

Barking Reach Residents Association (BRRA) meeting with BRL, Be First, LBBD
Tuesday 15 November 2022
3pm via Teams

Attendance:

Ken Webster, BRL
Funmi Atolagbe, Be First,
Councillor Cameron Geddes, LBBD
Pete Mason, BRRA
Venilia Amorim, BRRA
Zahra Awani, BRRA
Matt Scott, Thames Life

Meeting started: 3pm

AGENDA

1. Phase 2
 - congestion around school and side roads of Fielders Crescent
 - visitor/loading bays and drop off/pick up bays
 - road markings/signage
2. Phase 1
 - congestion around school and near shop of Handley Page Road
 - road markings/signage (Mallards Road/Minter Road junction)
 - bollards/planters on Galleons Drive
3. Any other business

1. Phase 2

All Barking Reach Residents Association (BRRA) members present stated that the congestion and parking around the Riverside Campus school and through Fielders Crescent during school drop off/pick up times is getting worse, especially now with the current works going on. Additionally, the school's 'loop', which sits directly opposite the school's main entrance is usually used for children in the Bridge School (special educational needs) with school buses often unable to enter or exit the area because of parked cars everywhere. This is often congested and potentially posing safety concerns to the children who genuinely need to use a vehicle to get to school.

This overall situation is a long-standing persistent problem and the BRRA at the last residents meeting was asked by residents to propose that a long-term solution is found, or at least a short-term one is negotiated.

It was also noted the danger around Fielders Crescent's adjacent roads where there are no road markings delineating pavements and the road. In addition, the issue of misplaced loading bays in the area was also brought up. Quite often delivery vans are dangerously parked on the main road because drivers can't be bothered to park in the loading bays.

It is requested that:

1. Planters on Merz Road are temporarily moved to accommodate more vehicles during drop off/pick up times;
2. Drivers/school parents are informed via the school that the temporary car park is still available;
3. A warden is reinstated (by BRL, the council or the school itself) by the school's access road to safely direct traffic towards the temporary car park or loading bays, which are being used as drop off/pick up areas;
4. BRL/Be First to assess how best to decongest the school's 'loop' for optimised use;
5. BRL to assess how best to address the lack of road markings on the streets off Fielders Crescent as there is no visibility of where a pavement ends and the road begins;

6. BRL to assess layout and positioning of loading bays for potentially better placement around the area.

2. Phase 1

All BRRRA members present stated that there is a similar case around George Carey School on Mallards Road in terms of congestion, parking and road markings.

The junction of Mallards Road and Minter Road is particularly dangerous as road markings and signage is not necessarily clear as to who has right of way.

It was also noted that several vehicles park along the green on Mallards Road (behind the school) blocking oncoming traffic and often causing a hazard as people will try to cross the road in between parked/stopped cars. This could perhaps call for an additional pedestrian crossing.

There is also the issue of cars parked on Handley Page Road, which often pose a danger to pedestrians and children crossing to go to school and to use the Playhill Park.

Ken informed the meeting that there is a live action plan to address parking on Handley Page Road and that BRL is now trying to find a way to make changes through a planning application to allow visitor parking and better parking conditions. However, there is no time scale yet.

The problem of vehicles, including council rubbish vans, using the pavement on Galleons Drive persists. This is extremely dangerous for pedestrians, not to mention the damage caused to the pavements that residents will have to pay for via their service charge bills.

It is requested that:

7. BRL/Tandem to address road markings on Mallards Road/Minter road junction;
8. Be First/LBBD assess how best to deal with parked vehicles on Mallards Road and potentially install an additionally pedestrian crossing;
9. Visitor parking on Handley Page Road near Coop is made available, however, timed and regulated accordingly;
10. BRL/Tandem install planters/bollards on Galleons Drive pavements (north side) as to block vehicles from driving on them.

3. Any other business

None declared.

Meeting ended 4pm