 60% of respondents felt safe in Grove Road, High Road and Millennium Green Open space, with Grove Road perception the highest at 70%. The lowest was the High Road Open space at 61% and this was further evidenced in the separate analysis between children and adults, where 39% in each category stated they did not feel safe.

Summary of comments:

- Gangs hang out at the open spaces
- Enclosed spaces and not safe
- Drug dealers hang out
- Not well lit
- Really busy
- Low perception of safety

The comments above were prominent in all open spaces, but there were many comments about gangs and drug dealing for the High Road Open space. The Millennium Green had the majority of comments about the space being isolated and enclosed, whereas the Grove Road open space had comments about lighting and maintenance of shrubbery.

Question 14. What would encourage you to use the open space on the High Road?

Grove Road Open Space

The majority of respondents said that an outdoor Gym (18%), better planting and landscaping (18%), seating and picnic benches (16%) would encourage them to use the space. Although there was a difference in comparing the adults views to children's as, 25% adults favoured better planting compared to 22% of children favouring an outdoor gym for this space. Lighting was also high in percentage at 21% by adults compared to 8% of children. Another difference was that 13% of children were interested in events compared to 5% adults.

High Road Open Space

The outdoor gym had the highest percentage at 18%, with better planting and landscaping(15%), seating and picnic benches(14%), lighting(12%), events(14%) and better equipment(13%) being separated by a small percent. In analysing the adult and children's results, children ranked an outdoor gym (20%) first on their list compared to adults who ranked this 3rd (15%). Lighting is important to adults with 18%, making this their second favoured option, 10% of children also agreed.

Millennium Green

Events were the favoured option at 20% of respondents, 5% higher than any other option. Lighting (15%) and the outdoor gym (15%) were ranked second, although adults at 24% had lighting as their top priority whereas children chose events at 22%.

Grove Road Open Space

Question 15. How do you feel about reducing the plants around the open space to improve the views into the space??

68% of respondent's agreed with this proposal, and over 60% of both children and adults in comparison.

Summary of comments:

- Keep space open and not too busy with planting
- Thoughtful reduction in planting to keep in character with the High Street
- Needs maintaining and pruning
- Would be safer

Question 16. What would you like to see in this open space?

45% of respondents would like to see natural playspace, this was the children's top priority at 52%, although the adult respondents preferred improved planting (30%) but closely followed by natural playspace at 29%.

Summary of comments:

- Improved lighting
- Park ranger presence
- Water feature

- Seating may attract anti-social behaviour
- Football area

Question 17. Any other comments about Grove Road Open Space?

Summary of comments:

- Improved planting
- Regular removal of rubbish and maintenance of the Open Space
- Too small for major works, improvements need to be kept small and maintained
- Anti-social behaviour is a problem and lighting would improve this
- Used to be known as 'the Bombie', could put an interpretation board up with an explanation on its history
- More rubbish and dog bins

Millennium Green

Question 18. How could millennium green be improved?

The top two preferences by all respondents were a willow shelter (30%) and nature trail (24%). This differed slightly with the age comparison as adults favoured the nature trail (24%), signage (23%) and signposts of different areas of the site (20%), whereas children preferred the willow shelter (36%) and nature trail (24%).

Question 19. Do you have any other comments about Millennium Green?

Summary of comments:

- Nice area but needs to be used more
- Needs to be made safer by pruning and maintenance
- This is a tranquil space but needs more bins and lighting
- A nature trail would encourage more users and promote a safer perception of the site

High Road Open Space

Question 20. What would you like to see in the open space?

The High Road Open space respondents marginally favoured the Under eights Play equipment (34%) over the outdoor gym (31%) and the skate equipment (26%). When analysing the adults and children's perception, the adults favoured the under eights equipment (35%) and the outdoor gym (33%), with the skate park (10%) the least, which is the same ranking as the children.

Summary of comments:

- If the children's equipment is maintained
- Basketball court
- Football area
- The outdoor gym would appeal to adults and the older generation
- Nature trail
- Water feature

Question 21. What type of Skate equipment would you like to see if it is proposed?

33% of respondents and in the adult and child analysis favoured option B.

Question 22. Under 8'S play equipment was put in the High Road Open Space what type of equipment would you like?

With a margin of over 25%, the preference for under eights equipment was for option D (47%), which is the multi activity equipment. This was the same for both adults and children’s analysis.

With regard to the outdoor gym equipment, respondents both adults and children favoured for the equipment to be situated in one place (57%) over a circuit around the open space (43%).

Question 23. Do you have any other comments about High Road Open Space?

Summary of comments:

- The open space needs to be well maintained as the grass is often left overgrown
- The sand on the current play equipment is unhygienic and collects rubbish and debris
- The skate park is a good idea for the area but not suitable for this open space
- Could we rename the space?
- Needs more dog and litter bins
- Landscaping and planting needs to be improved and maintained
- Do not overcrowd activity equipment
- Any additional equipment that is put on the site is open for vandalism
- Add equipment such as multi use games area, football area and zip wire

5. Updating the Proposals

Based on the responses to the consultation a number of changes and actions have been made to the Project; see Appendix A for full details of all the comments and changes. The main changes are as follows;

Issue raised during consultation	Proposed change to the Project
Proposed traffic calming measure; Speed tables, Road Narrowing and Raised table outside the High Road Shops	The Speed tables and Raised table will remain in the plan but the Road Narrowing will be removed and other measures will be explored to reduce traffic and improve safety.
Removal of parking outside the High Road Open Space entrance	The parking will be removed as there was general consensus from respondents although the issue of parking has been raised, which will be investigated by Transport and Highways services as to the general approach to parking, particularly the impact of parking on surrounding roads and streets.
New Cycle and Pedestrian Access onto Betstyle path	In principle this has been agreed but a more detailed consultation will need to take place with directly affected residents.
Development of space in front of the High Road Shops	Respondents and businesses directly affected are in favour of the changes but we will need to timetable the proposed works to minimise impact to the community.
Landmark in front of the High Road Open Space	Artwork was the majority agreement, therefore a more detailed exercise will need to take place to determine the feature.
Grove Road Open Space	Has been identified as natural playspace, and detailed changes will be added to the final proposals
Millennium Green Open Space	There was significant interest in all proposals for this site, which will need to be discussed with the Millennium Green Trust and amend the final proposals.

High Road Open Space	Skate equipment will not feature in the Open space. As the Outdoor gym was highly favoured by both children and adults this will be added to the final plans, along with under eights play equipment. The outdoor gym will be laid out in one place, as this was the communities preference, and will accommodate the introduction of a half basketball court and small fixed goals, which will complement the under eights equipment and meadow area.
Safety in all open spaces	Improvements to lighting, signage and landscaping should contribute to improving safety. The results of the consultations will be taken to the next CAPE meeting to raise the issues stated by respondents about crime and anti-social behaviour.

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TAKE THE HIGH ROAD CONSULTATION HAVE YOUR SAY!

Comment until 29th June 2012

Following the New Southgate Masterplan and continuing on from where the Red Brick Estate improvements left off, the 'Take the High Road' consultation is the next project we need the community to shape. We have already had comments from previous consultations which has helped draft some ideas for the project.



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THE PROJECT AIMS TO:

- Improve the green spaces along the High Road; Grove Road Open Space, High Road Open Space and Millennium Green.
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HOW TO COMMENT

- Attend the 'Take the High Road' consultation event

Date: Friday 8th June
Time: 2.00pm-5.00pm
Venue: High Road open space

If it rains the event will be held at Garfield School

- Fill in the questionnaire that will be delivered to all households and businesses in New Southgate
- Email comments to: neighbourhood.regeneration@enfield.gov.uk
- Pick up a questionnaire (this document) in the local shops on the High Road, Bowes Road Library and Amos Leisure Centre.
- For more information, please contact: Ellie Robles on 020 8379 3885 or ellie.robles@enfield.gov.uk
- Go to www.enfield.gov.uk/placeshaping and print off a questionnaire.

Please send your completed questionnaire to the Freepost address: FREEPOST NW5036, Neighbourhood Regeneration Team, London Borough of Enfield, PO Box 61, Silver Street, Enfield EN1 3BR.

NEXT STEPS

After the consultation is over, we will look at the comments received and use these to change designs of the High Road and Open Spaces. These will be available on our website, by request and exhibited during Summer 2012.

We plan to start the work later this year.

'Take the High Road' Consultation: The Plan

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High Road Traffic Calming

The High Road is a key route through the area, we would like to create a better route for pedestrians and cyclists by forming a green link. The plans will:

- Connect High Road to Betstyle Circus by removing existing pram sheds and making a new direct footpath from the top of High Road to Friern Barnet Road
- Improve pedestrian paths with a raised table between the junction of Woodland Road and The Limes Avenue
- Remove speed cushions and replace with a speed table along Inverforth Road.
- Create a new speed table on Upper Park Road
- Plant an avenue of trees along High Road



Artistic impression of proposed High Road Traffic calming and street improvements

High Road Shops

Improvements could include

- Removal of some walls, new paving and planters outside the shops.
- Creation of a raised table in front of the shops and entrance to High Road Open Space, to help reduce traffic speeds and improve pedestrian safety
- A feature, possibly a mature tree or art work
- Better entrance to High Road Open Space

Removal of parking bay and add timber bollards to deter parking in front of entrance to High Road Open Space

Widen and re-surface path next to High Road Open Space

New paving in front of shops

Replace wall with railings and new planting bed



Artistic impression. Proposed improvements to the Shops



Grove Road Open Space

Grove Road Open Space is a small green space with several mature trees in good condition. Due to its location next to the community building it has the potential to become a well used park. The plans aim to:

- Enhance the character of the space with new planting and the removal of inappropriate existing plants
- Create a playable landscape that appeals to very young children and provides attractive social areas for sitting and picnics
- Create a screen of plants around the electricity substation, to conceal the building.

Paved seating area with new planting

A circle of grassy mounds to encourage play

Timber bridges across grassy mounds



Artistic impression showing ideas for Grove Road Open Space Improvements

High Road Open Space

A new play park aimed at children aged 8-13, was recently built in High Road Open Space. There is potential to develop the site to become an activity space for residents of all ages by:

- Opening up views into High Road Open Space to improve policing and reduce antisocial behaviour by removing trees and fences
- Provide more play equipment for young and old people
- Provide more seating and planting

Ideas for play equipment at High Road Open Space



Millennium Green

- New signage and a clearer entrance way will help to connect Millennium green to the local area.
- New information boards will help to inform visitors about the wildlife in the Green and create a nature trail
- Willow structure can add natural play value to the space



New main entrance sign for Millennium Green

Interpretation boards

Willow structure

YOUR VIEWS

Please refer to the map that sets out the plans for the 'Take the High Road' consultation.

Q1

How did you hear about the consultation? (Please tick)		
School <input type="checkbox"/>	Leaflet through the post <input type="checkbox"/>	Email <input type="checkbox"/>
Neighbourhood Panel <input type="checkbox"/>	South West Enfield Partnership <input type="checkbox"/>	Poster <input type="checkbox"/>
New Southgate Newsletter <input type="checkbox"/>		

Traffic Calming

There has been the recent introduction of a 20mph zone and speed tables in the area but we want to do more to improve the environment along the High Road.



Q2

How do you travel on the High Road?		
By Car <input type="checkbox"/>	Walking <input type="checkbox"/>	Cycling <input type="checkbox"/>
Other, please state:		

Q3

Do you feel safe using the High Road? (in terms of traffic safety or crime and Anti-Social Behaviour)		
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	If no, please state why:

Q4

What do you think the about the proposed traffic calming measures?				
Measure	Like	Dislike	No opinion	Comments:
Speed Tables				
Road narrowing for priority traffic one way				
Raised table outside High Road shops				

Q5

How do feel about reducing parking next to the High Road Open Space to improve entrances to the space?

Q6

Do you agree with the plan to remove the pram sheds at the top of the High Road to create a direct path through to the main road for people walking and cycling (Friern Barnet Road)?
Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not sure <input type="checkbox"/> Comments:

Q7

Would you use the new pedestrian and cycle access to Friern Barnet Road?
Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not sure <input type="checkbox"/>

Q8

Do you have any other comments about traffic calming or parking?

High Road Shops



Q9

Do you use the shops on the High Road?
Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Sometimes <input type="checkbox"/> If no, why:

Q10

Do you agree with the plans for the space in front of the High Road shops?
Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Comments:

Q11

What would you prefer as a landmark in front of the shops?
Tree <input type="checkbox"/> Artwork <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please state:

General – Open Spaces

Q12

Which open spaces do you use and what for?								
Open Space	Relaxing/ Hanging out	Playing sport/ exercise	Using play equipment	Dog walking	Cycle route	Walking	Don't use at all	Other, please state:
Grove Road Open Space								
High Road Open space								
Millennium Green								

Q13

Do you feel safe using the open spaces?			
Open Space	Yes	No	If no, please tell us why:
Grove Road Open Space			
High Road Open space			
Millennium Green			

Q14

What would encourage you to use the open spaces on the High Road?									
Open Space	Nothing	Better equipment	Outdoor gym	Events	Better planting & landscaping	Lighting	Seating/picnic benches	Signage	Other comments:
Grove Road Open Space									
High Road Open space									
Millennium Green									

Grove Road Open Space



Q15

How do you feel about reducing the plants around the open space to improve the views into the space?

Like Dislike

Comments:

Q16

What would you like to see in this open space?

 Seating <input type="checkbox"/>	 Natural play space for very young children <input type="checkbox"/>	 Improved planting <input type="checkbox"/>	Other, please state: <input type="text"/>
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Q17

Do you have any other comments about Grove Road Open Space?

Millennium Green

The Green is owned by a small charity, The New Southgate Millennium Green Trust. This is a natural and wild open space for recreation and relaxation and is New Southgate's very own secret garden.



Q18

How could Millennium Green be improved?

 Signage <input type="checkbox"/>	 Nature Trail <input type="checkbox"/>	 Willow Shelter <input type="checkbox"/>	 Signpost different areas of the site <input type="checkbox"/>	Children's mosaic (seating area) <input type="checkbox"/>	Other, please state: <input type="text"/>
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Q19

Do you have any other comments about Millennium Green?

High Road Open Space



Q20

What would you like to see in the open spaces?

 Skate equipment <input type="checkbox"/>	 Under 8's play equipment <input type="checkbox"/>	 Outdoor Gym <input type="checkbox"/>	Other, please state: <input type="text"/>
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Q21

If you ticked skate equipment, what type of skate equipment would you like?

 <input type="checkbox"/>	 <input type="checkbox"/>	 <input type="checkbox"/>	 <input type="checkbox"/>
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Q22

If Under 8s play equipment was put in the High Road Open Space: what type of equipment would you like?

 <input type="checkbox"/>	 <input type="checkbox"/>	 <input type="checkbox"/>	 <input type="checkbox"/>
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Q22

If we did put in gym equipment, where would you like it set out in the open space?

In one place Circuit around whole space

Q23

Do you have any other comments about High Road Open Space?

ABOUT YOU

Your information will be used confidentially for the purpose of this consultation and other related consultations in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998.

Name:	
Address:	
Post code:	
Resident/Organisation:	
Phone:	Email:

Gender:	
Male <input type="checkbox"/>	Female <input type="checkbox"/>
Transgender <input type="checkbox"/>	Do not wish to state <input type="checkbox"/>

Age:			
0-8 <input type="checkbox"/>	9-13 <input type="checkbox"/>	14-19 <input type="checkbox"/>	20-30 <input type="checkbox"/>
31-40 <input type="checkbox"/>	41-50 <input type="checkbox"/>	51-60 <input type="checkbox"/>	61-70 <input type="checkbox"/>
70+ <input type="checkbox"/>			

Do you consider yourself to have a disability?	
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

What is your ethnic origin?		
British	White and Black Caribbean	
Irish	White and Asian	
Greek	Indian	
Greek Cypriot	Pakistan	
Turkish	Bangladeshi	
Turkish Cypriot	Caribbean	
Italian	African	
Polish	Nigerian	
Russian	Somali	
Traveller	Chinese	
Gypsy/Romany	Sri Lankan	
White and Black African	Other (Please state)	

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TAKE THE HIGH ROAD
CONSULTATION EVENT
Date: Friday 8th June 2012
Time: 2.00pm - 5.00pm
Venue: High Road open space
(see map overleaf)
If it rains the event will be held at Garfield School

Activities will include: food, face painting, sports and play activities

In attendance will be
'On Your Doorstep: Bringing Enfield Council to you' and the Youth Area Forum

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The New Southgate Masterplan Newsletter
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Take the High Road Consultation

Dates: 8th May - 29th June 2012

Following the New Southgate Masterplan and continuing on from where the Red Brick Estate improvements left off, the Take the High Road consultation is the next project we need the community to shape.

We have already had comments from previous consultations which has helped draft some ideas for the project.

The 'Take the High Road' project aims to:

- Improve the green spaces on the High Road
- Create a green link between all the open spaces along the High Road and traffic calming and road safety measures
- Improve the area in front of the High Road shops



- Make the area more attractive
- Improve pedestrian and cycle access to Arnos Grove station by creating a better link through to Bowes Road

Get involved!

- Come to the New Southgate Neighbourhood Panel -
Date: Thursday 17th May
Time: 6.30pm-8.00pm
Venue: Garfield School, Springfield Road, New Southgate, N11 1RR
- Attend the "Take the High Road" consultation event - Friday 8th June, High Road open space, 2.00pm-5.00pm
- Fill in questionnaire that will be delivered to households in the New Southgate area
- Email comments to: neighbourhood.regeneration@enfield.gov.uk
- Pick up a questionnaire in the local shops on the High Road and Bowes Road Library.
- For more information, please contact **Ellie Robles** on 020 8379 3885 or ellie.robles@enfield.gov.uk
- Go to www.enfield.gov.uk/placeshaping

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Table of statistics and comments from the Take the High Road Open Space Consultation

Question 1. How did you find out about the masterplan consultation?

School	Leaflet in post	Email	Neighbourhood Panel	SWEP	Poster	newsletter	LBE officer	Other
77%	4%	1%	5%	0%	1%	4%	1%	6%

Question 2. How do you travel on the High Road?

Car	Walk	Cycle	Other
34%	50%	5%	11%

Question 3. Do you feel safe using the High Road? (In terms of traffic safety or crime and anti social behaviour)

Yes	No
70%	30%

Reasons stated by respondents;

- Poor lighting
- Gangs and Young adults hanging around
- A lot of Anti-social behaviour
- Debris and litter not cleaned up
- Quite enclosed
- There is a lot of traffic
- Cars travel too quickly
- It is unsafe for pedestrians

Question 4. What do you think about the proposed traffic calming measures?

Speed Tables

Like	Dislike	No opinion
68%	10%	22%

Summary of comments:

- Damages the car
- Reduces speed therefore it is safer

Road Narrowing

Like	Dislike	No opinion
33%	57%	10%

Summary of comments:

- The Road is already congested so it will make this worse
- Drivers will be confused by the priority
- Will improve safety
- There has been no reports of an accident on this road so how will this introduction make it safer
- Poor for drivers

Raised table outside High Road Open Space shops

Like	Dislike	No opinion
57%	16%	26%

Summary of comments:

- This will reduce speed by the blind corner and school
- The raised table outside the school has not helped, so this will be worthless
- This will be dangerous

Question 5. How do you feel about reducing parking next to the High Road Open Space open space to improve entrances to the space?

Positive

- This would open up the High Road Open space
- This will discourage commuter parking
- Good idea but would need to increase the addresses covered under the parking permit
- It will be safer and reduce accidents
- This would improve the Open Space aesthetically

Negative

- limited parking provision already causes huge problems in the residential area, without increasing restrictions on local parking would have far fewer
- This would cause more car congestion and push cars onto alternative streets
- This may affect the businesses on the High Road

Question 6. Do you agree with the plan to remove the pram sheds at the top of High Road Open Space to create a direct path through to the main road for people walking and cycling (friern Barnet road)?

Yes	No	Not sure
40%	7%	52%

Question 7. Would you use the new pedestrian and cycle access to friern Barnet road?

Yes	No	Not sure
80%	6%	15%

Question 8. Do you have any comments about the traffic calming or parking?

Summary of comments:

- Parking is an issue as commuters use the local communities parking spaces
- The High Road junction at the top needs adjusting to make it safer for drivers
- Springfield Road traffic can be an issue as this road is quite narrow
- Traffic is not a problem on the High Road although the speed of cars is an issue therefore would appreciate traffic calming measures

Question 9. Do you use the shops on the High Road?

Yes	No	Sometimes
44%	19%	37%

Summary of reasons why they do not use the shops:

- Use larger shops and supermarkets
- This is a gang and youth hang out
- Not enough of a police presence
- More shops on Bowes Road
- Do not live there so they are not the nearest shops
- It feels dangerous and run down

Question 10. Do you agree with the plans for the space in front of the High Road Open Space shops?

Yes	No
80%	20%

Summary of comments:

- It's a mess at present
- The improvements will need to maintained
- Need a wall or railing to deter football and skate boards
- Railings are not as pleasant as a wall

Question 11. What would you prefer as a landmark in front of the shops?

Tree	Artwork	Other
36%	56%	8%

Summary of comments:

- Trees make it dark and can aid anti-social behaviour
- Properly maintained planters
- Map of the area

Question 12. Which open spaces do you use and what for?

Grove Road Open Space

Relaxing and hang out	Playing sport and exercise	Using play equipment	Dog walking	Cycle route	Walking	Don't use at all	Other
17%	13%	9%	5%	4%	22%	28%	2%

High Road Open Space Open Space

Relaxing and hang out	Playing sport and exercise	Using play equipment	Dog walking	Cycle route	Walking	Don't use at all	Other
15%	18%	9%	6%	6%	19%	25%	2%

Millennium Green

Relaxing and hang out	Playing sport and exercise	Using play equipment	Dog walking	Cycle route	Walking	Don't use at all	Other
18%	11%	7%	4%	5%	21%	31%	2%

Question 13. Do you feel safe using the open space?

Grove Road

Yes	No
70%	30%

High Road Open Space

Yes	No
61%	39%

Millennium Green

Yes	No
69%	31%

Summary of comments:

- Gangs hang out at the open spaces

- Enclosed spaces and not safe
- Drug dealers hang out
- Not well lit
- Really busy
- Low perception of safety

The comments above were prominent in all open spaces, but there were many comments about gangs and drug dealing for the High Road Open space. The Millennium Green had the majority of comments about the space being isolated and enclosed, whereas the Grove Road open space had comments about lighting and maintenance of shrubbery.

Question 14. What would encourage you to use the open space on the High Road?

Grove Road Open Space

Nothing	Better equipment	Outdoor gym	Events	Better planting & landscaping	Lighting	Seating/picnic benches	Signage	Other
7%	12%	18%	11%	18%	12%	16%	5%	1%

High Road Open Space

Nothing	Better equipment	Outdoor gym	Events	Better planting & landscaping	Lighting	Seating/picnic benches	Signage	Other
6%	13%	18%	14%	15%	12%	14%	5%	2%

Millennium Green

Nothing	Better equipment	Outdoor gym	Events	Better planting & landscaping	Lighting	Seating/picnic benches	Signage	Other
6%	11%	15%	20%	13%	15%	13%	6%	2%

Question 15. How do you feel about reducing the plants around the open space to improve the views into the space?

Like	Dislike
68%	32%

Summary of comments:

- Keep space open and not too busy with planting
- Thoughtful reduction in planting to keep in character with the High Street
- Needs maintaining and pruning
- Would be safer

Grove Road Open Space

Question 16. What would you like to see in this open space?

Seating	Natural play space	Improved planting	Other
27%	45%	23%	5%

Summary of comments:

- Improved lighting
- Park ranger presence
- Water feature
- Seating may attract anti-social behaviour
- Football area

Question 17. Do you have any other comments about Grove Road Open Space?

Summary of comments:

- Improved planting
- Regular removal of rubbish and maintenance of the Open Space
- Too small for major works, improvements need to be kept small and maintained
- Anti-social behaviour is a problem and lighting would improve this
- Used to be known as 'the Bombie', could put an interpretation board up with an explanation on its history
- More rubbish and dog bins

Millennium Green

Question 18. How could millennium green be improved?

Signage	Nature trail	Willow shelter	Signpost dif area	Children's mosaic	Other
12%	24%	30%	16%	15%	3%

Question 19. Do you have any other comments about Millennium Green?

Summary of comments:

- Nice area but needs to be used more
- Needs to be made safer by pruning and maintenance
- This is a tranquil space but needs more bins and lighting
- A nature trail would encourage more users and promote a safer perception of the site

Question 20. What would you like to see in the open space?

Skate equipment	Under 8's play equip	Outdoor gym	Other
26%	34%	31%	9%

Summary of comments:

- If the children's equipment is maintained
- Basketball court
- Football area
- The outdoor gym would appeal to adults and the older generation
- Nature trail
- Water feature

Question 21. What Skate Equipment would you like?

Driveway with rail	Half Pipe	Quarter Pipe	Drop in
24.8%	32.9%	23.5%	18.8%

Question 22. If Under 8'S play equipment was put into the High Road Open Space Open Space, what type of equipment would you like?

A	B	C	D
19%	12%	22%	47%

Where would you like to see the gym equipment set out?

In one place	Circuit around whole space
57%	43%

Question 23. Do you have any other comments about High Road Open Space Open Space?

Summary of comments:

- The open space needs to be well maintained as the grass is often left overgrown
- The sand on the current play equipment is unhygienic and collects rubbish and debris
- The skate park is a good idea for the area but not suitable for this open space
- Could we rename the space?
- Needs more dog and litter bins
- Landscaping and planting needs to be improved and maintained
- Do not overcrowd activity equipment
- Any additional equipment that is put on the site is open for vandalism
- Add equipment such as multi use games area, football area and zip wire

General comments from Residents received by email

1. Extract from an email:

I have been informed of the plans that you have made, in agreement with my colleagues, regarding the Millennium Green. I understand the intention of opening up a vista from the High Road Open Space down into the Millennium Green, but I am very cautious of the idea of removing the Notice board. I am not sure that my colleagues have realised how important the board is or the full significance of its design- for example the double curve means that it has a very big capacity, which we do, at times, use most of. I also feel that whilst the notice board

may not seem like the prettiest of notice boards, it is functional and distinctive and almost indestructible to vandals.

I will reluctantly go with my colleagues on this- I trust you have impressive plans to replace it with something pretty good and a decent proposal for where it should be placed. Before all this came up I had sketched a plan to put up a notice board by the bus stop, so that people who are waiting for the bus have something to read while they wait- a captive audience of sorts. If you must remove the Notice board, perhaps we could put the new one over there.

As it happens, the signage was getting pretty high on our list of priorities and I am very pleased to hear of your proposals. Our volunteers and other locals have been agitating on this subject for years. I understand you have made some plans with Geoff and Vivien. I don't know exactly what has been proposed, but I trust we can figure out the details in due course, taking into account any feedback we get. For my part, my thoughts are:

1. Some kind of sign at all major entrances.
2. The black Millennium Green sign is OK, but the paint of our name- New Southgate has worn off, it was obviously put on with poor paint compared to the rest of the white writing.
3. The road sign with the word Millennium Green, which is currently (on the ground) near the entrance to Inverforth Road was a well-meaning error. Locals correctly complain that it looks as if the Inverforth Road is called Millennium Green. This should be removed, but could be reused somewhere on the Green where it doesn't look like a road sign- such as at the bus stop entrance.
4. I love the idea of a big wooden Main Entrance sign, like the one on your picture!

I am pleased to see your interest in doing things with what you call the Grove Road Open Space. The open space has been locally nicknamed The Bombie for more than 50 years as all the buildings on it were bombed out in the 2nd World War. Both church halls were also damaged, along with other bomb damage in this area at that time. As I understand it, that is the original reason why the space was open. I would like to propose that this traditional name be officially adopted for the space and that an information board be erected to tell of this history. I have been in contact with a member of Southgate Civic Trust and the Friern Barnet History Society, (which covers this area) - Colin Barrett- who tells me that he is interested and that his organisations may well be able to support and assist in this. Since people from the council come and rip everything up round here every 20 years, something to establish a bit of history might produce a much-needed sense of continuity!

I don't really understand your plans for the High Road Shops/ High Road Open Space area. Why do you wish to remove the parking bay? We have steadily had our limited parking in this area eroded in the last decade and I am not keen to take away another two spaces just to leave an empty space.

2. Extract from an email:

My main concerns are

1. High Rd Open Space. An awful name! May I suggest Garfield Park? I will try to find out who Garfield was.
2. Grove Rd Open space = Bombie: information boards would be nice.
3. Trees on Bombie and outside shops: the prettiest street trees I know are in Cissbury Ring in Barnet where they have planted Almonds (early) and Cherry (later) for Spring colour and Ginkgo (yellow) and Liquidambar (red) for autumn colour. These are all small except for the Ginkgo, but that is quite slow growing.

Through the Millennium Green we are in touch with an enthusiastic local (Friern Barnet and New Southgate) historian who would help us with interesting details for information boards.

3. Extract from an email:

I write to provide comments in respect of the 'Take the High Road' consultation on behalf of our clients New Ladderswood LLP, who are currently finalising a planning application for the Ladderswood Estate regeneration.

We fully support the proposals for the High Road area and the aims to improve existing open spaces, enhance green links, provide appropriate traffic calming, enhance the streetscape and improve pedestrian links and permeability in the area. These aims and the proposals accord entirely with the aims of the Ladderswood Estate regeneration and will together help deliver integrated, well-planned and effective regeneration and environmental improvements to the New Southgate area. There is clear overlap between the two projects, in particular regarding Millennium Green and the High Road Open Space, and our clients would be happy to assist and engage with the Council in developing these further as appropriate

Appendix C: Notes from youth, community and council meetings

These include the Youth Area Forum, New Southgate Neighbourhood Panel and the Bowes, Palmers Green and Southgate Green Area Forum

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New Southgate Youth Area Forum

Youth Consultation Forum meeting Overview

Introduction

A Youth Consultation forum meeting was set up in partnership with Enfield Councils Youth Engagement officer, Youth Service Participation Officers and Neighbourhood Regeneration Community Engagement Officer. The participants were young people already engaged in various Enfield consultations through the Youth Forum and Youth Parliament in Enfield.

The Consultation meeting consisted of 5 young people aged 13 – 18 years old (school years 7-13) and took place on 17th April 2012. The format that was applied was a welcome, brief introduction on the background of the New Southgate Masterplan and the consultation that had already taken place to shape the plans.

The rest of the consultation meeting consisted of an open discussion around the proposals and how they felt they could input into the designs of the questionnaire that would go out for public consultation by drafting questions, and aid in the Take the High Road consultation event. (Please see below for a brief overview of the points raised by the Young people in three separate categories).

Comments on proposals:

- Felt that the proposals were good
- The traffic calming proposals would make the area safer for pedestrians
- Introduce more yellow lines as people park on the side of the roads, making it unsafe for drivers and pedestrians
- Parking is a problem
- Junction change at the top of the High Road
- Introduction of a zebra crossing
- Skate park in Grove Road Open space
- Name open spaces
- Fountain / Water feature
- None of them use the open spaces due to nothing being there for their age range or seating for them to hang out and relax
- There is a problem with young adults dealing drugs by the High Road open space and shops which needs to be dealt with
- All open spaces need tidying up, better planting and be maintained as at the moment they are all a mess
- Opening access at the top of the High Road onto Friern Barnet Road would be a huge benefit to pedestrians and the forum would use this

Questionnaire draft questions:

- What shall we do to make you feel safer?
- What kind of events could we hold in area X or Y?
- Would you want there to be monthly events? If yes what kind?

- Would you prefer to be set in zones? Yes / No
- Are you happy with the open spaces as they are currently? Yes / No
- How often and when do you use the open spaces in New Southgate?
- Would you like to change the open spaces? Yes / No
- Should the High Road open space be split into age appropriate zones? Yes / No
- Should the two areas be separate in terms of focus? Yes / No
- Number in order of priority of equipment (1 being the most), which area you are most likely to use
- How do you feel you would rate New Southgate green spaces? Needs developing / Satisfactory / Good / Love it
- Do you feel safe crossing and using the High Road? Yes / No
- Do you feel safe using/playing in the open spaces? Yes / No
- Would you use the open space if they were changed? Yes / No
- Do you feel the Road is safe? Do you feel a zebra crossing would help? Yes / No
- What would you use the open space for? Hanging out / Playing sport / Using apparatus/outdoor activities
- Are the green spaces currently young people friendly? Yes / No
- Do you know of any green space? Yes / No
- Do you use outdoor spaces? Could you be encouraged? Yes / No
- What would you like to see in the open spaces? Skating / Under 8's /Outdoor Gym /Other
- Skating: What type of skate equipment would you like? Where would you like to see this? Grove Road / High Road
- What type of Under 8's equipment would you like? Where would you like to see this? Grove Road / High Road
- What type of outdoor gym equipment would you like?
- Where would you like to see this? Grove Road / High Road
- What type of growing project would you like?
- Where would you like to see this? Grove Road / High Road
- What would you prefer in area X? Skating Pendulum swings Gym equipment Games Seating court Zip wire

Questionnaire design:

- Past questionnaires have been too complicated for children and young people so would need a separate one
- Simplify questionnaire
- Lots of pictures
- Map of the area
- Target schools
- Area Youth forum will promote
- Colourful and eye catching

Take the High Road Event

- Area Youth forum to attend promote the consultation and recruit members for the forum
- Free food
- Music
- Information on consultation and other projects
- In the High Road open space with a back up plan for adverse weather conditions
- Balloons
- Presence in the area and signs to signpost event
- Flyers and posters

Conclusion

The questionnaire was designed in partnership with the Youth Area Forum and due to its simple design and picture prompts it was used for both adult and young people.

The Take the High Road Event was a joint partnership event between us and the area forum at Garfield school which was well attended despite the weather. We are now looking at another event to promote consultations during September.

The feedback on the proposals will be incorporated into the consultation Responses and will be treated the same as any other feedback received during the consultation. A report will be put together to let parties know of the impact /changes to the proposals, which will be made available to the Youth Forum.

It was also evident in the meeting that the Young people had valuable feedback and due to how enthusiastic and vocal the young people were in being involved in the design, changes to services and consultations, they will be invited to take part in further discussions with Neighbourhood Regeneration on future projects.

Extract from:

Minutes of the New Southgate Neighbourhood Panel

Held on Thursday 17th May 2012

15 community panel members were present excluding LBE staff

Feedback from Panel:

- Take away the free parking area in Springfield Road, put in timed parking restrictions instead
- The parking opposite Homebase is free
- People are leaving bags of rubbish at the back of the shops on Palmers Road
- Bins not being emptied at the top of Palmers Road
- High Road open space – previously play equipment was put in without consultation
- There is nothing for young children and glass was found in the sand pit
- Children can go to Arnos Park
- Need to think about children that have nothing to do
- This is a residential area, the residents need to be considered
- Why can't the park be secured like Arnos Park?
- There is a summer fayre being held at Garfield School on 6th July, KK would be happy to have some resident involvement
- Park is good for children, but need dog litter bins
- The lamppost outside High Road shops used to have a security camera fitted but this has now gone

Excerpt from the:

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOWES, PALMERS GREEN AND SOUTHGATE GREEN AREA FORUM HELD ON TUESDAY, 3 JULY 2012 COUNCILLORS

PRESENT Alan Barker, Bambos Charalambous (Cabinet Member for Culture, Sport and Leisure), Christopher Cole, Achilleas Georgiou (Deputy Leader), Del Goddard (Cabinet Member for

Business and Regeneration), Henry Lamprecht, Alan Sitkin
and Ann Zinkin

ABSENT Yasemin Brett

OFFICERS:

Also Attending: PS Jim Collin (Police Safer Neighbourhoods Team), and
about 30 members of the public

Following the New Southgate Masterplan work was due to finish by the end of the summer on improvements to the Red Brick Estate to help reduce anti social behaviour. Good feedback has been received from residents on the project as well as the consultation exercise. A community garden had been proposed by residents which will be subject of a funding bid to the Residents Priority Fund.

Take the High Road Consultation

Attendees' views were sought on proposed traffic calming measures to the High Road and improvements to shops and open spaces along the High Road.

Residents were encouraged to submit their views via the forms provided or to contact Ellie Robles on 020 8379 3885 for any further information.