

<u>MEETING</u> FINCHLEY & GOLDERS GREEN AREA COMMITTEE
<u>DATE AND TIME</u> THURSDAY 16TH FEBRUARY, 2017 AT 7.00 PM
<u>VENUE</u> HENDON TOWN HALL

Dear Councillors,

Please find enclosed additional papers relating to the following items for the above mentioned meeting which were not available at the time of collation of the agenda.

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Question Number	Item Number	Raised by	Question Raised	Answer
1	8	Christine Denny	Residents in this area had been parking on the road for something like 40 years. In November 2015 parking restrictions were imposed on the above mentioned strip of Woodhouse Road. RE on behalf of LBB informed us this was at the request to the parents of the Wren Academy Students. I have asked this question both of RE and the local councillors but they do not respond - having removed parking along the road - where did the local authority expect us to park our vehicles given that both the top and lower end of Woodhouse Road plus all the side roads are residents only parking? It is a perfectly reasonable question but one the council is obviously reluctant to address.	<p>Pedestrian improvements and parking restrictions were introduced on Woodhouse Road to improve pedestrian safety following the expansion of the Wren Academy School and were a requirement of the Wren Academy Planning Permission.</p> <p>Parking measures including School Keep Clear markings and 'at any time' waiting restrictions were installed in addition to the improved pedestrian crossing facilities in order to deter obstructive parking, improve sightlines and provide a safe environment for pedestrians.</p> <p>Following residents' concerns during the consultation for the scheme, it was agreed to introduce the parking measures on an experimental basis so that these could be monitored and reviewed before a decision was made as to whether any amendments may be required and whether or not the measures should be made permanent.</p> <p>We expect to commence the review of these measures in the next few weeks which will include consideration of the views received from members of the public.</p>

2	8	Christine Denny	<p>When they imposed the parking restriction did the local authority make any assessment of the impact it would have on the lives of the residents of Woodhouse Road living from just below Woodgrange Avenue to Crescent Way? If so, may we have a copy of the findings?</p> <p>Here are some of the outcomes of the restrictions as they affect local residents: In November 2015 parking restrictions were imposed on the above mentioned strip of Woodhouse Road</p> <p>Service providers such as boiler engineers are reluctant to work for us as they may have to carry their heavy tool boxes considerable distances. Interior decorators and gardeners are charging way above the market price as they have to carry ladders, tools, tins dust sheets a considerable distance and this adds to their time and effort.</p> <p>Once every six months I used to hire a carpet cleaner from Tesco's - I cannot do that now as I am not strong enough to carry it any distance and cannot guarantee parking anywhere near my house.</p> <p>What little parking is available is often taken up by teachers and students at Woodhouse College - or shoppers who don't want to pay for parking in North Finchley High Road - minicabs are left there if they can get into a space - the competition for the limited space is unbelievable</p> <p>At no time has the local authority offered us any alternative provision and yet round the back of Woodhouse Road in Ingle Road - which is not a main road - mesh has been laid on the green and parking</p>	<p>Parking on the stretch of Woodhouse Road surrounding the Wren Academy is largely unrestricted, and therefore residents as well as visitors to the area are able to park where there is available kerbside space.</p> <p>Concerns raised by some residents regarding a reduction in parking availability in the area were noted in the Delegated Powers Report. The 'at any time' waiting restrictions and school keep clear markings have been proposed to prevent obstructive parking and improve sightlines and safety outside the new entrance to the school and on the approach to the new crossings. Although it is recognised that these measures would reduce the overall parking availability in the area, it was considered that they are particularly important to keep the relevant lengths of kerbside space clear, and to allow the overall highway improvement and pedestrian scheme to operate effectively</p> <p>Although we appreciate that following the introduction of the parking measures, there may be fewer on-street parking places on the stretch of Woodhouse Road outside the Wren Academy, parking remains unrestricted in several of the surrounding roads to the north and south sides of Woodhouse Road, as well as further east on Woodhouse Road.</p> <p>The most effective way of deterring non-resident parking whilst reserving kerbside space for residents is through the introduction or extension of a Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ). Currently the</p>
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			<p>places made available to local residents .</p> <p>Many of the residents affected are partially disabled or caring for family members who are elderly and frail - these people are now either confined to the house or having to be taken out in a wheelchair. My own mother is 95 and a blue badge holder.</p>	<p>North Finchley CPZ extends south-east as far as Fenstanton Avenue. Following concerns raised about parking availability for residents by residents and a local Ward Councillor about parking availability for residents in the area, we have included the request for an extension of the North Finchley CPZ to be assessed and prioritised along with other parking proposals for inclusion in a future work programme.</p> <p>Blue Badge holders can park on yellow lines for up to 3 hours when displaying a valid blue badge. Blue Badge holders who do not have any off street parking facilities can also apply for a designated disabled parking bay. An application form with further information can be obtained by emailing highwayscorrespondence@barnet.gov.uk</p>
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