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Meeting	Finchley and Golders Green Area Environment Sub-Committee
Date	23 January 2012
Subject	Members' Item – Pedestrian Safety in East Finchley (Councillor Andrew McNeil)
Report of	Head of Governance
Summary	This report informs the Sub-Committee of a Member's Item and requests instructions from the Sub-Committee.

Officer Contributors	Chidilim Agada – Business Governance Service
Status (public or exempt)	Public
Wards affected	East Finchley
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 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.

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 Head of Governance 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. Under Council Procedure Rules, Section 2, paragraph 7.3 any item received after that deadline can only be accepted for consideration at the meeting if the Chairman agrees it as urgent.

9. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

9.1 Councillor Andrew McNeil has requested that a Member's Item be considered on the following matter:

"This Committee asks for changes to ensure greater pedestrian safety in East Finchley along the route Church Lane, High Road and Creighton Avenue N2.

These roads form a 'rat run' that is not adequately controlled by existing road safety measures: drivers exceed the speed limit and/or run the red light and/or turn left onto Creighton Avenue without slowing down or indicating, which causes a daily risk to both pedestrians and other road users.

Such safety measures will enable greater freedom of movement, particularly of vulnerable pedestrians such as the young, the old and those with disabilities; and promote the long-term well-being of East Finchley community by supporting objectives such as walking to school and access to East Finchley library.

ACTION NEEDED:

- *Measures to ensure the greater safety of pedestrians at the junction of Church Lane and East Finchley High Road.*
- *Introduce a pedestrian crossing on Creighton Avenue near the junction with East Finchley High Road.*
- *Ensure greater visibility of Martin Primary school by improving school signs and adding road markings.*
- *Introduce a speed limit of 20mph on Church Lane"*

9.2 The Interim Director of Environment, Planning and Regeneration will arrange for officer comment to be given on the item at the meeting.

10. LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

10.1 Email from Councillor Andrew McNeil.

10.2 Any person wishing to inspect the background paper above should telephone 020 8359 2037.