

Broomfield

Home-Owners and Residents Association (BHORA), established 1929

Half Yearly Meeting

Wednesday 16th, October 2013

7.30 – 9:00pm at Broomfield School Hall, Wilmer Way N14

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Agenda

This meeting will include:

1. Minutes of the AGM held on 11th June 2013 and matters arising
2. Committee Co-options: to confirm appointments
3. Report from the Committee on local issues
4. Accounts
5. Guest Speaker: We Want Local Schools
6. Any other business

Local councillors, and police have been invited

By working together through BHORA things will improve even more.

This is your association so please come along

Your Committee

After the AGM in June BHORA was left with a Committee of three, Caroline Chenier (Chair), Derek Honnor (Treasurer) & Andrea Forsyth (Committee Member – Website).

Since then we have been busy dealing with administrative affairs and drafting objection letters for our residents to submit to Enfield opposing unsuitable planning applications (i.e. McDonalds Drive Thru, a B&B, and blocks of flats, all on the Bowes Road). This approach has achieved some success.

We have co-opted a number of others onto the Committee, namely Paul Forsyth, Roger Blows, Roger Turner, Simon Cliff & Laurie Gabay, whose appointments are to be confirmed at the meeting.

We are still looking for more Committee members and a Secretary. Please contact us if can help.

Latest News..

Enfield Putting Developers First, Residents Last! We are outraged at recent decisions made by the **Planning Committee** in favour of building blocks of flats on the Bowes Road at the location known as Site 6. Despite objections and protests from the local community against such a development, which is not in keeping with the surrounding area and will increase the population density for that location by 300%, such efforts along with the concerns raised over safety, access and air quality have been ignored. The Planning Committee have voted in favour of developer's proposals to pack new residents into the area like sardines.

The way planning has been handled since the Council put together the first draft of the North Circular Area Action Plan (NCAAP) is a disgrace for the reasons stated below. The final draft is scarcely changed since consultants drafted the initial version.

- No consultation took place before the plan was drafted, so the plans have never been representative of what local people actually want.

- When asked their opinion in February this year, the public unanimously rejected the plans for sites 6 (Bowes Road) & site 11 (Bowes Road), but nothing changed.
- Short notice was given for the hearing of officers recommendations for the sites 11 (Bowes Road) & 14 (Telford Road), so residents had little chance of challenging officers assumptions.
- Site 15 (Telford Road), was slipped through within two weeks giving no one the chance to object.
- Site 6 (Bowes Road) was approved on 24 September despite important points raised by residents on issues of safety, access, air quality and population density.

The Council's claim is that Enfield is "putting residents first", well they haven't where we reside. They have ignored our views to proceed on a course that will change our area forever.

Travellers Move into Empty Plot on Bowes Road

You may have noticed caravans parked on an empty plot known as site 6 along the Bowes Road. Residents on Westminster Drive woke up on 20th September to find that travellers had moved into the site. There are about 10 caravans in total. A resident of Westminster Drive reported "fencing to the rear of the plot, backing our gardens has been broken away, we are feeling very vulnerable." There have also been reports of fires burning and problems with noise.

An official advised BHORA that it could take a month to remove the travellers. You can read what Notting Hill Housing Trust (the site owners) are doing to tackle this issue on our website www.bhora.org.

Powys Lane Mast

After issues with internal Council communications resulted in a lack of consultation for putting up a Mast on the corner of Powys Lane and Bowes Road, we once again find ourselves in exactly the same position.

To redeem the issue and make good the dreadful situation of having galvanised fencing and concrete, the Council removed the galvanised steel fence and planted flowers. However, recently the communications company O2 have ripped out the flowerbed, and installed two communication exchange boxes. We are following up on this matter. Residents want to have a say in any developments on their door steps. That is democracy!

Warwick Road Traffic Calming

A meeting was held on 16th September at Bowes School to discuss the increased traffic problem in Warwick Road. This issue has come about owing to TFL introducing a right turn ban from both Bowes Road to Brownlow Road, and from Bounds Green Road to Telford Road, and from Haringey introducing a left turn ban from Bounds Green Road into Brownlow Road.

After much discussion, TFL said they will consider removing the above bans and introducing a right turn ban from Warwick Road onto Bowes Road.

McDonalds Drive-In Plans Rejected

Proposals for a McDonalds Drive Thru restaurant on the Bowes Road, opposite Warwick Road, were rejected. Many residents felt such a plan was not suitable for the given location on an extremely busy road that is in close proximity to two schools. Circa 100 objections were sent by local residents to the Council, in some cases using the objection letter downloaded from our website, and a good result was achieved. We have since confirmed with the Planning Department, that nothing further has been proposed by McDonalds who have most likely pulled out. We will continue to monitor.

Plans for a B&B at 169 Bowes Road Rejected

The BHORA committee produced a letter of objection to a Change of Use application to turn the four flats at the above address into a Bed & Breakfast establishment comprising 17 single rooms. The property's position on the corner of Natal Road and the NCR makes for significant difficulties of vehicle access and exit. Several earlier similar applications have been rejected by LBE on those grounds.

Clearly, the creation of a hotel or hostel or even a B&B there would intensify vehicle movements in the district. It would aggravate parking problems in residential streets nearby not least because the number of on-site parking spaces would be limited to two (provision for bicycle parking raises another issue). It was also questionable whether such a development would – in line with the NCAAP – make a positive contribution to the regeneration of the area and the creation of a stable local community. Furthermore, while the future of Ritz Parade (opposite this property) is (officially) undecided, the future of No. 169 ought to be considered in that wider context. Thankfully the plans were rejected.

Neighbourhood Watch in Highworth Road Area

Laurie Gabay of Highworth Road has responded to four burglaries in 6 months, abandoned cars and people loitering in cars, by setting up a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme. Some 35 people from the area are involved. Laurie has managed to secure seven Neighbourhood Watch boards for her road, and made a request for cameras. We wish her every success with the scheme.

Membership. I would like to become a member of BHORA

BHORA is a non political and non commercial organisation working for all residents in the area spanning from (south to north) the Haringey boundary at Bounds Green up to Broomfield Park, and from (east to west) Green Lanes over towards Arnos Grove. We engage with other local groups, police and elected representatives dealing with local issues in your area. We rely on yearly membership subscriptions to cover our basic running costs.

Having a significant number of paid members gives us a stronger voice when dealing with local issues.

Please support your association and become a member.

£3 household membership

£1 senior individual membership

Please make cheques payable to 'Broomfield Home-Owners and Residents Association'

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