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## Andrew Down Your Way in Burnt Oak

“How I’ve been helping Watling, North Road and Adastral residents”.



As a Burnt Oak resident myself, I’ve been demanding action on the issues which concern us all. Here are just a few of the things I’ve been chasing up recently.

### Watling Avenue



After much lobbying on my part, the Council are belatedly taking action over the “cages” – but it’s going to be months before anything happens. If they’d responded when I first raised the problem, it wouldn’t be the issue it now is. The Council has even said cages which have been up for years are going to be allowed to stay.

Cleaning, especially round the back alleys, is very poor. Whilst new pavements are welcome, of all the things that need doing in Burnt Oak, there are higher priorities for such expenditure!

I’ve continued my regular Saturday morning street stalls in Watling Avenue too – why not drop by for a chat about what you think needs doing?

### Sports Facilities and Young People

Barnet spend less per head on young people than anywhere else in the country, and it shows! I believe this is a false economy – youngsters need places to go to and things to do, to keep them out of mischief.

The Sports Centre’s prices are far too high for local kids. I am working with local residents, the police, and Football Association on a plan to bring the derelict Pavilion Way Fields up to scratch. I am urging the Council, who own the land, to work with us to achieve this.

I also think the Council should bring the Watling Boys Club building back into use – or if they do sell it (as they currently intend to do), promise to re-invest the proceeds in replacement youth facilities and projects for young people in Burnt Oak.