

# EARLEY TOWN COUNCIL

19<sup>th</sup> January 2024

To: Earley Town Councillors

Subject: Report Back Following the NAG Meeting Held. 15th January 2024

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I attended the NAG meeting, and there were various points raised that I would like members of the Council to note. A summary of those points is shown below:

- 1) On Fridays, there is an issue with traffic at the Aisha Mosque. The Mosque has volunteers directing the parking and has tried a Park-and-Ride scheme, but that has not proved successful. On occasion, disruption on Friday afternoons can be disruptive, mainly for the local bus service. The Mosque is looking at having discussions with the Bus company to identify what else they can do.
- 2) PC Amaro reported that only a few crimes have been committed since the last meeting. There were minor ASB-3 incidents, Two issues of car theft, and MERA had a complaint from a resident about used cigarette butt ends being thrown on the ground outside the Turkish Barbershop on Silverdale Road. A PCO will contact the shop staff to inform them of the concern raised and ask them to be vigilant about anyone who may be littering cigarettes.
- 3) There was a vehicle causing obstruction at the allotments, which has now been removed.
- 4) Parking issues were raised around Marefield during matches, and Cllr. Tahir Maher was asked to follow up on this. The Borough Council will send staff to check residents are parking so there is no obstruction for residents walking on the pavements. Parking on the corners is a matter for the Police rather than the Council to follow up. The Chair of NAG has been informed of this.
- 5) The twenty-mph speed limit on Marefield has been accepted; this was also something that Cllr. Tahir Maher followed up.
- 6) PC and two CPOs will be attending Laurel Park on 10 February, speaking to and, if necessary, ticketing inconsiderate drivers.
- 7) At Asda car park on Chalfont side by steps, the lights are out and do not work. The question was asked: who maintains this? Is it Asda/ City Electric or WBC? It was felt that it was Asda as they were the landlords. The Salvation Army resolved this issue.
- 8) To note: The University of Reading is holding its community festival on Saturday, 18 May.
- 9) To note: Fireworks at Laurel Park – will be on hold until July 202

Regards,  
Councillor Melanie De Jong