

Meeting on 5 April 2011, 6 p.m. at the School

Present: Patrick Moriarty (Deputy Head, JCoSS – Chair), Cllr Robert Rams, David Howard, Karen Miller. For items 1 & 2 only: Richard Jones (Mace), Michael Franks (Ardmore)

1. Building Works Phase 2 Update – inc Lorry Routes

- It was reported that the Car Park was 30% complete, with 26 spaces in use. All the heavy work is now complete, with white lining of the roads due to be completed over the Spring holiday.
- The All Weather Pitch (AWP) was 40% complete, including retaining wall and ground consolidation. A 300mm layer of gravel over the whole area was underway which would involve 300 lorry loads (6 drivers, 25 phased deliveries per day) over the next 4 weeks. This would be followed by layers of tarmac, asphalt and astroturf. Completion was due by 3 June
- Mr Franks explained the system in operation to regulate deliveries: lorries arriving (or parked near to the site) before 09.00, or between 15.30 and 16.30 are refused entry – this in effect denies them pay for the day. He showed examples of the notices given to drivers, and of the agreed routes into the site as per the planning permission.
- Residents reported some clipping of cars: Mr Frank responded that these may have been caused by other contractors – e.g. any McGee's lorries are not connected to JCoSS. If residents can get the registration number and name on the side of any offending lorries, Mr Frank will deal with any connected to JCoSS.
- The East Barnet Playing Fields Project would be starting from May/June. JCoSS has the right to refuse entry to lorries who do not follow the rules we set down.

2. Planning Application for CCTV & Lighting

- Mr Jones reported that the original planning application (which he displayed) included CCTV and lighting proposals for the AWP and Car Park area. It was then decided to remove these from the original plans and make a separate application. This was submitted on 11 February – later than expected because of the redesign of the AWP. The application was at consultation stage and as yet no comments had been received either way from residents.
- The majority of lights are already installed; this application is only for a few more low-level bollard lights and street lights, plus cameras. They will operate 7am-7pm on a light sensor, with a manual override by the school: the object is maintain the safety of staff and students on the site. Mr Howard indicated that East Barnet Residents' Association (EBRA) will not be objecting to the lights, but might wish to object to any future application for floodlighting for the AWP: concerns would be about light spillage into Hadley Wood. Low-light options are available which would be worth considering.
- CCTV cameras are mostly inward-turned; those with 360° turns are set so that they show only "white noise" when facing houses. Records are kept for about 28 days, and the system is subject to Data Protection and "REPA" controls: the School needs to be able to explain its position and procedure if challenged. Many schools (and not just Jewish schools) are now installing CCTV

3. Travel Plan

- Mr Moriarty reported that the plan for 2011-12 is the same as for 2010-11. With the current size of buses, the demands are likely to be containable with the additional 187 students.
- Residents commented that larger buses would cause problems, as they have done when the 384 buses got larger. The junctions of Victoria, Park and Crescent Roads were particularly prone to congestion.

- It was agreed that the coaches have worked successfully in keeping traffic volumes to the school down, but routes might need to be re-thought if the size of bus increased. Mr Moriarty agreed to register this concern with the Bus Company. The School continues to encourage students to use public buses as well and will do so for the new intake.

4. 384 Bus Petition Update

- 116 signatures have been added to Cllr Rams' e-petition, all of them so far from JCoSS. More signatures from local residents will strengthen the position, and EBRA would include this request in a newsletter. Brian Coleman would present the petition to the Mayor.

5. Any Other Business

- Mr Moriarty requested that residents keep an ear out for any noise pollution to Hadley Wood – the School is aware that the PA/School Bell system is audible but have not yet received complaints.
- Mr Howard expressed the appreciation of Home Action Barnet to the work JCoSS students have been doing with them.
- The Castlewood Road pedestrian crossing was due to be marked on 8 May. The area under the bridge still seemed unfinished and residents asked if there were plans for it.
- Residents asked about the current position re Community Use of the JCoSS site. This remains on pause but the School is aware of many groups keen to use the building, and is very keen to make it possible.
- Other Local Planning Issues: Mr Howard reported that Tesco are no longer interested in expanding in East Barnet; that Asda are keen to sell the former Gasworks site for housing; that the East Barnet Town Centre Plan involving family housing is supported by both Barnet Council and EBRA.
- Victoria Park: the group looking to champion the enhancement of this park has ground support but as yet no clear leader.