

MEETING

**FINCHLEY AND GOLDERS GREEN AREA ENVIRONMENT SUB-COMMITTEE
ADDITIONAL PAPERS**

DATE AND TIME

**WEDNESDAY, 14 MARCH 2012
AT 7.00 PM**

VENUE

AVENUE HOUSE, 17 EAST END ROAD, FINCHLEY, N3

Dear Councillors,

Please find enclosed an urgent late item of business for the abovementioned meeting which was not available at the time of collation of the agenda.

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Meeting Business Management Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Date 29 February 2012

Subject Pedestrian Safety, East Finchley Petition

Report of Scrutiny Office

Summary This report provides Members with information relating to a petition signed by 2,300 residents submitted to the Council in relation to pedestrian safety in East Finchley

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Status (public or exempt) Public

Wards affected East Finchley

Enclosures Appendix A – Petition Text

For decision by Business Management Overview and Scrutiny Committee

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1. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1.1 That the Committee consider the petition received by the Council in relation to Pedestrian Safety in East Finchley and make appropriate comments/recommendations to the Cabinet, relevant Cabinet Member or officers (as appropriate) in respect of the issues raised.**

2. CORPORATE PRIORITIES AND POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

- 2.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Committees, Panels and Task and Finish Groups must ensure that the work of Scrutiny is reflective of the Council's priorities.**
- 2.2 The three priority outcomes set out in the 2011-13 Corporate Plan are: –**
- Better services with less money**
 - Sharing opportunities, sharing responsibilities**
 - A successful London suburb**

3. RELEVANT PREVIOUS DECISIONS

- 3.1 None

4. RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES

- 4.1 Failure to deal with petitions received from members of the public in a timely way and in accordance with the provisions of the Council's Constitution carries a reputational risk for the authority.

5. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

- 5.1 In addition to the Terms of Reference of the Committee, and in so far as relating to matters within its remit, the role of the Committee is to perform the Overview and Scrutiny role in relation to:
- The Council's leadership role in relation to diversity and inclusiveness; and
 - The fulfilment of the Council's duties as employer including recruitment and retention, personnel, pensions and payroll services, staff development, equalities and health and safety.

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

- 6.1 Any financial implication will be contained within the EPR budgets.

7. LEGAL ISSUES

- 7.1 The Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 requires local authorities to publicise and comply with a scheme for handling petitions and also provide a facility for electronic petitions on their websites.

8. CONSTITUTIONAL POWERS

- 8.1 The scope of the Overview & Scrutiny Committees is contained within Part 2, Article 6 of the Council's Constitution.
- 8.2 The Terms of Reference of the Overview & Scrutiny Committees are set out in the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules (Part 4 of the Constitution).
- 8.3 Section 4, Public Participation Procedure Rules, paragraph 5.8 provide that petitions of over 2,000 signatures will be considered at the Business Management Overview and Scrutiny Committee, where an officer will be called to give account. The lead petitioner will have the right to address the Committee for five minutes.

9. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 9.1 On the 13th February 2012, the Head of Governance was notified that a petition in the name of, Michelle Imber (Lead Petitioner) in relation to pedestrian safety in East Finchley had exceeded 2,000 signatures. The petition requested that the Council ensure greater pedestrian safety in East Finchley along the route of Church Lane High Road and Creighton Avenue N2. In accordance with the Public Participation Rules, relevant officers have been requested to attend the meeting to answer questions and give account to matters raised in the petition.
- 9.2 The Chairman has agreed that the petition will be discussed at the meeting following the format below:
- Lead Petitioner has five minutes to present the petition to the Committee;
 - Committee Members have the opportunity to ask questions of the Lead Petitioner;
 - Relevant Officers (Assistant Director, Highways & Transport and Environment and the Principal Engineer) respond to the issues raised by the Lead Petitioner and Committee Members;
 - Committee Members to ask any further questions of the relevant officers; and
 - Committee to agree any recommendations to be made to the Cabinet, relevant Cabinet Member or officers (as appropriate).

9.6 The text submitted with the online signature petition is attached at Appendix A.

10. LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

10.1 None

Legal: CH
CFO: MC/JH

Petition to: ENSURE GREATER PEDESTRIAN SAFETY IN EAST FINCHLEY ALONG THE ROUTE OF CHURCH LANE, HIGH ROAD & CRIGHTON AVENUE N2

We the undersigned petition Barnet Council to ENSURE GREATER PEDESTRIAN SAFETY IN EAST FINCHLEY ALONG THE ROUTE OF CHURCH LANE, HIGH ROAD & CRIGHTON AVENUE N2.

Submitted by Michelle Imber of WalksafeN2 – **Deadline to sign up by:** 12 January 2013 – **Signatures:** 121

ACTION NEEDED:

- Introduce a 3-way traffic light with pelican crossings at the junction of Church Lane and East Finchley High Road.
- Introduce a pedestrian crossing on Creighton Avenue near East Finchley High Road.
- Ensure greater visibility of Martin Primary School by improving school signs and adding road markings.
- Re-introduce a speed limit of 20mph on Church Lane.
- WALKSAFE N2 has been set up by a group of local parents to demand road safety measures from Barnet Council.

PLEASE SHOW YOUR SUPPORT BY SIGNING OUR PETITION

THANK YOU!

**DRAFT MINUTE EXTRACT
BUSINESS MANAGEMENT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
29 FEBRAURY 2012**

**8. PEDESTRAIN SAFETY, EAST FINCHLEY PETITION
(Agenda Item 9)**

The Committee considered a petition received by the Council in relation to Pedestrian Safety, East Finchley. The Lead Petitioner addressed the Committee regarding safety concerns for pedestrians using the route along Church Lane, High Road and Creighton Avenue in East Finchley.

The Highways Manager, Traffic and Development informed the Committee that a holistic impact assessment of the area had commenced, which was considering crossing facilities, road junctions and other empirical evidence. Members were informed that the findings of this review would be reported to the Cabinet Member for the Environment on the 20th March 2012.

The Committee agreed that Officers should carry out, in consultation with Walk Safe N2, an assessment of the impact that the proposals identified in the petition could have upon the area, and to consider any other safety measures which could lead to a solution to provide a safer environment.

RESOLVED that-

- (1) Officers from the Environment, Planning and Regeneration Directorate provide the Committee with a report detailing the outcome of the East Finchley holistic impact assessment at the next meeting on 18th April 2012.**
- (2) Officers from the Environment, Planning and Regeneration Directorate be recommended to carry out, in consultation with representatives from the Walk Safe N2 campaign, an assessment of the impact that the road safety measures proposed in the petition could have on pedestrian safety in the area and to consider any other safety measures which could lead to a solution to the issues raised.**
- (3) the Committee recommend that the Pedestrian Safety, East Finchley petition be referred to the Finchley and Golders Green Area Environment Sub-Committee to enable the Sub-Committee to give their views on the issues raised.**