

Decisions of the Finchley & Golders Green Area Committee

3 February 2020

Members Present:-

Councillor Jennifer Grocock (Chairman)

Councillor Rohit Grover (Vice-Chairman)

Councillor Dean Cohen
Councillor Ross Houston

Councillor Anne Hutton
Councillor Arjun Mittra
Councillor Peter Zinkin (substitute)

Apologies for Absence

Councillor Shimon Ryde

1. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 17 October 2019 be agreed as a correct record.

2. ABSENCE OF MEMBERS (IF ANY)

Apologies were received from Cllr Shimon Ryde, who was substituted by Cllr Peter Zinkin.

3. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND NON PECUNIARY INTERESTS (IF ANY)

None.

4. REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER (IF ANY)

None.

5. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

A public comment was received in relation to Item 8 – Cllr Cohen's Member's Item. The resident was not present.

6. CHURCH LANE/MARTIN SCHOOL 20MPH

The Chairman proposed that the item be moved to second on the agenda due to several residents attending to hear the item. This was unanimously agreed.

Cllr Mittra moved a motion to amend 2 of the Recommended Option B and also to correct the road name in the report (Creighton Avenue rather than Creighton Road) and also to request further discussions with Highways Officers outside the meeting to ensure

that the 20MPH signage is clear to drivers in particular when turning right from Creighton Avenue.

CARRIED – the motion was unanimously approved.

Cllr Mittra moved a motion to amend item 3 of Recommended Option B to request that LIP funding from the 2019/20 programme be used if available, in addition to 2020/21 LIP funding.

CARRIED – the motion was unanimously approved.

RESOLVED that the substantive Recommendations below were unanimously agreed.

1. That the Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee note the review of the improvements outlined to this report and shown on drawing BC/001642-04-04_FS_01 shown at Appendix 1.
2. That the Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee note that Option B as set out in the report is the Officers' Recommended Option, which will be implemented subject to further consultation with Ward Councillors and subject to funding being made available.
3. That the Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee note that if approved, the recommended Option will be part funded from 2019/20 Local Implementation (LIP) programme or added to the prioritisation list for funding from the Local Implementation Plan (LIP) 2020/21 programme.
4. That Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee, subject to funding being made available, gives authority to the Interim Executive Director, Environment to carry out a consultation on the recommended proposals.
5. That subject to no objections being received to the consultation, referred to above in recommendation 4, the Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee authorises the Interim Executive Director, Environment to introduce the proposals.
6. That the Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee agree that if any objections are received as a result of the consultation, referred to 3 above the Interim Executive Director, Environment in consultation with Ward Members will consider and determine whether the agreed proposal should be implemented or not, and if so, with or without modification.

Cllr Mittra thanked the residents in attendance for their campaign.

7. ISSUES AND PETITIONS REFERRED FROM THE FINCHLEY AND GOLDERS GREEN AREA RESIDENTS FORUM

The Chairman introduced the items which related to petitions referred up from the 8 January 2020 Finchley and Golders Green Residents' Forum.

1. 20MPH speed limit for East Finchley County Roads
Lead petitioner: Kellie Sloane

Cllr Mittra moved a motion to add this to the 2020/21 prioritisation list for LIP funding. It was noted that a referral to Environment Committee would not be needed for this.

CARRIED – the Committee unanimously agreed to add this to the prioritisation list for LIP funding for the next financial year.

2. Sort out Barnet Bins

Lead petition – Alan Schneiderman

Mr Schneiderman spoke on his petition. He requested that the issue be referred up to Environment Committee to request an improvement in communication as areas were persistently still having bins collections missed.

Cllr Cohen noted that as Chairman of the Environment Committee he would note the individual roads and feed this back to try to get this addressed.

The Chairman moved a motion that the petition be noted only as it had already been investigated. This was duly seconded and voted on:

For (noting only) 4

Against (noting only) – 3

RESOLVED – the petition was noted.

8. AREA COMMITTEE FUNDING - COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY UPDATE

The Committee received the report.

A Member suggested that a training session be held prior to the next meeting on the CIL update reports or a clear outline of previous items awaiting implementation. The Committee agreed that the report could be difficult to understand. The Head of Parking and Infrastructure reported that the Director of Environment was considering proposals in relation to CIL and Area Committees and he would feed this back.

Action: Head of Parking and Infrastructure

The Chairman moved to a vote on the officer's recommendations:

It was unanimously RESOLVED that:

1. The Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee note the amount available for allocation during 2019/20, as set out in paragraph 6.2.1 and in Appendix

2. That the Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee note the amount or re-allocated underspends & Overspends in Section 2.1.

9. MEMBERS' ITEMS

1. Parking at the Junction of Chatham Close and Erskine Hill

Cllr Marshall introduced his Member's Item which related to a road safety problem due to displaced parking to the above roads. The Chairman moved a motion on the officer's recommendation to include the above roads in the wider CPZ consultation currently being carried out. Consideration would be given to include double yellow lines at the junction. No funding would be required.

A vote was recorded as follows:

RESOLVED that the Committee unanimously agreed:

To instruct highways officers to include Chatham Close and Erskine Hill in the wider consultation on the CPZ for the area and to install double yellow lines subject to this consultation.

2. Consider what improvements can be made at the junction of Cranbourne Gardens and Leaside Crescent where there have been a number of collisions and near misses

Cllr Dean Cohen introduced his Member's item. He reported that the road was wide and so suggested an island be added to help to prevent vehicles from travelling at high speeds.

A written representation was received from a resident.

The highways officer noted that £5000 would be required to carry out a feasibility study for the area to ascertain whether an island would be feasible. Subject to the feasibility study design for the area would begin.

The Chairman moved a motion to instruct officers to implement a feasibility study on the installation of a traffic island at the above junction, following the April 2020 meeting, subject to funding being available at that meeting.

RESOLVED that the Committee unanimously agreed to instruct officers to carry out a feasibility study on the installation of a traffic island to improve road safety at the junction of Cranbourne Gardens and Leaside Crescent, subject to CIL funding being available at the time of the next meeting.

10. MEMBERS' ITEMS - AREA COMMITTEE FUNDING APPLICATIONS

1. Refurbishment of Stephens Church Hall at Christ Church, High Road, North Finchley N12 to improve capacity for community use

Cllr Hutton introduced her Member's Item. Mr Will Hawks, Stephens Parochial Church Council Member made a verbal representation.

Cllr Zinkin reported that he had asked officers prior to the meeting on clarification on the Council's policy on CIL funding as applications for buildings may set a precedent and criteria needed to be set.

Cllr Hutton noted that she had been advised by officers that this was appropriate for CIL. She agreed that policy should be clear.

The Chairman moved a motion to defer the item subject to further clarification on CIL criteria and the Area Committee policy, and was duly seconded.

The vote was recorded as follows:

RESOLVED that the Committee unanimously agreed:

- 1. that the Area Committee consider the request as highlighted in Section 1 of the report.**
- 2. that the Area Committee decides to defer the decision for funding for further information.**

2. Green Estate Residents Association – Wildflower Honeybee and Fairylight Project

Cllr Ryde's Member's item was noted.

The vote was recorded as follows:

RESOLVED that the Committee unanimously agreed to implement Option 2a:

To allocate CIL Funding (from 2020/21 CIL Area Committee budget) of £400 for the Wildflower Honeybee and Fairylight Project.

11. ROSEMONT AVENUE - CONSULTATION RESULTS

The Chairman introduced the report on the outcome of the statutory consultation undertaken on a proposal to install a 'point no-entry' in Rosemont Ave, N12.

In consideration of the current lack of CIL funding until the 2020/21 municipal year, Cllr Houston enquired about the cost of lines only to provide better safety at Woodberry Road and Rosemont Ave. The highways officer responded that this could be implemented at a cost of £500.

The Chairman moved to the vote on the recommendations subject to the additional item 2 below.

Following consideration of the item the Committee unanimously RESOLVED:

- 1. To note the results of the statutory consultation as set out in the report.**
- 2. To delegate authority to Officers to proceed with improved road markings on Rosemont Avenue at the junction with Woodberry Grove at a cost of £500, using CIL funding from the 2020/21 Area Committee budget.**
- 3. Having considered the objections received during the statutory consultation on the proposals outlined in the report, to delegate authority to Officers to proceed with the implementation of the 'Point No Entry' in Rosemont Avenue as illustrated in Drawing No. BC/001609-05-01_SC_100-01.**
- 4. To allocate the funding of £16,000 from the Finchley & Golders Green CIL budget in 2021 to design and introduce the approved Option (subject to available funding).**

12. FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

The Committee received the forward work programme.

Cllr Mitra proposed that residents be informed of the decision on Chatham Close and Erskine Hill and that this be removed from the forward work programme.

Cllr Grover asked for the consultation on the East Finchley CPZ to be added for further review by the Committee at the next meeting.

Cllr Hutton enquired about withdrawn item on the proposed cycleway – the Chairman noted that this had been withdrawn from all Area Committees and a decision would be made on which Committee would consider this.

RESOLVED that the forward work programme be approved subject to the above amendments.

13. ANY ITEM(S) THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES ARE URGENT

The meeting finished at 8.27 pm