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### DECISIONS OF THE FINCHLEY & GOLDERS GREEN

#### 14 October 2010

AREA ENVIRONMENT SUB-COMMITTEE

#### SUB-COMMITTEE:

\*Councillor Dean Cohen (Chairman)
\*Councillor Eva Greenspan (Vice-Chairman)

#### Councillors:

\* Geof Cooke \* Andrew McNeil

Ross Houston \* Monroe Palmer OBE, BA, FCA

\* Kath McGuirk (sub. for Cllr Daniel Seal

Ross Houston)

\*denotes Member present

#### 1. MINUTES (Agenda item 1)

RESOLVED – That the decisions of the meeting of the Sub-Committee held on 24 June 2010 be agreed as a correct record.

#### 2. ABSENCE OF MEMBERS (Agenda item 2)

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Ross Houston.

#### 3. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (Agenda item 4)

There were no public questions.

## 4. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS (Agenda Item 5)

Cllr Kath McGuirk declared a non-prejudicial interest in connection with item 7\_ below, because she lived within the Hampstead Garden Suburb Conservation Area.

## 5. MEMBER'S ITEM – PERCY ROAD PLAYGROUND N12 (Report of the Acting Democratic Services Manager – Agenda Item 5B)

Mr Nick Goodman, a local resident, addressed the Sub-Committee on this item, answered questions from Members of the Sub-Committee and showed slides of the Playground.

The representative of the Interim Director of Environment & Operations reported verbally that although there was no funding available for the repair of the

Playground, other than the removal of dangerous items, it might be possible to 'promote a community-led initiative under the Community Spaces Grant Fund in conjunction with the Council's Greenspaces Team. He also provided details of cleaning schedules and locking-up times, and undertook to contact the adjoining Northside School over the use of the playground and to advise the Members of the Sub-Committee over the validity of a sign stating that the Playground would be locked early between November and January.

The Sub-Committee

RESOLVED – That it be represented to the Executive that

- a. A blanket rejection of funding for the repair and improvement of this playground is not acceptable, and that the Sub-Committee request details of the prioritization of playgrounds for improvement;
- b. That the possibility of including the Playground within the North Finchley Town Centre should be investigated;
- c. That the cleaning of the Playground should take place more frequently than 3 times a week;
- d. That there should be clarification over the notice regarding the closure times of the Playground;
- e. That the Sub-Committee support the proposal to seek funding from external sources.

## 6. MEMBERS' ITEM – SUMMERS LANE – BUS STOP NEAR SUNNY WAY N12 (Report of the Acting Democratic Services Manager – Agenda Item 5A)

Cllr Cooke stated that, following submission of his item, member level consultation over the new bus stop had commenced. He asked that the officers should consider the use of the nearby lay-bys in Sunny Way to replace the parking capacity lost through installation of the stop.

The representative of the Interim Director of Environment and Operations informed the Sub-Committee that public consultation would follow after the member-level consultation, and that it was hoped to implement the scheme by Christmas.

The Sub-Committee noted the above position.

# 7. HAMPSTEAD GARDEN SUBURB CONSERVATION AREA – PROPOSED BOUNDARY CHANGES AND ARTICLE 4 DIRECTION (Report of the Cabinet Member for Housing, Planning & Regeneration – Agenda Item 6)

The representative of the Director of Planning, Housing & Regeneration pointed out that the reference to "paragraph 9.16" in recommendation 1.2 should be corrected to "paragraph 9.15".

Having considered the Cabinet Member's report, the Sub-Committee, for the reasons set out,

**RESOLVED** 

- That the Sub-Committee approves the Article 4 Direction for Hampstead Garden Suburb Conservation Area as set out in paragraphs 9.14 and 9.15 of the report and Appendix 2.
- 2. That the Sub-Committee notes the results of the public consultation exercise, the revised text and maps for the Hampstead Garden Suburb Conservation Area Character Appraisal, Management Proposals and Design Guidance.

#### Note

The Sub-Committee also made a recommendation to Cabinet regarding the proposed boundary change to accommodate the Spaniards End Conservation Area within the Hampstead Garden Suburb Conservation Area.

The meeting ended at 8.01pm