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Meeting	Finchley and Golders Green Area Environment Sub-Committee
Date	23 November 2011
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Update Report – Bus stop on the 382 route towards Finchley Central in Summers Lane N12 near Sunny Way</b>
Report of	Interim Director of Environment, Planning and Regeneration
Summary	This report gives an update to the Sub-Committee on the Member’s Item that was submitted to the Sub-Committee meeting of 14 September 2011.

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Status (public or exempt)	Public
Wards affected	Woodhouse
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 **That the Sub-Committee notes the outcome of the investigations into the possibility of a Hail and Ride Scheme and possible resurrection of the original bus stop scheme in Summers Lane.**

## **2. RELEVANT PREVIOUS DECISIONS**

- 2.1 Finchley and Golders Area Environment Sub-Committee 14 September 2011(Decision No.5) – resolved that
- (1) the Cabinet Member be asked to reconsider the decision not to proceed with the planned bus stop.
  - (2) the Cabinet Member be asked to consider instructing the Interim Director of Environment, Planning and Regeneration to resurrect the scheme in its original form or explore the option of a hail and ride scheme.
  - (3) a report on the outcome be brought to the next meeting of the Sub-Committee.

## **3. CORPORATE PRIORITIES AND POLICY CONSIDERATIONS**

- 3.1 As and when issues raised in this way are progressed they will need to be evaluated against the Corporate Plan and other relevant policies.

## **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.

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## **9. BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

- 9.1 At the last meeting of the Sub-Committee on 14 September 2011, Councillor Geof Cooke submitted a Member's Item for consideration regarding the decision not to proceed with the planned bus stop on the 382 route towards Finchley Central in

Summers Lane N12 near Sunny Way in view of the strong expression of support for the proposal from local residents”

- 9.2 The Sub-Committee agreed that the Cabinet Member be asked to reconsider the decision not to proceed with the planned bus stop, that the Cabinet Member be asked to consider instructing the Interim Director of Environment, Planning and Regeneration to resurrect the scheme in its original form or explore the option of a hail and ride scheme and that a report on the outcome be brought to the next meeting of the Sub-Committee.
- 9.3 Officers have contacted London Buses, Transport for London seeking their views as to the possibility of introducing a Hail and Ride Service in Summers Lane. London Buses has advised that their current policy is that they are trying to phase out Hail and Ride stretches, replacing them with Fixed Stops which are Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) compliant. Therefore no new Hail and Ride locations would be considered.
- 9.4 Accordingly, the possibility of resurrecting the original Bus Stop scheme in Summers Lane has been broached with the Cabinet Member for Environment who has indicated that his position has not changed and that the scheme should not proceed for the reasons originally stated.

## **10. LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 10.1 Email from Councillor Cooke dated 31 August 2011.
- 10.2 Any person wishing to inspect the background paper above should telephone 020 8359 2037.

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