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Meeting	Finchley and Golders Green Area Environment Sub-Committee
Date	19 June 2008
Subject	Member's Item – Parking problems around Alyth Gardens, Dingwall Gardens and Hampstead Gardens
Report of Summary	Democratic Services Manager This report informs the Sub-Committee of a Member's Item and provides background to parking measures carried out to date.

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Status (public or exempt)	Public
Wards affected	Garden Suburb, Golders Green, Childs Hill
Enclosures	None
For decision by	Finchley and Golders Green Area Environment Sub-Committee
Function of	Executive
Reason for urgency / exemption from call-in (if appropriate)	Not applicable

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1. RECOMMENDATIONS

1.1 The Sub-Committee's instructions are requested.

2. RELEVANT PREVIOUS DECISIONS

2.1 Decisions of the Finchley and Golders Green Area Environment Sub-Committee of 29 June 2004, item 7 where it was resolved to investigate the introduction of a Controlled Parking Zone in the Temple Fortune Area.

3. CORPORATE PRIORITIES AND POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

3.1 None in the context of this Report

4. RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES

4.1 None in the context of this Report.

5. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

5.1 To allow members of the Sub-Committee to bring a wide range of issues to the attention of the Committee in accordance with the Council's Constitution.

6. FINANCIAL, STAFFING, ICT AND PROPERTY IMPLICATIONS

6.1 None arising from this report.

7. LEGAL ISSUES

7.1 None

8. CONSTITUTIONAL POWERS

8.1 Constitution Part 3 - Responsibility for Functions - Para 3.10 Area Environment Sub-Committees perform functions that are the responsibility of the Executive including highways use and regulation not the responsibility of the Council, within the boundaries of their areas in accordance with Council policy and within budget.

8.2 Council Procedure Rules Section 2 – Committees and Sub-Committees – 7.1 A member will be permitted to have one matter only (with no sub-items) on the agenda for a meeting of a committee or sub-committee on which he/she serves.

8.3 The Democratic Services Manager must receive written notice of a Member's item, at least seven clear working days before the meeting. A working day is deemed to end at 11 pm. Any item received after 11 pm will be recorded as received on the next working day. The item must be signed by the Member and delivered by hand, fax or e-mail.

9 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 9.1 Councillor Melvin Cohen has submitted a Member's Item in the following terms:

“Could the parking problems in the Alyth Gardens, Dingwall Gardens and Hampstead Gardens area generally be put as a members item to the next environmental sub committee...”

- 9.2 The Finchley and Golders Green Area Environment Sub-Committee on 29 June 2004 decided that Officers should investigate with a view to introducing a Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) in the Temple Fortune area. Subsequently, after carrying out an informal consultation with the local population including residents, traders, educational and religious establishments, the Council in July 2005, approved the introduction of a new CPZ in the Temple Fortune area subject to a satisfactory statutory consultation on the agreed proposals.
- 9.3 On 14 July 2005 the Council carried out a statutory consultation on a Temple Fortune CPZ including the delivery of approximately 2600 consultation letters and plans.-
- 9.4 The Council duly authorised the implementation of the Temple Fortune Controlled Parking Zone with various modifications to the originally proposed scheme, including the omission of some initially identified roads, and changes to the existing pay and display parking places located in Finchley Road.
- 9.5 Following public notification of this decision, a petition with approximately 1000 signatures was received from the Hampstead Garden Suburb Resident Association (HGSRA) requesting that the Council suspend the implementation of the CPZ in certain roads because many people were against the scheme.
- 9.6 Subsequently it was agreed in February 2006 to continue with the introduction of the CPZ for the reasons previously stated but with some notable modifications, which were to extend the hours of operation of the controlled hours in Leaside Crescent, Temple Gardens and Saffron Close; with Sheridan Walk being excluded in its entirety from the scheme.
- 9.7 Due to the modifications made and the evident changing opinions on details relating to the CPZ from members of the community and Councillors alike, it was decided operate the CPZ under experimental TMOs from 20th February 2006.
- 9.8 In June 2006 a consultation-based review took place where approximately 2606 questionnaires were delivered throughout both the CPZ and those roads which lay outside but had been consulted previously.
- 9.9 Having reviewed the scheme following its implementation and given very careful consideration to all comments and objections received, with particular regard to those received as a result of the questionnaire survey and the advertising of the experimental TMOs, it was considered that the principles of

the introduction of the scheme were justified and that it should be made permanent. In making this decision the Council's view was, that it is inevitable that the introduction of parking restrictions, either localised or on an area wide basis will not please all sections of the community but it was considered that the benefits of the scheme that had manifested themselves through the responses from the consultation and the evident traffic management improvements in the area outweighed the disadvantages that may be experienced by some members of the community. The Temple Fortune Controlled Parking Zone was therefore made permanent on 27 May 2007

- 9.10 Throughout the lifetime of the CPZ from its original conception to permanent establishment there was a known support for restrictions to be introduced into those roads that lay to the east of Finchley Road known as 'The Gardens', namely Clifton Gardens, Forres Gardens, Hampstead Gardens, Dingwall Gardens and Alyth Gardens. The roads are all cul-de-sacs with residents parking provided throughout on both sides operational between 9.30am and 6pm on Mondays to Fridays and 2pm to 6pm on Saturdays. Their junctions with Finchley Road are subject to 'at any time' waiting restrictions.
- 9.11 Both during the initial stages of the CPZ and since it was made permanent, officers have not been made aware of any significant levels of discontent from residents of these roads concerning the current parking layout, nor from traders in the vicinity whose clients may be deterred by the controls. This could be due to the location of the 'one hour' Golders Green CPZ located immediately to the west of Finchley Road that allows for a significant amount of free parking through its provision of free parking bays and restrictions on residents bays only applying between 11am and midday on Mondays to Fridays.
- 9.12 The Council has an established programme of reviewing its CPZs. The opportunity is given, via a questionnaire, delivered to all properties within a CPZ which allows occupants the opportunity to inform the Council of their views and what changes they might wish made. The Temple Fortune CPZ is currently programmed for review in 2009-10

10. LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 10.1 Email from Councillor Melvin Cohen dated 18 April 2008.
- 10.2 Any person wishing to inspect the background paper above should telephone Claire Mehegan on 020 8359 2205.

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