

## **Decisions of the Chipping Barnet Area Committee**

21 October 2015

Members Present:-

Councillor Stephen Sowerby (Chairman)  
Councillor Caroline Stock (Vice-Chairman)

Councillor Bridget Perry  
Councillor  
Pauline Coakley Webb  
Councillor Philip Cohen

Councillor Andreas Ioannidis  
Councillor Paul Edwards

### **1. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 02 July 2015 were agreed as a correct record.

### **2. ABSENCE OF MEMBERS (IF ANY)**

None

### **3. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

None.

### **4. REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER (IF ANY)**

None

### **5. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS (IF ANY)**

A Public Comment was received from David Carnac who spoke in relation to item 10. At the request of the Chairman Mr Carnac agreed to make his comments when the committee considered item 10.

A Public Comment was received from David Howard who spoke in relation to item 13. At the request of the Chairman Mr Howard agreed to make his comments when the committee considered item 13.

### **6. MEMBERS' ITEMS (IF ANY) MEMBERS ITEM - COUNCILLOR STOCK**

The Committee considered a Members' Item submitted by Councillor Caroline Stock which requested Members of the Committee to consider double yellow lines at locations on Great Bushey Drive.

Having considered the Member's Item and oral representations from Councillor Stock the Committee:

Resolved:

- That the Committee noted the report
- That the Committee agreed to instruct and delegated powers to the Commissioning Director for Environment to consider how this issue can be resolved with a view to implement the request.
- That the implementation of the double yellow lines at the location be funded from the Committee's approved budget. This work to be capped up to £2,000.
- That Ward Members and Ms Ward be consulted

## 7. MATTERS REFERRED FROM THE CHIPPING BARNET RESIDENTS FORUM

The Committee received the items below, which had been referred to the Committee by the Chairman of the Chipping Barnet Area Residents Forum, Councillor Lisa Rutter.

<p>3 <b>Totteridge Lane, Exit to Waitrose, submitted by Eileen Eskenzi MBE. JP</b></p> <p><b>Submitted by - Eileen Eskenzi MBE. JP</b></p> <p><b>Ward – Totteridge</b></p> <p>I am writing to you because I would be grateful if you could place my comments before the Residents' Forum.</p> <p>Last week, we had our monthly Totteridge Residents' Association meeting. Repeatedly, the matter arises regarding this dangerous section - namely the entrance and <b>exit to Waitrose in Totteridge Lane</b>. Each member of our committee has either had personal experience, or knows of someone who has been involved in an accident or had a 'near miss' at this junction.</p> <p>I had an experience last year when I gingerly</p>	<p>It would appear that the insurance company referred to possibly concluded that a driver emerging from Waitrose should give way and their view considering whether there were any vehicles overtaking in the outside lane.</p> <p>Even if larger vehicles could not overtake, the possibility would remain that motorcyclists may still do so, and this should always be a consideration for vehicles emerging from a side road or access.</p> <p>Introducing double white lines has previously been suggested, but this would not resolve this issue, not least because the prohibition on crossing a double white line system does not apply in relation to overtaking a stationary vehicle.</p> <p>The double white line system also automatically introduces a restriction on</p>
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<p>edged out from Waitrose whilst all the traffic was at a standstill. A motorist came speeding up Totteridge Lane, overtaking the single line of vehicles, resulting in a collision. The insurance company argued, that in spite of the "Keep Clear" gap, there was insufficient road signage for an on-coming vehicle to be able to anticipate a motorist making an exit into the main road, even though at this juncture the road is narrow. It only widens out beyond this point towards the traffic lights. I therefore had to pay for the damage to my car.</p> <p>Almost daily there is an accident or 'near miss' at this busy inter-section. We have raised this 'accident point' repeatedly to our local Councillors - requesting white lines or some signage - but to no avail. It has been a point raised by residents at our AGM - again with no positive result to this dire problem.</p> <p>Do we have to wait for a fatality before some action is taken?</p> <p>I am writing to you, not only on behalf of this Association, but as a responsible, caring citizen who surely must represent thousands of pedestrians and motorists travelling up and down this busy thoroughfare.</p> <p>I look forward to a response.</p> <p><b>Eileen Eskenzi MBE. JP.</b> President Totteridge Residents' Association</p>	<p>parking, which would also prevent parking at night or on Sunday on part of the road currently marked with a single yellow line. This includes outside residential properties without off-street parking. <i>(The Contravention would be a criminal offence in these circumstances.</i></p> <p>The introduction of a junction warning sign on the uphill approach to the entrance might provide some additional warning to vehicles considering overtaking. This would not normally be considered for private entrances. (We would try to avoid overuse in any case – if every junction where vehicles might emerge between stationary vehicles were signed then the sign would cease to have any impact). However, this proposal will be prioritised against other schemes for introduction in next year's work programme and the highest priority schemes introduced. There has been a single injury accident recorded in similar circumstances to the incident described in the most recent three years accident data and as a low cost measure this may achieve a sufficiently high priority to proceed.</p> <p>Councillor Stock has confirmed that she will contact Waitrose directly to ask them to install a warning sign on the approach to Totteridge Lane.</p> <p><a href="mailto:Highways.Correspondence@barnet.gov.uk">Highways.Correspondence@barnet.gov.uk</a></p>
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The Committee noted this issue, the response provided by the Council and therefore considered measures which the location could benefit from, this included the installation of a warning sign. The Committee:

Resolved:

- That the Committee agreed to instruct and delegated powers to the Commissioning Director for Environment to review the issue and provide Members with a report which outlines all options to improve the junction.
- That Ward Members and Ms Eskenzi be consulted

<p>5 <b>Swan Lane N20</b></p> <p><b>Submitted by Ms Ward</b></p>	
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<p><b>Ward – Totteridge</b></p> <p>Along with other residents we are tired of asking for a number of problems in the area to be rectified. We find either that no action has been taken or that any action taken has not remedied the problem.</p> <p>a. At a previous area forum held in Barnet House the request was made for a double yellow line to be painted from the end of the yellow ziz zags outside the school gates to the end of the nursery school grounds. Swan Lane is very narrow and when cars are parked both sides of the road, as they are when it is at the beginning and end of the school day, it is impossible for anything larger than a small car to get down the road – eg ambulance, fire engine etc. As it is a cul de sac there is no other way in to the properties in the road. At the Forum we were told that subject to certain things eg putting a notice in the London Gazette etc there should be no problems granting this. We were told that this work would be completed in the financial year 214/15. We have heard nothing further.</p> <p><b>Sue Ward</b></p>	<p>The Council receives many requests for yellow lines and other minor parking changes from local residents and other road users. For all the requests which remain unresolved, it is expected that an exercise where the requests are assessed and then prioritised will take place before the end of the financial year with a view to progressing all those schemes which are considered appropriate in future work programmes – where a statutory consultation will take place, the proposal will be advertised in the local Press and London Gazette.</p> <p>The request for yellow lines on Swan Lane will be assessed in this way, although it should be noted that yellow lines do not prohibit boarding and alighting from vehicles from taking place.</p> <p><a href="mailto:Highways.Correspondence@barnet.gov.uk">Highways.Correspondence@barnet.gov.uk</a></p>
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The Committee noted this issue, the response provided by the Council and supported the implementation of double yellow lines at the location and therefore the Committee:

Resolved:

- That the Committee agreed to instruct and delegated powers to the Commissioning Director for Environment to consider how this issue can be resolved with a view to implement the request.
- That the implementation the double yellow lines at the location be funded from the Committee’s approved budget. This work to be capped up to £2,000.
- That Ward Members and Ms Ward be consulted

11.	<b>Parking at the junction of Holden Road and Station Approach N12 7EG</b>	
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<p><b>Submitted by - Steve Hyman</b></p> <p><b>Ward – Totteridge</b></p> <p>I have for some time now been concerned about the cars which have been parking at the junction of Holden Road and Station Approach N12 7EG</p> <p>There have been a number of instances where large mini cabs park on or even over the corner of this junction which makes it almost impossible to see oncoming vehicles.</p> <p>There are single yellow lines currently and I would like to request that these are converted to double yellow before somebody is involved in a serious if not fatal accident.</p> <p>I have noticed that these vehicles are frequently parked around 08:00 but they park there at random times throughout the day.</p> <p>I do not believe they are part of Abetta Car Service but I do not know who they are serving.</p> <p>They appear totally oblivious to the problems they are causing</p> <p>I have enclosed some photographs to demonstrate my concerns</p> <p>I hope something can be done to improve this situation</p> <p><b>Steve Hyman</b></p>	<p>The Council receives many requests for yellow lines and other minor parking changes from local residents and other road users. For all the requests which remain unresolved, it is expected that an exercise where the requests are assessed and then prioritised will take place before the end of the financial year will take place, with a view to progressing all those schemes which are considered appropriate to progress in future work programmes.</p> <p>The request for double yellow lines at the junction of Holden Road and Station Approach will be assessed in this way.</p> <p>It is envisaged that any proposal which results from this process will be subject to a statutory consultation early in the next financial year.</p> <p><a href="mailto:Highways.Correspondence@barnet.gov.uk">Highways.Correspondence@barnet.gov.uk</a></p>
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The Committee noted this issue, the response provided by the Council and therefore the Committee:

Resolved:

- That the Committee requested that Officers investigate the ability to insert double yellow lines at the requested location
- That the relevant Officer be instructed to implement the double yellow lines at the location and that the work be funded from the Committee's approved budget. This work would be capped at up to £2,000.
- That Ward Members and Steve Hyman be consulted

## 8. AN UPDATE ON THE REVIEW OF AREA COMMITTEE ACTIONS (2015-2016)

The Chairman introduced the report which sets out a review on actions and matters raised at previous area committee meetings. The Committee noted the report and the progress update along with the work programme at appendices 1 and 2 of the report.

Having considered the report the Committee:

Resolved:

1. That the Committee noted the update and actions set out in Appendix 1 of this report.
2. That the Committee noted and agreed the forward plan attached as Appendix 2 of this report.
3. In the matter of introducing parking controls in Colney Hatch Lane and Friern Village Estate to overcome the reported inconsiderate parking:
  - That the Committee noted the update provided in appendix 1.
  - That the Committee agreed the expenditure of £10,000 to undertake statutory consultation on parking control proposals in November 2015.
  - In the event that no objections to the statutory consultation are received, or where objections are received, Officers are able to resolve any such objection(s), that Officers be authorised to implement the measures through the making of the relevant Traffic Management Orders;
  - That a further report on the outcome of the statutory consultation is provided to the January 2016 Chipping Barnet Area Committee meeting.
4. In the matter of assessing parking provision in Chipping Barnet Town Centre (Parking Bay occupancy) to assess if it is adequate:
  - The Committee noted the update provided in appendix 1.
  - The Committee noted that a survey to assess parking capacity was undertaken in March 2015, the results of which will be reported to the January 2016 Area Committee.
5. In the matter of taking steps to reduce speed on Manor Drive, Whetstone raised by Cllr Lisa Rutter:
  - The Committee noted the update provided in appendix 1.
  - That the Committee agreed the expenditure of £15,000 for the installation of Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS) to monitor traffic speed in Manor Drive for a period of 6 months, with officers analysing the data.
  - That the findings are reported to a future meeting of this Area Committee in 2016 and this item added to the 2016/17 Chipping Barnet Area Committee Work Programme.
6. In the matter of the request from The Avenue EN5 / Alson Road – Pedestrian improvement:
  - That the Committee noted the update provided in Appendix 1.
  - That the Committee noted the progress update and alternative proposals will be reported to the October 2015 Area Committee meeting.
7. In the matter of the request from the High Barnet Town Team to build out the pavement to create a more welcoming public realm:
  - That the Committee resolved to defer the recommendations until item 4 (above) has been concluded as the Chairman understood from Highways that the proposed paving build out would result in the loss of up to 9 car parking spaces on the High Street. The Chairman and Councillor Stock both raised concerns relating to the £20,000 cost of the assessment which they were of the view could be spent on more pressing area environment priorities.
8. That the Committee noted the Work Programme outlined in Appendix 2 of the report and further noted that this Committee will have a standing Work Programme Item on every future agenda.

## **9. CHIPPING BARNET INSIGHT AND EVIDENCE REVIEW**

The Committee noted the information set out in the report and the introduction from the Strategic Director for Programmes and Performance. Following a number of changes in the way Area Committee budgets are allocated, it was noted that Area Committees now have greater flexibility to allocate these funds to local issues and needs.

The Committee welcomed the report and therefore:

### **RESOLVED:**

1. That the Committee noted and discussed the specific issues highlighted in this report in relation to:
  - An ageing & isolated population
  - Pockets of Deprivation
  - Obesity and Participation in Sport
2. The Committee agreed that Based on the content of the report that a further report be submitted to a future meeting in order for costs to be associated to the areas identified above and in relation to:
  - The use of pedometers for children and young people in schools
  - Reducing child obesity and increasing sporting participation opportunities in the Borough's green spaces
  - The Committee recommended that Officers should consider a spend allocation not exceeding £20,000 per Ward when drawing up their proposals.

The committee commended the officers on producing a very thorough and helpful report.

## **10. PETITION - TOTTERIDGE AND WHETSTONE CONTROLLED PARKING ZONE (CPZ)**

The Committee noted the information set out in the report and the introduction provided from the Chairman. The Committee noted that petitions which have more than 25 signatures but less than 2,000 will now be reported to the relevant Area Committee. The Committee heard an oral representation from lead petitioner Dr Conroy who spoke for 5 minutes and Mr David Carnac who made a Public Comment in relation to this item who spoke for 3 minutes.

Having considered the item the Committee:

Resolved:

- That the Committee noted the petition
- That the Committee requested that the Committee receive a report at a future meeting which outlines in detail all the options that are available that outline the concerns of residents in relation to the received petition.

## **11. OSIDGE LANE - PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS**

The Committee noted the information set out in the report and the introduction from the Re's Senior Engineer from the Traffic and Development Team.

Having considered the report the Committee:

- That the Committee agreed that the proposal for a zebra crossing on Osidge Lane be implemented at the location identified on the Option 3 and in line with Appendix 2.
- That the Committee instruct the Commissioning Director for Environment to
  - proceed with detailed design and consultation of the amended scheme
  - to consider any consultation responses
  - decide whether amendments should be made as a result
  - subject to meeting all necessary statutory requirements to implement the scheme.

## **12. THE AVENUE, BARNET – PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS**

The Committee noted the information set out in the report and the introduction provided from the Chairman. The Committee heard an oral representation from Ward Member, Councillor David Longstaff.

Having considered the report and Councillor's Longstaff's representations the Committee:

- Refused the item and the Officers recommendations as the location of the two crossing points were not considered appropriate, The Committee requested the Officers to meet with Ward Members to consider further options.

## **13. VICTORIA ROAD AREA TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SCHEME – REVISED OPTION 2**

The Committee noted the information set out in the report and the introduction provided by Ward Member and Committee Member, Councillor Philp Cohen, who welcomed the scheme before stating his disappointment that some of his resident's views had not been incorporated into the report, such as improvements to the footway and a stop line at the Victoria Road/Park Road junction.

The Committee then heard an oral representation from Mr David Howard who made a Public Comment in relation to this item and spoke for 3 minutes. Mr Howard stated that whilst the scheme was a clear improvement on the status quo he was very disappointed that a number of additional measures had not been incorporated into the final proposal by officers. He was therefore supporting the scheme with the following provisos: that the Tesco Development's Section 106 money is used to:

- Implement crossing facilities at the north junction with East Barnet and Victoria Road;
- Improve the junction at the north end of Victoria Road with the A110 East Barnet Road to deter speeding and using Victoria Road as a rat run.

Having considered the report and the representations the Committee:



1. Noted the intention to address traffic management concerns on Victoria Road, Margaret Road and the targeted junction locations with A110 East Barnet Road (S), Warwick Close, Victoria Close, Margaret Road (E and W), Park Road, Glyn Avenue, Albert Road and A110 East Barnet Road (N)
2. That the Committee be mindful of the Councils current approach to traffic calming
3. That the Committee agreed the revised Option 2 and agreed to instruct and delegate to the Commissioning Director for Environment to proceed with commissioning a detailed design and associated public consultation with a view to implementation when resources are in place
4. That the Committee agreed and requested that Ward Members will be consulted with and provided information for the costs and the funding stream.

**14. ANY ITEM(S) THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES ARE URGENT**

The Chairman requested that Officers investigate the possibility of opening the Barnet House Car Park at weekends for public use. The Chairman noted that allowing free public use of Council office car parks at weekends was fairly common practice among Local Authorities. This was welcomed by the Committee and therefore:

Resolved

- That the Committee support the intention to open the Barnet House car park for Members of the public to use on the weekends
- That the Committee requested that Officers investigate this proposal and update Committee Members when further information is available.

The meeting finished at 8.50 pm