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Jonathan Turner

From: Jonathan Turner
Sent: 03 June 2009 15:00
To: Pauline Cowper
Cc: David Byles; f...
Subject: RE: Haydons Road Friends Group

Hi

Further to my previous email I have compiled a list of responses to the points raised at the meeting:

- Contact Details - There is a welcome board sign in place at the entrance of Haccombe road, with all the contact numbers on. Any grounds maintenance issues such as broken glass, bins not been emptied etc should be phoned through to 020 8540 1606 (Hillcross Depot - Grounds Maintenance).
- Play Area - In 2010/2011 there are plans for the re-development of the play area. As part of the play pathfinder money that has been secured, Haydons Road has been put forward as one of the 28 sites for refurbishment. We have bid for £50k to extend the play area away from the road. The plan being to put some planting along the Haccombe Road side and Haydons Road side to soften things up. Before all this takes place a consultation will be carried out with the Friends being at the forefront of this. Amanda Doherty, Design & Delivery Manager (my line manager) will be in contact with you to lead this forward. As this funding cant be used for fencing or footpaths (play only) we will be using our own budgets for these works (£10k). A Hawthorne hedge would not be suitable for the rear of the playground due to the sharp thorns.

We ask that the Friends in conjunction with Ground Work Merton, progress works to start the Wildlife Area with the intention of starting this financial year.

- Green Bin - In reference to the industrial bin near to the entrance of the park - David Byles will arrange with the appropriate internal department for this to be removed.
- Chesnut fencing around bowling green - The Bowls club have left this in place to prevent people climbing through the hedge to get on the green either to retrieve a ball or to do intentional damage.
- Parking by the bowls pavilion - Myself, David Byles & Doug Napier have had a chat to discuss this issue and the following points have been raised:

The main car park is being abused by various different car garages, local businesses & commuters in the area. This then effects legitimate parks users (this can be substantiated by several members of staff). This lack of parking is therefore causing a knock on effect for sports bookings including the bowls club, who are then forced to park on the hard standing area next to the bowls pavilion. Whilst we do not want to encourage users to park next to the pavilion, an exception will be made for genuine blue badge holders, all other traffic is not allowed. David Byles will remind the bowls club of this.

A suggested solution would be to introduce a barrier gate into the car park that can only be opened by a key. This key would be patented to prevent un-authorized copies, these would only be issued upon a legitimate request. The key

would be issued to all relevant parties (bowlers, friends etc) ensuring that the car park would remain available to legitimate users. The park would still be accessible for pedestrians.

- Revenue brought in by the motorcycle training - The money brought in by the motorcycle training company goes into our revenue fund and is divided amongst all the other sites, it is the same for all our parks, Wimbledon park, Sir Joseph Hood etc. This also offsets staff costs in the parks.
- Section 106 money - The money is usually available for a period of up to 3 years and is meant for landscaping improvements and unfortunately cant be used for general maintenance of the site. The total amount is £24,500.
- Cricket Pavilion - We have £5k allocated for the refurbishment of the cricket pavilion, we are having a meeting with our contractors to advise us on the best approach for this.
- Toilet opening times - I need to look into this further (I will report back).

I hope this goes some way to answering the points raised, if however anything should need clarifying please let me know.

Kind Regards

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-----Original Message-----

From: Jonathan Turner

Sent: 26 May 2009 12:12

To:

Cc:

Subject: Haydens Road Friends Group

Hi ..

After your meeting a few points were raised that the friends asked me to look into. Unfortunately a few of the issues raised I need to discuss with David Byles but he is currently on leave, once he returns I will have a chat with him and get back to you.

AJ.

Doug Napier

From: Jonathan Turner
Sent: 18 August 2014 10:22
To: David Byles
Cc: ... ds
Subject: Haydons Road

Dave/L ..,

The parking situation at Haydons Road Rec is now becoming dangerous. The whole site (including the keep clear area) is being gridlocked with parked vehicles, I saw one altercation with a parent/child going to the playground and a Sainsbury's shopper and on another date a lady who reversed into someone else car as she attempted to jam her car into a non existent gap.

Doug has suggested that we either close the car park entirely or randomly lock the gates (apart from weekends). I can get signs made up if that helps, just let me know what option your happy to do.

Kind Regards

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Doug Napier

From: Doug Napier
Sent: 18 December 2014 16:53
To: Councillor Andrew Judge
Cc: Alan Trumper; Danny Perrin; David Byles
Subject: FW: Refuse and Quicks Road park

Andrew:

We closed the car park at Haydon's Road Rec on an experimental basis and on the back of the fact that a) we'd had complaints from some users and b) the car park always seemed to be full or near full when the park was near or actually empty from our own observations.

It is perhaps the most abused of the parks car parks, used by rail commuters, the local garage and visitors to the local Sainsbury's mini-market, as well as some local residents to the extent that legitimate users and parks staff would often struggle to find parking there.

We closed it in the midweek from a couple of months back in an effort to break the routines after a period when it was opened later in the morning but without much success in what we were trying to achieve.

We continue to open the car park at the weekends however, coinciding with peak demand for sport activities and other legitimate users there and lesser demands by those who would misuse the opportunity. The park is, moreover, and in our opinion, not the sort of venue that people would commonly need drive to, unless they were engaged in some organised sporting activity and there is almost none of that in the midweek period. Whilst conceivably some legitimate users cannot benefit, there was no guarantee of parking capacity for them irrespective and in effect this is a little short-term pain for, hopefully, a lot of gain.

This is only the second enquiry/complaint that we've received about this since this regime was implemented which rather supports our assumptions that the impacts are limited and claims that "everyone" is suffering is a misrepresentation of the numbers situation and the balance of the problem.

I don't also don't believe that parks car parks should be used as convenient surrogates for residents' parking (and/or the avoidance of CPZs) and this occurred here for sure. This venue was the one where we received most out-of-hours calls about cars locked in parks, principally because their owners were not actually using the park at all. This phenomenon has now almost disappeared, of course.

We do not have a planned date for re-opening the facility as yet, but may do so on the back of local intelligence - I gather that the garage has recently relocated (?). But irrespective, this will be #1 on the list of parks for P&D parking at which point the gates will be reopened for sure as we will then have a solid means to dissuade (or punish) misuse.

Hope this helps.

Regards,

Doug

-----Original Message-----

From: Francis Spear
Sent: Thursday, December 18, 2014 07:20 AM GMT Standard Time
To: Danny Perrin
Subject: FW: Refuse and Quicks Road park

Hi Danny.
This one for you.
Have a good Christmas.

Regards.

Francis.

From: Francis McParland
Sent: 15 December 2014 08:45
To: Francis Spear
Subject: FW: Refuse and Quicks Road park

Francis
I think this is yours, sorry I didn't send sooner I've been out of the office

Francis

From: Councillor Andrew Judge
Sent: 10 December 2014 21:48
To: Francis McParland
Subject: FW: Refuse and Quicks Road park

Francis,

I should be grateful if you could consider [redacted] complaint.

'2. Why does the car park for Quicks Rd park have to remain locked during the week? The notice says misuse however it seems unfair that everyone must suffer.'

May I ask what the policy is for Havdons Rd Rec Car Park?

Regards,

Andrew

From: Andrew Judge [wimbledonandrew@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, December 10, 2014 9:37 PM
To: [redacted] Councillor Andrew Judge
Subject: Fwd: Refuse and Quicks Road park

Dear [redacted]

Many thank for these points.

I will take them forward with the various Council teams concerned.

On point 3, the local traffic orders are based on maps showing the areas of yellow lines at the time of decision.

Because of the need to stop obstructive parking e.g in the area of corners, there is usually a reduction in parking spaces through a CPZ. This tends to be compensated for by the reduction in parking by non-residents.

I will ask Highways officers to record your concerns so that they contribute to any future review and possible amendment of the CPZ.

Regards,

Andrew Judge

----- Forwarded message -----

From:

Date: Sun, Nov 30, 2014 at 6:14 PM

Subject: Refuse and Quicks Road park

To: "

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Hello

Couple of items I want to bring to your attention:

1. The rubbish by the flats at the top of my road next to Grove rd don't have sufficient space to contain all of their rubbish so the big wheelie bins are permanently open as are full. I am concerned that this will attract vermin to the area.
2. Why does the car park for Quicks Rd park have to remain locked during the week? The notice says misuse however it seems unfair that everyone must suffer.
3. When parking permits were introduced in Grove road the yellow lines have been painted on to an excessively large area resulting in the loss of a space. I raised it to one of your colleagues but didn't hear back.

I look forward to hearing from you

Sent from my iPhone

HTJ

Doug Napier

From: Jonathan Turner
Sent: 19 September 2016 09:45
To: Doug Napier
Cc:
Subject: RE: DISPOSAL OF OPEN SPACE

Doug

The car park has been continually abused by three main groups: commuters, local businesses and local shop users. I have lost count of the number of times I have been in Haydons with a full car park and not a single soul is in the park.

Issues relevant to the closure were; continued traveller incursions and local garages storing cars (most of the time un-taxed and un-insured). I also had three different parents ringing me up to complain that their child was almost run over because of cars speeding in and out of the site (playground entrance next to car park).

This isn't a destination park, people wont drive here to visit it. It's a local park with facilities that are mainly utilised by local people who live on the doorstep.

There is stringently enforced CPZ's on all the surrounding roads and so obviously people are going to follow the course of least resistance, in this case the free parking in the park.

The introduction of P&D parking will help regulate the car park usage and will remedy the previous abuse.

Kind regards

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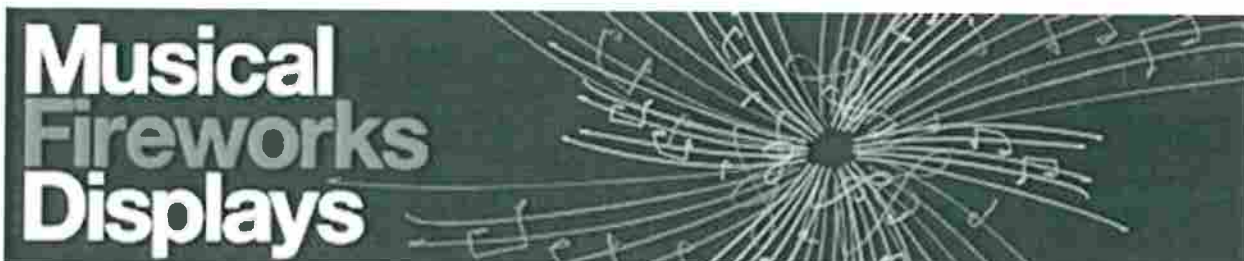
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-----Original Message-----

From: Doug Napier
Sent: 19 September 2016 08:57
To: Jonathan Turner
Subject: FW: DISPOSAL OF OPEN SPACE

Comments on the car parking matter? Not sure that he's right in his assumptions?: "no excuse for closing this valuable car park while you sort out your contracts" is certainly not true.

Doug

-----Original Message-----

From: Paul Schafer
Sent: 18 September 2016 15:41
To: Howard Joy; Doug Napier
Subject: RE: DISPOSAL OF OPEN SPACE

Always nice to be told how we should do our jobs.

From:
Sent: 16 September 2016 17:30
To: Howard Joy; Paul Schafer; Doug Napier
Subject: FW: DISPOSAL OF OPEN SPACE

Please see below.

Kind regards

Lawyer

-----Original Message-----

From: J
Sent: 16 September 2016 17:03
To: M
Cc:
Subject: DISPOSAL OF OPEN SPACE

Dear

I am writing regarding the notice to dispose of land in the Haydons Road Recreation Ground by the creation of a 24 Lease with an option to break the lease after 8 years. You will see that the land is not as described as being 'open space'. Indeed the Mess Room is a small building that was fairly recently refurbished and the yard is an enclosed area.

My name is [redacted] and I live at [redacted], I [redacted] I am Vice Chair of Friends of Haydons Road Recreation Ground and I am writing in this capacity. I can understand that the contractors will need to make use of these facilities to carry out their responsibilities under a new contract for Maintenance of Parks and Greenspaces in Merton and Sutton. Whilst I can see why you have opted for a break clause at 8 years (as you wish to build a relationship with the incoming contractor) I am concerned that their services will not be reviewed for 8 years. Indeed with no break clause for the following 16 years these leases could mean that any review of the contract would be less effective. As administrations in London Boroughs are only elected for 4 years it is our view that there should be break clauses inserted in the lease every 4 years with perhaps 12 months notice. That would allow any future administration to review this contract to ensure that the contractors are delivering what is agreed in the contract. Indeed many other council leases contain even shorter break clauses. An example is Community Centres with just a 6 month break clause. What is proposed seems rather imprudent. If no problems with the contract then no need to exercise the break clauses so this should not be a problem for the contractor.

As mentioned the detail of the contract has not yet been published and there are issues at Haydons Road Recreation Ground that need resolving quickly. The road access to the car park from Haccombe Road is currently closed off by padlocked gates. This is preventing park users from utilising this car park and is not acceptable. I am aware that Merton Council previously closed off access to this car park to prevent occupation by travellers but some time ago height barriers were installed to prevent this from re-occurring. This means that park users and motor cycles attending their training on the All Weather Pitches are using the pedestrian gate for access. This is not safe or sustainable.

There is an issue over who should lock and unlock the gates and this could be included in the contract that has not been published. Another alternative we have suggested to Park Staff is that an agreement could be reached with a local business such as Sainsburys Local for them to unlock the car park gates in the morning and to lock them again at dusk when their store is still open. That way park users and shoppers for the local parade could make use of these facilities. I understand that Merton Council are considering installation of pay and display parking at this site. If this is the case this may make such an agreement more difficult and would mean that responsibility for park security should rest with the new contractors. In any case there should be no excuse for closing this valuable car park while you sort out your contracts. Please advise me how you intend to resolve this issue.

Finally I wish to enquire if there are any restrictive covenants on the land covered by the lease. When this land came into the hands of Merton Council or their predecessors was there any restriction preventing the disposal of this space including the creation of leases? Is this land Metropolitan Land? If it is there are legal restrictions on what the land can be used for. If there are then this is information that should have been disclosed in the legal notices and that applies to the other parks as well.

I am copying this submission to the Battles Area Residents' Association as many of their members are park users and also have an interest in the outcome of the issues that I have raised and look forward to receiving your response.

[redacted]
Vice Chair

