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You can also read our blogs : Cllr JackCohen's Hendon Times Blog at <http://www.times-series.co.uk/blogs/joinedupthinking>  
Cllr Susette Palmer's blog : <http://susettepalmer.wordpress.com>

## **NEW ZEBRA CROSSING FOR CRICKLEWOOD LANE. Cllr Susette Palmer reports:**

**The Council is planning to implement a new zebra crossing across Cricklewood Lane between Thorveton and Gillingham Roads. Your Councillors welcome this initiative at this accident prone site near to St Agnes School and the Virgin Leisure Centre.**

Local Residents will be consulted before the scheme is finalised.

## **SHELTERED HOUSING WARDENS—the fight goes on.**

A last ditch attempt by Barnet Liberal Democrats to stop Tory Controlled Barnet Council from scrapping The Sheltered Housing Wardens has been thwarted by the Tory Chairman's casting vote. A move to put the plans on hold had been proposed by Councillor Jack Cohen. The ensuing vote was tied with all but one Conservatives voting to proceed. The Chairman then used her casting vote to signal the death knell of the Warden Council Service. Cllr Jack Cohen is appalled at the decision to scrap the Warden Service. Cllr Susette Palmer walked out of a Council Meeting because of the disgraceful behaviour of some of the Administration who made no attempt to listen to the arguments put forward to retain the wardens.

Golders Green sheltered housing affected includes Wohl Lodge, Meta Worms Court, Harmony Close & Lionel Leighton Court.

**However in a new twist A High Court Judge has now served an injunction on Barnet stopping them going ahead with the removal of the Wardens . Whilst welcoming this new development Cllr Cohen expressed concern that yet again Barnet is embroiled in another legal battle the cost of which will be born by you.**

## **LIB DEM COUNCILLORS WIN ALCOHOL FREE ZONE FOR CRICKLEWOOD**

It was Barnet Liberal Democrats who, at a full Council Meeting, called for a ban on street drinking on Cricklewood Broadway and adjoining Cricklewood Lane. All the Conservative Councillors at this meeting opposed such a ban.

However Cllr Monroe Palmer invited the relevant Cabinet Member to Cricklewood and with the help of local residents and the local police persuaded the Administration to change their minds. The Alcohol Free Zone is now agreed in principle by Barnet Council and the top echelon of the police. A triumphant Monroe said, "Cricklewood is now going to be an Alcohol Free Zone which should improve the area around B & Q and The Broadway. We are delighted to have achieved this."



## **RATS AND RUBBISH**

**Barnet's Tory Administration simply doesn't have the streets and waste bins cleaned often enough.** This is not the fault of the hard pressed operatives who respond speedily to calls to remove overflowing bins but have to operate the schedule the Cabinet lays down for them. As you can see this photo shows a dead rat attracted by the

overflowing bin. This is a disgrace in 21st century Britain.

Commercial waste & skips do not have to be collected by the Council but proper provision must be made; the scene on the right, (Cllr Jack Cohen at the Cricklewood end of The Vale) is simply not acceptable. Far more effective enforcement is needed.



Cllr Susette Palmer is known for knitting at Council. This in no way impedes her vigorous efforts and speeches on residents' behalf. There is, however, a by-product. Her book, 'Cozy Gloves' published by GMC publications is being launched at Borders at Brent Cross Shopping Park on Sunday 22nd Nov. at 200pm. ...there is life outside Council!

## **JOIN THE LIBERAL DEMOCRATS for a BETTER BARNET**

### **Keeping In Touch**

As part of commitment to working on your behalf we have continued our regular street visits and surveys. Thank you for letting us know your views. We are gradually working our way round the Ward and we hope to have the opportunity to talk to as many of you as possible. We believe it is important to listen and then to try our best to get things done. We are grateful for the many messages of thanks and support you send us.

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