Appendix 4: Engagement Responses by Theme, collated in 2014 to inform the first draft neighbourhood plan

Design and Character

It is open and does not feel too built up

Green open spaces; greenery; peaceful; near Parliament Hill; the Heath

Trees; Calm; Village feel; The mix of being in the heart of London but can also feel you are in the country; green and peaceful; inner city but village feel; perfect mix of city and rural.

Open up the Chester Road gates to Highgate Cemetery. Improve access to Highgate Cemetery, Chester Road Gates.

Old red phone box – preserve it!

St Anne’s Close: A gorgeous spot, hidden away, interesting Modern houses

St Anne’s Church: Maintain the view of the spire.

Chester Road, opposite Brookfield School entrance: It would be nice to open the cemetery gates.

Traffic island at junction of Croftdown Road and St Albans Road: The phone box is useful but much more can be done with this space.

Nice art deco-styled building.

Corner of Dartmouth Park Road and Boscastle Road: Trees good. Wide road. Open area. Scale of road and buildings. Architecture important and good.

General discussion about the Dartmouth Park area – it has a semi-rural feel. Open spaces good – need more if possible.

Rich and important history.

Dartmouth Park Road: Fences are different – can they be better and more uniform and not encroach on the pavements.

Highgate Road: The green space – love the openness and greenery. Greatest avenues of trees in North London. The continuation of the old College Lane running up through to Woodsome Road. The lamp-post in the passage to Woodsome Road, with its side-bar for the ladder from when it used to be a gas-lamp – important history.

The west side of Highgate Road needs to be better kept.
Ugly signage – Council sign re temporary parking restriction. Ban estate agents’ boards? They are not necessary now that all properties are on the internet. Lamp-posts, posts for parking signs, bollards, etc should all be black (some are grey).

When the group went into Highgate Enclosures (see below) on the west side of Highgate Road, it was noted that the railings made it feel a calmer space than the Greens on the east side.

The Enclosures have a quiet calm feeling, helped by the fences around them.

Glenhurst Avenue: Nice tree-lined road – very green. Lighting is good now, has been improved. But eyesore further along the road where the garages are.

Gordon House Road: Opportunity to improve the safety and aesthetics of the bridge by changing the lighting and possibly also have an artist installation based on lighting – particularly for the pedestrian side arch on the same side as the Murphy’s yard entrance.

Entrance to Lido/Parliament Hill Fields on Gordon House road very messy and unattractive. Road is bumpy and full of badly carried out repairs….Compared to the other Heath entrances in slightly more expensive post codes, this entrance is particularly unsightly and in need of improvement. Lots of people use this entrance. The pedestrian route at the entrance has been partly blocked by the gate from the vehicle entrance.

Spectrum House is a handsome building.

Clanfield & Haddo House: The wall to the west of Clanfield is ugly – spoilt with the air conditioning units of the businesses. No thought has been given to the fact that it faces Clanfield. The open space in the centre is very uninviting. It is a large space and could be used well. There are no benches, or anything to encourage people to use it. If it were made inviting, it could encourage more of a sense of community for the residents.

Wesleyan / Mortimer: Attractive cobbled street.


Highgate Road outside GP surgery: It has potential to be a good public space, but at present is very poorly and harshly designed. Could the pavement be used more? Eg, could it all be dropped to one level, rather than having the slope down from the road, which would create a wide pavement area? Or connect the upper pavement to the lower – removing the railings and put in steps. Put in flower beds. Take away the ugly railing. Police community office needs to be kept. More bicycles racks? Better lighting, particularly at the north end.

College Lane, from Little Green Street to Denyer House: Tunnel under the railway needs much better lighting. Need to stop the antisocial behavior – dugs and people peeing.
Denyer House: Could it be linked through to York Rise estate? This would open up Denyer, so that its back could effectively become a front too, and a through-flow of people might improve it.

York Rise: Metal shutters could be internal and more elegant?

York rise flats 26-34: Building is hideous. Black railings around the power house look like a prison.

Croftdown Road: Large gardens of “homes fit for heroes”. Would like to preserve gardens and footpath leading to community centre

Croftdown Road/ St Albans Road corner: Leafy peaceful corner. The triangle in the middle should be greened up- maybe a garden centre would take the challenge?

Library: Excellent building

Cemetery gates- Chester road gates: They should be reopened as they are a very great and dramatic entrance into the cemetery with a beautiful and monumental avenue leading up to the Highgate village side of the cemetery.


Back of Whittington hospital buildings: In danger of being privatized and turned into luxury flats. Some don’t like this but others feel it would not be such a terrible thing- the building is ugly, run down, with lots of metal gutters and piping all over and could only be improved by a developer if it became a commercial viability.

Doynton street: Lovely Victorian houses. Open space opposite is lovely but could be improved. Open spaces need protection from possible developments.

Colva Walk: Gateway into new estate of Chester Balmore. Wide lovely open space. At present area is tarmac but it could be a garden, like a Village green.

Bertram street: Lovely terrace houses.

Footpath leading from Community Centre to Croftdown Road: We like it. But it needs more policing to make it feels safer at all times.

Still quite residential with people who have lived here for many years

LOVE DARTMOUTH PARK
• Mainly single family houses
• Mix of trees, housing and shops
• Street trees and open spaces including Highgate Cemetery, Waterlow Park, Heath and smaller green spaces
• Semi-rural nature of Upper Swains Lane, alley corners and secret places
• Local small shops in York Rise
• Being near Hampstead Heath

New houses too small. Need high ceilings and bigger rooms for living.

Preserve ‘shadow sign’ on the side of Truffles.
Housing

More affordable housing.

Use empty houses or empty shops for housing.

Unaffordability of housing. Not enough affordable housing.

General discussion about householders digging out basements. They cause disruption for neighbours during construction. Also widespread worries about subsistence – but is there evidence for these worries?

Heathview: An area of valuable social housing.

Affordable housing provision for people born and brought up locally, who have no other option than to move farther away but consider DP their home. Inc key workers. Raised by Council tenants. Or more social housing generally. This also refers to cost of private housing. Comment about Chester Balmore being too expensive for people displaced.

Related point: division between leaseholders and tenants, leaseholders blamed for shortage of affordable housing, and a lack of new supply of social housing (Whittington Estate/Brookfield Estate).

Elderly and frail people in large houses who can’t look after themselves but have nowhere to go locally. How can they downsize locally? Supportive housing issue.

Acoustics issue in Lissenden Gardens large flats. Housing design issue.

Overlooking from new flats proposed above Kwik Fit.

Housing for mobility scooters and cycles (Lissenden Gdns; Carroll Close)

Promote small infill housing.

Could develop car park at end of Ravenswood block.

Have a Design Review Panel.

Worries that small open spaces/squares/play areas will be built on (Highgate Newtown)

Like the style/look of the streets, Conservation Area.

Like the fact that the area is residential.

Some concern about Mansfield Bowls Club development (Regency Lawn; Dartmouth Park Av). Community or recreation uses would be better. Some ‘small housing’ to finance community uses.
Against new housing on Highgate Newtown Community Centre (HNCC) – not enough parking and community services are already stretched. Plans seem congested.

Some housing at HNCC OK, but must still serve the community.

Make ASF Garage into affordable housing.

Absentee homeowners (Dartmouth Park Road)

Housing; this is a great place to live. What is very nice is that if you have a onebedroom flat or three bedroom flat they have the same facilities, such as balconies.

There is equality. There really should be more housing like this [Whittington Estate] in Camden.

Design; The new estate architecture is too severe.

Housing; more social housing for people on modest incomes needed.

Housing; there isn't enough playspace in new developments.

Housing; we need affordable housing for young singles, (so that they don't need to move away).

Encourage LB Camden to make sure that the social housing in Chester Balmore is not sold to highest bidder by social tenants after 2 years.
**Community**

The children at Denyer House need a proper play area

How heterogeneous it is.

Worried about groups of young people; youth have nowhere to go.

The community; mixed cultures; people ; friends and neighbours; so many lovely people; extra friendly community – I love knowing most of my neighbours; safe and friendly for kids; sense of community.

Sheer buzz of the area – would never want to leave.

Protect Highgate Newtown Community Centre.

Hampstead Heath tennis courts: Asset to be protected.

More activities to give the children more involvement in the neighbourhood. Can this be funded with s.106 agreements in the development?

Can s.106 agreements also fund eg more benches in and around the school, to use the spaces more?

Denyer House: Needs more play area for the children.

I love the library – meeting neighbours, getting information, borrowing books

Great community feeling

There is an old-fashioned sense of community in the Newtown area – we look out for each other

Housing for the elderly lack of care homes in the area.

Illegal dug dealing in a public walkway on school corridors.

Affordable housing for nurses and teachers.

Farmers market – community like this

Elderly issues re services

Youth services

Lack of services for youth.
Carol Close Area: community centres needed in the area as there was a big issues with noise/vandalism.

Map of services in the area for families who have recently moved to the area.

Whittington Estate: Housing for their children – next generation. Lack of housing, feeling that the working class are being driven out; Marked sense of closure in the area (public consultation presented sense of exclusion in the community); Want a nearby shopping centre and take away.

Dartmouth Park Avenue/Hill:
Mixed community was a positive feature.
Cleanliness in the area needs to be assessed.
Friendly community
Need for social and affordable housing.
Highgate Newtown community centre – supported this as this was used frequently and in demand.
Bad idea to put housing in this area.
Library – good service.
Liked Highgate Newtown Community Centre.

Dartmouth Park Avenue:
Friendly neighbours.
Sense of community in the area
Liked idea of notice boards.
Bowling club and a multi-purpose facility concerns for planning permission (x2)
Schools and friendly neighbourhood
Affordable housing at ASF and in general
Cash machines – need for more
Community centre – congested
Concern with bowling green should be pulled down for small/affordable housing or recreation (give back to community)
‘Conservation not preservation’
Bowling Club – no one know its there.
Community spirit
More local amenities in Chester Road.
Don’t change Highgate Newtown Community Centre - it works.

Dartmouth Park/Bramshill Gardens:
Mixed community – positive.
Mansfield – concerns about this. Further recreation facilities (yoga)
Vandalism previously in the area was an issue.
Concerns for Highgate Newtown community centre (2)
Liked the library as a community facility.
Mixed area- positive.
Area was not very crowded
Community notice board is needed.
Good schools and friendly community
Concern about Highgate Newtown – positive and useful service
Concerns about Mansfield Bowling green – not sure if used much by community
Need more affordable housing

Community facilities; HNCC is an important community facility and should not be made smaller if redeveloped.

Education; We need a local nursery.

Community; we should ask young people what they want, to keep them off the streets.

Community; HNCC The sports all should stay the same size, keep the same area of buildings. Any new facilities should have good daylight and not be put in the basement.

Community; there is a lack of communication about the HNCC. We don't know what's happening.

Community; the library future needs to be secured.

Community; there needs to be more supervision of patients with mental health issues in the local hospital.

Install proper classy information boards in Swains Lane, Chester Balmore, York Rise.

Make sure that the new surgery in Chester Balmore has continuity with the Brookfield Practice.

Improve networking and collaboration between local organisations with hall spaces, but recognise that young people are often very local in their ‘hanging out’ and activities too.

Retain the large hall space for sports etc in HNCC redevelopment.

Consider Neighbourhood Watch.

Cinema.

Neighbourhood Forum should be concerned with safety and security of the area. Compile a Neighbourhood Safety database to share information amongst neighbours about security issues, burglaries, ASBO as they happen: shared information is important to improve security. Database of emails to be shared with Safer Neighbourhood Team.
Neighbourhood Centres and Employment

Important to keep local shops

Local shops are great; the newsagents; independent/individual shops and cafes, no big stores; local shops.

The Cafes; pubs; Truffles.

Local shops please provide wheelchair ramps.

It is good to have local businesses, like the Business Centre [next to Kwik Fit].

The Business Centre seems run-down. Can it be improved?

Kwik-fit – seen by the group as an important community resource - has just had a revamp of the signage but the railings and brickwork remain a bit tatty. Shabby compared to Spectrum House.

Highgate Road: Shops are very good. The empty shops need to be filled.

Highgate Road/Sanderson Close: The businesses are good. Pizza East is a positive development. It has increased the business for Rosella restaurant, as people go there also when Pizza East is full. Both restaurants are positive developments to the area – not only by bringing new places to eat to the community – generally seen as good quality food etc, but also importantly by opening late in the evening – helping to foster a sense of safety along the street – several members of the group mentioned how they now felt safer walking up Highgate Road at night thanks to the fact that these restaurants were open and had customers.

Carkers Lane / Highgate Studios: Interesting that there is so much business in the area. This is a good thing. It gives the area a balance and the businesses themselves create business for the surrounding shops etc. Good that the semi-industrial space is being re-used and has been smartened up.

Highgate Road outside Post Office and GP’s surgery: The Post Office – must keep it. The strip of shops – GP Surgery, Rosella Restaurant, Pharmacy, Post Office etc seen as a vital resource for the community.

[Need] A proper shopping centre in Highgate Newtown

Local supermarket (Lissenden Gdns Street meeting).

Highgate Road better planting

Parking concerns re: kwikfit.

Supermarket needed Highgate road
More cash points needed in Lissenden Gardens

Small shops (key cutter, fish shop, etc)

Some support for School project

Farmer’s Market on Saturday

Gospel Oak stn needs second entrance (congestion)

More facilities for youths needed

Nuclear shelter would be a good place for a community centre

Carrol Close supermarket

Not enough community centres and youth centres x in southern part of the ward (Carrol Close)

More shop variety + smaller shops in CC

A map of facilities for newcomers would be nice

Connection with the Archway

Concerns that little squares are going to be developed

Chester-Balmore: interest in having cafes, bakeries, food shops, and a chemist. They particularly miss take away (pizza, kebab, etc.)

More accessible open space (e.g. cemetery)

Like local shops – being able to walk to shops, Swains Lane should be developed – enjoy the semi-rural feel, being near the Heath + close to CL.xx

Don’t want any more shops and no supermarkets (no more buildings or flats)

Love the cafes in the area

Swains Lane: don’t mind building there

Developing community centre > greater need for shops and services

Bowling Green tennis courts are appalling

Nice food shops

More notice boards

Local shops should be independent
Cash machines in Chester Balmore

Community Centre plans seem very congested. The café needs to be resourced (subsidized?)

Yoga classes

Need for new housing to serve the community

Shops in Chester Road

Love the Library

Change Swains Lane – needs to be retail area

Supermarket needed

Dartmouth Park Hill library loved

Dartmouth Park Road – like shops, amenities

Bowling club – no one knows it’s there

Pleased about shops in Chester Road

Like the shops in York rise

Don’t change Highgate Newtown Community Centre

Shopping; because of the lack of shops in Chester Balmore residents have to go to Archway.

Local centres; Too many estate agents in Archway have been allowed to open.

Shopping; we need a decent general grocery store in Chester Balmore.

Local Centres; local centres should serve local people, including cashpoints, utility payment facilities, and oyster cards. (local facilities to pay utility bills was considered very important, and the moment residents have to travel too far to

Local centres; Oyster top up facilities and gas card payment point needed.

Local centres; We want a shop run for the community please, not Tesco’s.

Local centres; a laundrette please in the new shopping area.

Local centres; shops we would prefer an independent retailer.(Chester Balmore)
Improve rubbish/recycling in shopping hubs esp York Rise and Swains Lane.

New housing should include live/work units for local people working in creative and other areas (which could equally be flexible family/friends sharing space too).

Free cash machines in local centres.

Like the idea of keeping local shops local.

Like the idea of resisting conversion of Highgate Studios to residential.

Support for local traders = sustainability. Butchers wanted to put a small refrigeration unit on outside wall. There were objections (possibly by DPCAAC?). That did not support a local trader.

At least 2 cash machines: York Rise and Swains Lane
Environment and Sustainability

Nice, quiet and light area. Having space and light is important.

Close to Hampstead Heath and transport

Plant vegetables in communal green spaces e.g. around trees on streets.

External cladding of all solid brick homes for energy efficiency.

Hampstead Heath: Tremendous asset for the neighbourhood

How to make the old homes more energy efficient? External cladding is not a popular option.

Highgate Road: Perhaps a programme to plant new trees – sometime the old trees will start to die.

General discussion about the DP area – more allotments would be good.

The Heathview community garden is excellent.

Mortimer Terrace / Mark Fitzpatrick Nature Reserve: Lovely. Very good wildlife area. Enjoyed very much by the participants.

Hampstead Heath is the most amazing place

Hampstead Heath is the best

[Need] More parks, open space

A playground for Brookfield School on the Bowling Club campus

Streets:

1. Improve pedestrian experience in all streets across the area, but in particular side roads, in terms of safety, air quality and noise. ... Some of us may prefer it to say 'all' and leave it at that!

2. Minimise risks from speeding scooters and cars on residential streets and estates, and support 20mph speed limit.

3. Preference for genuine car free development in all of the area, with no residents permits or on site car parking, supported by car clubs where possible.

4. Improve access to Heath, in particular in relation to vehicle movement, especially by Lido entrance.
Trees:

1. Protect all street trees, so felling only with consultation, and new trees added where possible.

2. If trees are removed, replacements as a matter of course with choice of tree, which should include fruit and nut trees, given to residents.

3. Better maintenance of trees, including pollarding.

Street furniture:

1. Bins in high volume area to be designed for recycling and other use! Design to be included in streetscape manual.

2. More and better designed bike stands. Permit on-street or pavement bike shelters where appropriate in terms of need and pedestrian movement, with preferred design for the area in streetscape manual.

3. Allow well-designed bike shelters in front gardens and bin shelters in accordance with local design manual.

4. Shutters and shop frontages to be appropriate for the area, and to accord with design manual. [can we include without Article 4 direction?]

5. Better street and private lighting to be installed which reduces light pollution, including through use of light sensors, as well as being energy efficient.

Parks and Open Spaces:

1. Protect [green] open spaces from development and impacts of development, and maintain in as natural a way as possible that increases biodiversity. ..... Which did we mean? Green or all? Is a car park an open space. I don't think we need to say green.

2. Protect and improve a network of green pockets, including spaces like the Highgate Enclosure, creating green corridors. This includes protecting front gardens from development seeking to keep them green and resist additional hard surfaces.

Energy efficiency and Carbon:

1. Apply standards of energy efficiency for new build and refurbishment with reference to the Code for Sustainable Home and BREEAM in use. [what should they be?] .... This will take a little more time to find out.

2. To allow external wall insulation, using an appropriate material, for walls that are not visible from the street unless there is a strong reason not to allow this.
3. To allow renewables even where visible from the street, unless strong grounds for an exception to be made, but in particular on large buildings with a community use eg churches, schools, community centres. To be installed sympathetically to the design of the building.

4. To apply a strong presumption against demolition and to take into account embodied carbon losses. This also has benefits in terms of reducing noise and minimising AQ impacts.

Environment; Food and gardening recycling bins needs to be improved.

Gardens; green area should be more tenderly gardened. (the way that planting is cutback is too severe and destroys the biodiversity).

Environment; the estate is less aggressive than it used to be.

Encourage access to cemetery by southern route.

Agree with opening cemetery gates to south.

It is becoming more and more expensive to heat our homes. We must get more external insulation on our older buildings. We need a changed culture to accept change to building appearance.

Yes to car pooling and car clubs.

Yes to bins being unobtrusive.

York Rise paving is very poor.

Preserve community space at bowling green redevelopment.

MANSFIELD BOWLS CLUB: Schools need open space, could be here. Or space for business/community business. Or indoor play centre.
Transport and Streets

Transport is good.

Good transport links.

Good transport links; excellent bus service; can walk to West End

Bring Boris bikes up here.

Excellent transport; easy to get anywhere in London; Location, location, location; easy access to Central London.

It would be good if the “Boris” (!) bikes extended up to Swains Lane.

More cycle parking everywhere (urgent.) Planters (Planters) as places to lock bikes to. Allow for bikes to be safely on Heath. Allow bikes to cross Heath easily.

Less cars. Less parking restrictions, more meters. No home zones. Let’s commit Dartmouth Park to shared space – get rid of pavements. CPZ please (Spencer Rise), or meters for non-residents. One way traffic in Chetwynd Road. Ring road in Dartmouth Park – up Dartmouth Park down Chetwynd Road. One-way system - Spencer Rise and Churchill Road. Sort out the traffic in traffic in Chetwynd Road! Home Zone in Bramshall Gardens. Home Zone shared surface lower York Rise. Stop people using Chetwynd Road as a short cut.

There is a general lack of discouragement of car ownership and the opposite is sometimes true. For example, if you have a car you can take bulky goods for recycling, but if you don’t have a car you have to pay for them to be collected.

Highgate Road, outside La Sainte Union school: Pavement gets chaotic after school

Swain’s Lane: Traffic moves too fast – slow it down.

General discussions about bicycles – the bicycle routes need to join up better, and Boris bikes would be nice though not sure where best to put them.

Gospel Oak Station: Localised flooding on road and pavement is a real nuisance. Railings outside Gospel Oak Station were discussed. Not popular but it was mentioned that it is probably necessary as so many people travel along the road daily – either on the school run or commuting to work – that they might spill into the road if the railings were not there. Can the railings be removed and still have a safe route? People do not need to be herded.

Entrance to Gordon House Road business centre has a lot of delivery vehicles coming and going, they often back into the road without being able to see the oncoming traffic – as a result it has been the site of several accidents in the last few years involving cyclists and motor cyclists.
Clanfield & Haddo House: Road is a bit lacking in trees and greenery. A site opposite the C11 bus stop on the north side has been put forward to Camden Council (Julie Oram) as a possible site for a bicycle stand/flower bed as the pavement is quite wide here in front of Clanfield, on Gordon House Road. It could have a bench, under the tree.

[Need] More safe cycling routes

Move the zebra crossing at junction of Radon Street/Dartmouth Park Hill to opposite Anatola Road

BETTER DARTMOUTH PARK
- Home Zones – blocking traffic where possible to make areas safer
- More bike stands

Lissenden Gardens:
Improving space for cycling on Gordon House Road- so children can cycle to School.
Hampstead Heath- Lido entrance – safety issue caused by cars coming and going- people going in to park in the car park.
Improving pedestrian experience on Garden House Road in general- especially during peak times.
Need a 20mph Gordon House Road.
Improving access to Gordon House Road Business Centre- delivery vehicles entering and accessing the business centre- cyclist safety
Police need to take more action on scooters- mopheads etc.
Should be a HGV notice to say that some roads are unsuitable for larger lorries.
Access onto the heath should be uninterrupted- should be pedestrianized-Lido access (to protect against the service road). Mentioned twice
Alleyway at Gospel Oak Station under arches is a bit restricted- should be 2 entrances. Mentioned twice
Car parking- Lissenden Mansions and Parliament Hill Mansions- high density dwellings but limited car parking space- especially on sunny days when lots of people going to the Heath. Mentioned twice
Improvements for cycling and connecting and linking the quiet routes- cycle link in front of Kwik-Fit which has been simplified- some think good- but has encourage mopheads to go faster- ask locally before authority implement changes on cycling.
Zebra crossing on Highgate Road- button not working.
Traffic speed 20mph is good- too much signage.
No garages for mobility scooters in higher blocks-Chester House.
Lack of cycle lanes and connectivity in the local area.

Revised layout for cycle route- didn’t take opportunity to put trees in and landscape- if doing work to junctions and through ways- opportunities should be taken to make it greener
Cycling- important that cycle tracks were continuous and didn’t come to sudden stops or changes-criss-crossing to quieter roads- opportunities to do that
Parking- additional block at Ravenswood Block?
Kentish Town High Street issue- pedestrian crossings and lights needed to be phased to reduce traffic build up
Parking fees should be reduced.

High Gate Rd- 20mph speed limit good, but not held too

Carrol Close area:
Poor parking for families- had to park cars remotely.
Transport is good in the area.
Like cycling- but nowhere to place bikes.

Like the 2 hour parking restrictions/ should be fewer speed bumps- affects cars going over them.
Liked that west end was so accessible on public transport.
Dartmouth Park Hill- liked that there was lots of parking.
Want bike stands in the area.
Parking been reduced around Chester Road- will be an issue with new housing at Highgate Newtown
Pro parking restrictions 10-12 DP Avenue
Speed bumps- placed too high causes issue DP Ave- noise.
Gransham Gardens: (Correct spelling?)
Speed bumps- wanted them changed.
Good transport.
Better bus service- no 4 unreliable.
Resurfacing of roads had not been done and pot holes beside pub.
Gordon House Road- 20mph not enforced- 20 turns to 30 mph and it is confusing
Traffic was really good here.
Issues with parking.

Traffic on Chetwyn Road- make it one way.
Traffic got worse recently and concerns about DP Hill and the speed limit- difficult for pedestrians
and cyclists and also had concerns about junction with DP Hill- if could change anything would
change speed limit on DP Hill
Traffic issue- solutions involve interconnecting roads- York Rise, Churchill Road has traffic problems-
had a petition- had a pollution map- Chetwyn Rd- pollution problem in the area. A core group of 30
people did a petition- got 260 signatures- enough of commuter, commercial and through traffic-endangers lives of pedestrians including children walking to and from school and nursery school and
also polluting neighbourhood- health, safety and social hazard.
Twisdon Road, Spensor Rise:
Twisdon Road quiet as now one way traffic- although little problem- someone drove back out
against 1 way system- parking is a very big issue for Twisdon Road for local residents and do get over
spill parking from the heath and people in the railway flats. Spencer Rise- traffic issues and again
parking- people parking on pavements can be a tight squeeze for cars passing through.

Transport; More bike racks needed
Parking; there is a lot of parking congestion and not enough spaces. Chester Balmore
will make this worse. Area under the estate should become car parking The reason it
isn’t is because it wasn’t maintained.
Transport; pedestrian crossings in Swains Lane need improving.
Transport; I really hate split crossings, when you cross the road and you have to stop in the middle and move across and can’t go straight over.

TRAFFIC, CHETWYND ROAD
Leave traffic lights, they seem to work as they allow cars to empty out because parking prevents cars moving freely. Removing traffic lights could create more traffic jams.

Close Chetwynd Road to through traffic – make whole of Dartmouth Park no through roads.

Stop traffic coming down Chetwynd Road at morning peak, like they do in Gospel Oak.

On Chetwynd Road I agree to remove the traffic lights and replace crossings with a shared space area.

From Chetwynd Road resident: Too much traffic in Chetwynd Road > need to do something to help residents – close it during rush hour?

York Rise – no through road during rush hour.

I like the zebra crossings approach.

Shared space is confusing for young children. As a parent I would not support this type of traffic idea.

Chetwynd Road: slow traffic down, make it one way, route traffic elsewhere, re-open Dartmouth Park Road.

Keep traffic lights on Chetwynd – child safety is best with lights. Zebra crossing/other options will not work as cars exceed 20 mph anyway.

Through traffic on Dartmouth Park Road to relieve Chetwynd Road.

Reduced through traffic on Chetwynd Road is a priority – this cannot be facilitated by reducing parking.

Don’t change York Rise/Chetwynd Road.

Unfair situation for Chetwynd Road and Woodsome Road as the closure of Dartmouth Park Road has caused them to get the full blast of traffic in the area. Reopen Dartmouth Park Road and put traffic restrictions in place for all 3 roads: Chetwynd, Woodsome and Dartmouth Park. Meaning width restrictions and hours restrictions.

I see no reason why Chetwynd Road can’t have restricted access similar to Oak Village. I am a Chetwynd Road resident and am shocked how historic decisions have left Chetwynd Road as a rat run.
The issue on Chetwynd Road isn’t the speed of traffic, it’s the volume. None of the policy options seem to address this when this seems to be the most important issue due to pollution levels. Something drastic needs to be done to stop Chetwynd Road being used as a rat run.

Reduce through traffic on Chetwynd Road.

Agree with widening footpath option on Chetwynd Road – Highgate Road.

Reduction of traffic on Chetwynd Road – would be good to address. Could be closed at certain times of the day to divide traffic between Chetwynd Road and other roads? CCTV? As in Gospel Oak.

Cars travel too fast down Chetwynd Road. Speed bumps don’t work.

Shared space idea is interesting and if done properly i.e. made very obvious with an entrance/signs it could be wonderful.

Big lorries should not be allowed down Woodsome Road and on our residential streets. There should be a restriction on widths. Reopen the widest road = Dartmouth Park Road.

Woodsome Road has taken, with Chetwynd Road, all the traffic of the area because of the of the unfair closure of Dartmouth Park Road years ago. Re-open Dartmouth Park Road.

Motorcycle parking

Enforce heavy vehicle ban e.g. Chetwynd Road

Toll roads to reduce traffic.
Development sites

Don’t want a big development at the Mansfield bowling club – nice to keep open spaces

Redevelop Highgate Newtown Community Centre to make better use of this great space. It is also falling down and can become Council flats plus keep existing facilities

The redevelopment of Mansfield Bowling Club is a sensible option and rather than oppose any development residents should find out about the proposals. Reduce influence of Conservation Society on planning decisions. Don’t build the monstrosity at Swain’s Lane. Bowl’s club – only develop on land that’s already developed. I like living in Dartmouth Park – BUT – we need to resolve the bowling club disgrace. We think the proposed flats etc for Swains Lane is a good idea, would improve the street visually, wouldn’t affect the cafes and would get rid of the current buildings which are an eyesore.

Swain’s Lane: The boarded up shops are an eyesore. The redevelopment proposals are out of scale, but something needs to be done. Some of the units on the southside are also an eyesore.

Mansfield Bowling Club: NEGATIVE BUILDING. The building should be improved but not with a house development scheme. Not everyone agrees on this- some neighbours of the Mansfield Bowling Club would prefer the 8 house development in order to save the Status quo, others are against it.