

# SUBURB NEWS

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## Suburb faces parking controls and loss of traffic calming

Barnet Council ('Putting the community first') is to be asked by the RA's Roads and Traffic committee to take consultation with the local community more seriously and adopt a more comprehensive approach to traffic planning in the district instead of 'doing things bit by bit'.

July's committee meeting heard how the Suburb was treated in a cavalier manner by Barnet's Environment Subcommittee during which it was said they had no need to consult the Residents Association over their plans for a CPZ, which will extend over much of the Suburb, and forms part of the Temple Fortune Controlled Parking Zone. A consultation process, asking residents, will take place 'over the winter'.

### Commuter parking

Representatives from Maurice Walk and Kingsley Close were at The RA Council meeting in July. They asked for help with the parking problems they contend with as a result of the East Finchley CPZ concentrating commuter parking outside their homes. Meadway householders, between Meadway Gate and Heathgate

are asking to be included in the new CPZ for the same reason.

It was suggested at the RA Council that rather than shifting the problem to adjoining streets, maybe the whole Suburb could be made into a controlled parking zone. The larger the zone, the fewer intrusive signs would apply, it was suggested.

### Traffic calming to go?

Plans for highway maintenance in 2004/5 see *Suburb News* January, include the removal of all traffic calming measures in Deansway and Addison Way. It is Barnet's intention to remove speed tables, humps and the width restriction in Addison Way that has proved effective in stopping heavy lorries coming off Falloeden Way. They contend that it is cheaper to do this, resurface and then decide whether to replace traffic calming. The council's policy though is to remove all restrictions on movement of traffic. Both schemes were implemented less than four years ago with full consultation with all concerned including the RA and were paid for by Transport for London as part of the Red Route scheme. What TfL have to say about this

is not known. *Suburb News* understands that an approach to the District Auditor on the grounds that the council is wasting money is under consideration.

### Shopping centre scheme

Temple Fortune itself and the recent changes that have resulted in two lane speeding going south and jams going north; loss of parking spaces for some shops thanks to the removal of build outs; danger and difficulty for shoppers crossing the road and a long zebra crossing that is, according to Trust manager Chris Kellerman whose office overlooks it, 'the scene of a tragedy waiting to happen'.

The scheme and the way it has been implemented without consultation is the subject of complaints to the Ombudsman and Transport for London's withdrawal of funds from Barnet. It was condemned by the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents in the report that was commissioned by the RA.

Residents who wish to make their views known should write to Mike Freestone, Head of Highways and Design, Barnet House, 1255 High road, N20 0EJ.

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Dr Rudi Vis MP greets Cllr John Marshall at the Institute's Open Day on June 29. John Marshall had earlier taken over as cabinet member on Barnet Council in charge of Education and Life Long Learning. Rudi Vis said, "I congratulate the Institute and all its associates on their magnificent day."



At the tennis court opening school governors Rev Alan Walker and Francesca Barnes, RA chairman Georgina Malcolm, Mervyn Mandell from the Trust, Jo Durie, school head Jaquelyn Pain, Chris Kellerman and school governor Anthony Furlong.

## Tennis courts in use again

Jo Durie, former British tennis champion, Wimbledon quarter finalist and one-time fifth world ranking, officially opened the three newly refurbished tennis courts on Central Square.

At a cost of £15000, provided by the Institute at the end of their lease on them, the Central Square courts have been completely renovated by the Hampstead Garden Suburb Trust and are now used by Henrietta Barnett School during the day in term time and are available for use by residents out of school hours. Jo Velleman for the school said, "We are delighted to be able to give residents (only) free use of them out of School hours that is after 5.15pm, weekends and holidays, on a first come, first served basis, on a trial basis. We are asking residents to be responsible for monitoring their use to ensure that they are used only for tennis (and netball in the winter) and not for skateboarding, football etc. This would damage the surfaces and mean we would have to close them when we are not using them. We also ask residents to ensure that they take their litter away with them."

Tennis courts in Ruskin Close are also in need of repair. Chris Kellerman, Trust Manager told *Suburb News* "We are in discussion



Wimbledon champion Jo Durie open the new courts

with Ruskin Close residents about their taking over responsibility and are hopeful of making a satisfactory arrangement soon.

## Disco Diary note

The next Suburb '60s Disco will take place on Saturday 13 November at the Henrietta Barnett School main hall. The first Disco, held in March, was a sell-out and a hugely enjoyable success. "It was great - it's a long time since I had so much fun," commented one of the ageing ravers. It also raised £2,200 for the North London

Hospice. To avoid disappointment plan ahead, get your friends together to take a table of 8 or more and book in advance.

Make sure you are on the mailing list by sending your postal or Email address now to David Lewis at 4 Wildwood Rise, London NW11 6SX or to david.lewis2003@virgin.net.

## Street name signs to be restored

At a meeting on 24 June, the RA, English Heritage, the Hampstead Garden Suburb Trust and the London Borough of Barnet agreed on a strategy to restore street name signs in the Suburb to their former glory.

All recent modern signs containing logos will be removed and replaced with replicas of the originals. Signs in other locations

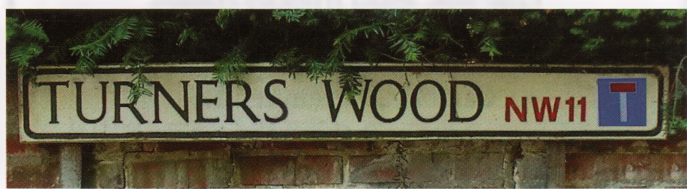
will also be replaced so that at any street corner, the signs will match those opposite or close by.

Grants of £6,000 each will be made by English Heritage and the Hampstead Garden Suburb Trust as well as £1,000 from the RA whose Conservation & Amenities Committee will be surveying the locations and recommending which sign goes where.

The replacement signs will all be in a single line and depending on which surviving signs are nearby, will be one of two main designs widely used. It is also hoped to rid the Suburb of the unsightly T signs which indicate cul-de-sacs. Instead it has been proposed that there should be a smaller sign incorporated in the street name.

Barnet has agreed to refurbish existing original signs and members of the RA's Consam committee will carry out a survey of these and make recommendations.

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