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Meeting	Finchley and Golders Green Area Environment Sub-Committee
Date	24 February 2010
Subject	Member's Item – 191 West Heath Road, NW3 - extension of guard railings
Report of	Acting Democratic Services Manager
Summary	This report informs the Sub-Committee of a Member's Item and requests instructions from the Sub-Committee.

Officer Contributors	Nick Musgrove – Democratic Services
Status (public or exempt)	Public
Wards affected	Garden Suburb
Enclosures	None
For decision by	Finchley & 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 None.

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 Members' Items allow Members of the Sub-Committee to bring a wide range of issues to the attention of the Sub-Committee in accordance with the Council's Constitution. All of these issues must be considered for their equalities and diversity implications.

6. USE OF RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS (Finance, Procurement, Performance & Value for Money, Staffing, IT, Property, Sustainability)

6.1 None in the context of this report.

7. LEGAL ISSUES

7.1 None in the context of this report.

8. CONSTITUTIONAL POWERS

8.1 Constitution Part 3 – Responsibility for Functions – 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 – Paragraph 7.1 states 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. Any item received after 11p.m. will be recorded as received on the next working day. The item must be signed by the member and delivered by hand, fax or email.

9. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 9.1 Councillor Jazmin Naghar has requested that a Member's Item be considered on the following matter:

191 West Heath Road, NW3 - Extension of guard railings.

The house has been owned by the same family since 1954 and I understand that car accidents have always been a continual problem with more frequent incidents having occurred recently. It seems that cars drive along West Heath Road and as the hill descends drivers gain speed, lose control at the junction and crash against the railings. Unfortunately some cars miss the railings and crash against the wall of the house. All possible points of impacts would be covered by an installation of a further six sections of guard rail to the North. The guard rail will most certainly cushion the impact and limit both injury to pedestrians and drivers, whilst reducing damage to the cars themselves.

The recent accidents are as follows,

24th September 2009, stolen car being pursued by police

3rd November 2009, allegedly unmanned vehicle which rolled down the hill!

11th January 2010, car which afterwards appeared to be abandoned drove into exactly the same spot as 24/9/09.

- 9.2 The Director of Environment & Operations will provide a verbal update at the meeting.

10. LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 10.1 Email from Councillor Jazmin Naghar dated 9 February 2010.

- 10.2 Any person wishing to inspect the background paper above should telephone 020 8359 2024.

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