

## Action log from 30.9.21 Highbury West ward partnership meeting

### **Andrew Morgan, "Blackstock Road and Community Safety"**

- **To get in touch with Network Rail around works taking place between Finsbury Park and Drayton Park (a resident had suggested works were taking place here).**

I contacted Network Rail and they said that no works were ongoing in the area but they have some planned work coming up on the railway bridge at Finsbury Park starting next weekend (29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup> January), the works will be through Saturday night and into Sunday. Network rail plan non-emergency works 12 months in advance where possible and update their website regularly so any planned works should be on there.

- **To find out if residents would be able to attend the Blackstock Road business improvement meeting.**

The Blackstock Road for Business meeting is currently only open to business owners/workers but there is a public meeting that is held quarterly covering Blackstock Road. To be added to the invite list then please email [roz.miller@islingtonfaithsforum.org.uk](mailto:roz.miller@islingtonfaithsforum.org.uk).

### **Lydia Brown, Projects/improvement ideas across the Ward**

#### **To get in touch with Highbury East Councillors to see if any actions are being taken around foxes getting into the bins in Highbury Fields.**

- I raised this with Highbury East Cllrs following the meeting. They were not aware of the issue, but I have contacted the Parks team to see if they have any further information on the issue. I am meeting with Highbury East Cllrs again on Friday (28<sup>th</sup>) and will discuss whether they would like to take any further action.

#### **To see if it would be feasible to use funding to remove parking bays that are being used as parklets.**

- Yes - it would be acceptable to use funding for this purpose. Similar proposals to install a number of raised wooden planters in parking bays/ areas of underused space are currently being developed in St Peter's and Canonbury wards. I have contacted Charlotte Glazier (Programme Manager of Greening the Public Realm) to establish whether she has capacity to produce a proposal for such a project in Highbury West too. It would be useful to know if residents have any particular locations in mind that they would like us to explore? This is particularly important because we want to encourage residents to take responsibility for the maintenance of the planters themselves, so we would be looking in particularly at locations whereby people would be willing to do so.

**To get in touch with Jan Hart to see if it would be possible to add greenery to Queensland Road (the discussion was centred on whether this would raise security issues).**

- I contacted Jan who confirmed that the area is deliberately free of trees and greenery to prevent use in any disorder, shielding perpetrators or affecting security of the stadium by giving a place where suspect items could be placed given it is a coach parking area and the main access to the stadium car park. Trees are also an issue as they affect the view of the CCTV system. She said there might be circumstances where trees could be added but that would have to be subject to CCTV, Public Protection, Arsenal and the police being happy that they weren't interfering with the security operation that needs to be in place. I am still in the process of liaising between the teams to establish each view on whether this would be possible.

**Ayanda Collins, Deanna Walker, and Parris Langridge, "Update on Highbury West People Friendly Streets area".**

Questions with Liz Wathen

- **To see if it would be possible to add any signage to the roundabout at Cycleway 38 (I believe this in reference to the roundabout which has different road user priorities to usual).**

The scheme has been safety audited and additional signage has not been identified as needed, although we will review the signage.

- **To see if anything could be done around cyclists using the Arsenal bridge entering into Drayton Park.**

We will take a look at this, but I think it will be difficult to put anything in that will prevent this, we could raise this with the police though as cycling on the pavement is illegal and enforced by the police not the council.