

Planning and Environment – July 2019

High Barnet & Other Station Developments

TfL are proposing to build 450 homes on the station car park and trailer park including removing the green area in front of QE Girls and building an 8 storey block of flats and reducing the parking by 75%. A protest group has been formed by Gaynor Bond and Kim Ambridge and we have agreed to share a stall at E Barnet Festival 6th & 7th July. RB will draft a response to TfL and email it to members for comment and will then finalise a Barnet Society response. Proposals are also under consultation for other stations such as Cockfosters, Finchley Central, Woodside Park and Stanmore.

High Street Pedestrian Improvements

Work has finally begun but details still have to be agreed.

Consultations

King George Vth Playing Fields

Barnet have launched a third public consultation to build a community sports and leisure hub in the centre of Barnet Playing Fields in the green belt and to enclose another floodlit games pitch. The only change made since the previous consultation is the Skateboard Park has moved further away from the Ark Academy. It appears that they have not considered any of our previous suggestions. It seems Barnet are committed to replacing the Gaelic Football pitch from Copthall and the Rainbow Centre from Dollis Valley hence these proposals. We will speak to Underhill Councillors.

Hadley Common

Les Bedford has sent a consultation document drawn up by the management committee of Monken Hadley Common who want to set up a new charity to manage the common which was set up in 1778 by Act of Parliament to allow grazing on the Common. This has now stopped and a report has been written asking for a change in the rules to meet the current needs. An article has been written for the website and we will read the report and comment.

Petition re Gagging Residents.

Barnet Council are planning to change the constitution which will stop people making a public comment in person at Committee Meetings and limit the number of questions they can ask. As a Society we would not normally get involved in a debate of this nature but as we may want to object to planning proposals it could have a direct impact on our work.

It was agreed to be put an article on our website with a link to the petition.

Other Casework

- 49 Moxon Street - Objected to the proposal to convert former workshops to 109 shared living spaces.

- Brake Shear House – The new proposal is more similar to the one we supported in 2016 but with more units. We have submitted a neutral response.

Other Organisations

- London Forum – Right to Roam: A committee member attended and circulated her report.
- FORAB 17th July when the Head of Planning will attend at Trinity Church Centre.