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Meeting Finchley & Golders Green Area Environment Sub-Committee

Date 19 June 2008

Subject Local Safety Schemes Programme 2008/09

Report of Cabinet Member for Environment & Transport

Summary **To agree updates to the 2008/09 programme of local safety schemes**

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Status (public or exempt) Public

Wards affected Childs Hill, East Finchley, Garden Suburb, Golders Green Ward, West Finchley, Woodhouse,

Enclosures Appendix A : Risk Assessment Report
Appendix B : Schemes Locations Details

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 That the 2008/09 updated Local Safety Scheme programme be approved as set out in Appendix B.**
- 1.2 That the Director of Environment and Transport be instructed to carry out the required works, including where necessary Traffic Management Orders, to implement safety related measures at the sites in question in Finchley and Golders Green, subject to funding being available.**
- 1.3 That any unresolved material objections to be dealt with following consultation with Ward Members by the Director of Environment and Transport under delegated powers in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport and the Chairman of this Sub-Committee.**

2. RELEVANT PREVIOUS DECISION

- 2.1 Finchley and Golders Green Area-Environment Sub-Committee meeting of 10 March 2008, Decision No. 10. The 2008/09 Local Safety Scheme Programme was approved.

3. CORPORATE PRIORITIES AND POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1 The 'Traffic Management - Future Strategy' report approved by Cabinet on November 2002 seeks to achieve improvements in traffic movement on the major road network, thus reducing the attraction of alternative, less suitable local roads. Improvements at those junctions that experience heavy congestion, long delays and high levels of personal injury will provide the community with a comprehensive improvement.
- 3.2 The Council's Corporate Plan 2008/09–2011/12 'improving transport infrastructure to maximise movement opportunities' confirms the Council's commitment to improve transport traffic flow and roads, to reduce journey times and improve reliability through effective traffic and road safety engineering and parking control.
- 3.3 The Borough's adopted Unitary Development Plan (May 2006) indicates that the Council will seek to encourage the use of public transport and aims to protect people and businesses from the negative effects of traffic and parking and ensure safe and efficient transport systems with access for all.

4. RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES

- 4.1 A risk assessment has been carried out and is attached as Appendix A.

5. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

- 5.1 The review and upgrade of safety measures will help to meet the local community's needs and support vulnerable road users ensuring safer access to the public highway. Introducing measures that will encourage an improvement in driver behaviour and thereby improve safety for road users, residents and pedestrians will contribute significantly to improving the quality of life for all our residents.

6. FINANCIAL, STAFFING, ICT AND PROPERTY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The full allocation for Local Safety Schemes (LSS) identified in the Borough's Local Implementation Plan for 2008/09, including all associated works and fees is £800,000.
- 6.2 From this allocation, £155,000 is to be spent in Finchley and Golders Green. Details of schemes and locations can be found in Appendix B.
- 6.3 There are no staffing, ICT, or property implications.

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 relating to highways use and regulation within the boundaries of their areas in accordance with Council policy and within budget.

9 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 9.1 The Local Safety Scheme (LSS) programme was agreed by the Area Environment Sub-Committee on 10 March 2008 and £237,500 was allocated at that time for measures in the Finchley and Golders Green area.
- 9.2 The Committee was advised at the time that further sites would be identified in order to fully commit the LSS allocation. The council has been successful in bringing forward measures intended for 2008/9, which were implemented at the end of 2007/8; and details of schemes for 2008/9 have now been worked up in more detail. Consequently, the overall spending forecast for Finchley and Golders Green is to be amended as follows.

9.3 Accidents at Pedestrian Crossings: budget £60,000

- 9.3.1 Reviewing accident statistics obtained from the Metropolitan Police, the Highways Group initially identified a number of sites throughout the Borough with a high proportion of accidents occurring at pedestrian crossings. These sites have been investigated, giving particular attention to existing road conditions as well as drainage and improved as appropriate. The initial list was approved at the 10 March 2008 meeting of the Area Environment Sub-Committees.
- 9.3.2 Further sites with similar accident characteristics have now been identified and added to the original list of sites ensuring maximum use is made of the allocated budget. These sites are also detailed in Appendix B.
- 9.3.3 The schemes relating to points 9.3 and 9.4 above are generally small-scale maintenance items ie. anti-skid resistance surfacing, dropped kerbs etc. There are no plans to carry out any specific consultation on these works which will be notified locally by means of street notices.

9.4 Golders Green Gyratory Study: £45,000

- 9.4.1 The above scheme will aim to improve safety and reduce congestion at the junction of Golders Green Road, North End Road, and Finchley Road.
- 9.4.2 It is envisaged that design work only will be carried this financial year and that implementation will take place in 2009/10. Funding for the scheme will be re-profiled in discussion with TfL and included into the 2009/10 grant submission.

9.5 Localised LSS Measures: £50,000

- 9.5.1 Two locations have been identified in Finchley and Golders Green due to their higher than average recorded number of personal injury accidents over the past three years. Details of these locations can be found in Appendix B.

10 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 10.1 Accidents Statistics used to justify schemes.
- 10.2 Any person wishing to inspect the background papers listed above should contact Neil Richardson, Telephone :- 020 8359 7525.

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Local Safety Schemes Risk Assessment

Scheme:	LOCAL SAFETY SCHEMES PROGRAMME 2008/09			
Objectives:	To reduce accidents and casualties. To improve traffic movements. To reduce congestion.			
Risk Category	Description	Likelihood of not being met	Impact	Response
Strategic	National Indicator (NI) and Local Performance Indicator (LPI) targets to reduce accidents and repair roads may not be met.	L	L	Accept – Scheme objectives will help to meet NI / LPI targets
	Corporate objective to repair roads and pavements may not be met	L	M	Accept – scheme will help to meet corporate objective
	Corporate reputation may be damaged	M	H	Reduce – Implementation Plan and good communication strategy will reduce public perception of delays due to any civil works.
Operational	Use of multiple contractors to carry out the various road works may cause confusion on-site, create delays and duplication of work. Costs may increase due to hold-ups by contractors.	L	H	Reduce – On-site supervision and forward planning and programming will reduce any issues from using contractors. Contingency plans will need to be in place to maintain the programme
Staffing & Culture	Lack of awareness of targets and objectives	L	H	Reduce – Regular promotion and communication of key objectives and corporate plan with all staff
	Implementation team with no clear objectives and identified roles	L	H	Reduce – clear management and leadership with good communication. Milestones identified and clear procedures for resolving issues in place
Financial	Unable to maintain works within allocated budget	L	H	Reduce – Procedures and monitoring in place to minimise risks of financial irregularities. Projections and constant supervision of works will identify any areas of concern regarding budgeting
Compliance	Work outside of relevant Legislation and Council policies	L	H	Reduce – Procedures in place to audit safety of works and ensure current legislation is adhered to. Regulations in place will identify H&S issues with contractors and procedures are in place to rectify non-compliance.

Key: H = High, M = Medium, L = Low

Appendix B.

Name	Location	Budget	Description of target accidents	Type of Proposal - description of remedial measures
Mass action - pedestrian crossings	Finchley Road North / Hallswelle Road	£60k	Accidents at pedestrian crossings	Provision/renewal of high friction surfacing on approaches, other adjustments (eg halo boards to belisha beacons, advance warning signage) if appropriate
	A1000 High Road / Friern Watch Avenue			
	Fortis Green / Summerlee Avenue			
Junctions review	Golders Green Gyratory	£45k	Rear end shunt and pedestrian accidents at junction	Complete review of junction operation to reduce congestion and accidents. Funds required to carry on the design exercise and consult over the proposal.
Localised Safety Measures	Ballards Lane / Christchurch Avenue / Alexandra Grove	£50k	General traffic accidents	Carriageway resurfacing, high friction surfacing, advance warning signs, junction controls.
	The Bishops Avenue / Deansway / Bancroft Avenue			