

## DELEGATED POWERS REPORT NO.

1614

**SUBJECT: Church End Controlled Parking Zone – Proposed increase in hours of control**

## Control sheet

**All of the following actions MUST be completed at each stage of the process and the signed and dated report MUST be passed to the Governance Service for publishing**

| All reports   |                               |                                |
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| 1. Governance Service receive draft report  | Name of GSO<br>Date           | Andrew Charlwood<br>19/03/2012 |
| 2. Governance Service cleared draft report as being constitutionally appropriate  | Name of GSO<br>Date           | Andrew Charlwood<br>21/03/2012 |
| 3. Finance clearance obtained ( <i>report author to complete</i> )  | Name of Fin. officer<br>Date  | Jayne Fitzgerald<br>05/04/2012 |
| 4. Staff and other resources issues clearance obtained ( <i>report author to complete</i> )                                 | Name of Res. officer<br>Date  | Not applicable                 |
| 5. Strategic Procurement clearance obtained ( <i>report author to complete</i> )  | Name of SPO<br>Date           | Not applicable                 |
| 6. Legal clearance obtained from ( <i>report author to complete</i> )   | Name of Legal officer<br>Date | Chileme Hayes<br>19/04/2012    |
| 7. Policy & Partnerships clearance obtained ( <i>report author to complete</i> )  | Name of P&P officer<br>Date   | Andrew Nathan<br>11/04/2012    |
| 8. Equalities & Diversity clearance obtained ( <i>report author to complete</i> )   | Name of officer<br>Date       | Andrew Nathan<br>11/04/2012    |
| 9. The above process has been checked and verified by Director, Head of Service or Deputy                                   | Name<br>Date                  | Tim Wallis<br>24/04/2012       |
| 10. Signed & dated report, <u>scanned or hard copy</u> received by Governance Service for publishing                        | Name of GSO<br>Date           | Chidilim Agada<br>24/04/2012   |
| 11. Report published by Governance Service to website   | Name of GSO<br>Date           | Chidilim Agada<br>24/04/2012   |
| 12. Head of Service informed report is published  | Name of GSO<br>Date           | Chidilim Agada<br>24/04/2012   |
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| 13. Expiry of call-in period  | Date                          | Not applicable                 |
| 14. Report circulated for call-in purposes to Business Management OSC members & copied to Cabinet Members & Head of Service | Name of GSO<br>Date           | Not applicable                 |

**ACTION TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED POWERS BY OFFICER IN  
CONSULTATION WITH CABINET MEMBER(S) (EXECUTIVE FUNCTION)**

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| <b>Subject</b>  | <b>Church End Controlled Parking Zone –<br/>Proposed increase in hours of control.</b>  |
| <b>Officer taking decision</b>  | Interim Director of Environment,<br>Planning and Regeneration   |
| <b>Date of decision</b>   | 23 April 2012   |
| <b>Summary</b>  | The purpose of this report is to advise on the<br>outcome of the statutory consultation for proposals to<br>increase the CPZ hours of control in parts of Dollis<br>Park and Church Crescent. |
| <b>Officer Contributors</b>   | Karen Grinter, Engineer   |
| <b>Status (public or exempt)</b>  | Public  |
| <b>Wards affected</b>   | Finchley Church End   |
| <b>Enclosures</b>   | Appendix A – consultation results<br>Drawing Number 20494_91a<br>Drawing Number 20494_91b   |
| <b>Reason for exemption from call-<br/>in (if appropriate)</b>                              | Not applicable  |
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## **1. RELEVANT PREVIOUS DECISIONS**

- 1.1 A consultation letter dated 30 August 2011, detailing proposals and the council's intention to proceed to statutory consultation was sent by the Highways Manager of Traffic and Development for consultation with the Cabinet Member for Environment and the Chairman of the Finchley and Golders Green Area Environment Sub-Committee. The letter obtained approval for proposals to increase the operational hours of the Church End Controlled Parking Zone in parts of Dollis Park and Church Crescent, including appropriate waiting restriction measures and additional parking bays, and to proceed to statutory consultation.
- 1.2 In February 2011 the Council received a petition consisting of 48 signatures from residents of Dollis Park and Church Crescent regarding the high levels of parking taking place in Dollis Park and Church Crescent N3 outside of the CPZ hours of operation. It stated that the level of parking, considered to be attributable to local shops, restaurants/bars, offices and the local gym, made it increasingly difficult for them to find a space to park, or to access and egress from their property, and therefore requested for the operational hours of the Church End CPZ to be increased to offer residents adequate opportunity to park in these roads throughout the day. In March 2011 the petition was reported to the Finchley and Golders Green Residents Forum, and agreement was given to carry out a consultation with residents for proposals to increase the operational hours of certain roads and/or sections of roads within the Church End Controlled Parking.

## **2. CORPORATE PRIORITIES AND POLICY CONSIDERATIONS**

- 2.1 Introducing additional parking provision for residents and extending the operational hours of certain lengths of waiting restriction in the borough will contribute to the One Barnet Plan and Corporate Plan priority "A Successful London Suburb" by improving quality of life for residents through affording them better parking protection, and help to keep traffic moving by improving safety at junctions and other lengths of road.

## **3. RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES**

- 3.1 I do not consider the issues involved are likely to give rise to policy considerations as the waiting restrictions would improve safety and the additional parking bays would help improve resident parking provision.
- 3.2 I consider the issues involved may lead to some level of public concern from motorists who may well be customarily used to parking on the yellow lines when they are not in operation. However, the 'at any time' waiting restrictions have been proposed in locations where it is considered that safety is an issue and in order to deter obstructive parking and improve sightlines and safety, parking should not take place.

## **4. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY ISSUES**

- 4.1 The extension of the operational hours of certain lengths of existing 2pm to 3pm Monday to Friday waiting restrictions will benefit all road users equally as it will improve safety at those locations. However, it may disadvantage motorists who are customarily used to parking in these locations when the CPZ is not in operation.

- 4.2 The introduction of additional permit holder parking spaces will benefit local residents who will be able to utilise the additional spaces whilst the CPZ is in operation. It is not envisaged that this will disadvantage any members of the community as the additional bays will replace existing waiting restrictions which currently prohibits parking in these locations during the CPZ operational periods.

## **5. USE OF RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS (Finance, Procurement, Performance & Value for money, Staffing, IT, Property, Sustainability)**

- 5.1 Estimated costs for the implementation of proposed waiting restrictions and parking bays would be approximately £3,500.00, which includes sign and lining work, advertising and printing costs, and officer time, the costs of which can be met from existing budgets.
- 5.2 New parking bays and waiting restrictions would require ongoing routine maintenance.

## **6. LEGAL ISSUES**

- 6.1 The Traffic Management Act 2004 places an obligation on authorities to ensure the expeditious movement of traffic on their road network. Authorities are required to make arrangements as they consider appropriate for planning and carrying out the action to be taken in performing the duty.
- 6.2 The Council as Highway Authority has the necessary legal powers to introduce or amend Traffic Management Orders through the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

## **7. CONSTITUTIONAL POWERS**

- 7.1 The Council's constitution, in Part 3, Responsibility for Functions, paragraph 6.1 provides for Chief Officers to take decisions in consultation with the Cabinet Member concerned to discharge the functions allocated to them or dealt with by them or their staff.

## **8. BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

- 8.1 In February 2011 the Council received a petition consisting of 48 signatures from residents of Dollis Park (24 no.) and Church Crescent (24 no.) regarding the high levels of parking taking place in Dollis Park and Church Crescent N3 outside of the CPZ hours of operation. Residents stated that the level of parking, considered to be attributable to local shops, restaurants/bars, offices and the local gym, made it increasingly difficult for them to find a space to park, or to access and egress from their property, and therefore requested for the operational hours of the Church End CPZ to be increased to offer residents adequate opportunity to park in these roads throughout the day.
- 8.2 In March 2011 the petition was reported to the Finchley and Golders Green Residents Forum. It was ultimately determined that the council should carry out a statutory consultation on a proposal to increase the operational hours of the CPZ in lengths of Dollis Park and Church Crescent, introduce lengths of 'at any time'

waiting restrictions, and provide additional permit holder parking place as outlined on the attached drawing 20494\_91a.

- 8.3 In anticipation of the statutory consultation, all Finchley Church End Ward Members were consulted on the proposals. Councillor Old, in his capacity as Ward Councillor and Chairman of the Finchley and Golders Green Area Environment Sub-Committee, and Councillor Thomas advised of their agreement and support of the proposal. No response was received from Councillor Greenspan.
- 8.4 In September 2011 a statutory consultation was carried out on the proposal and letters and plans detailing the proposal were hand delivered to properties within the vicinity. Details of the proposals were also published in the local press and the London Gazette and similar notices were placed on street throughout the consultation area, giving the public 21 days to comment on or object, although due to a high level of concern expressed relating to the effect the proposal would have on St Mary's Primary School situated in Dollis Park, comments received up to the 21<sup>st</sup> October 2011 were considered as part of the statutory process.
- 8.5 A total of 135 items of correspondence was received. 102 (75.6%) were received from local residents and other motorists who visit the area, and 33 (24.4%) were from the parents of children who attend, and staff who work at, St Marys Church of England Primary School in Dollis Park.
- 8.6 Of the correspondence received, 6 were objections to and 1 was in favour of the proposed 'at any time' waiting restrictions. The main cause of concern was the potential loss of valuable kerb space which can be utilised for parking when the CPZ is not in operation. No comments were received relating to the proposals for additional permit holder bays to be provided in Church Crescent.
- 8.7 125 (92.6%) of the items of correspondence received were against the proposals to extend the operational hours and 10 (7.4%) were in favour. The representations and comments received from the local residents and visitors can be summarised as follows:
- The proposals are unnecessary/There are no problems/Existing hours work well
  - Too expensive/Can not afford the extra costs involved/Do not want to pay
  - Worried about the displaced parking and traffic which would result should the proposals go ahead
  - Would cause problems when having visitors, tradesmen, workmen/Would be detrimental to residents lives/Would be detrimental to the elderly and larger families.
  - Would be detrimental to the local school's drop off and pick up times/Would reduce parking opportunities for parents both in the extended hours section and, due to displaced parking, outside the proposed area
  - The school already has very strong 'walk to school' and School Travel Plan policies in place which would be negatively effected.
  - Would be detrimental to the school, its staff, visitors, volunteers and parents
- 8.8 Other concerns related to the proposed hours being considered to be too stringent, that they would be detrimental to the local businesses and amenities, and outlining a perception that the proposal is just a money-making scheme.

- 8.9 In addition, a petition containing 31 signatures was received from residents of Victoria Avenue and Church Crescent as they believed the proposal would make their existing parking problems worse and as such, they asked that should the proposal go ahead, that the hours be also extended in Victoria Avenue and further along Church Crescent.
- 8.10 During analysis of the correspondence received through the statutory consultation, it has been noted that 16 (33.3%) people who originally requested the hours to be extended, objected to the proposals.
- 8.11 The high number of objections received suggests that residents would rather live with the current parking situation as it is, rather than see changes which they consider would cause more problems than it would solve, and potentially increase their financial obligations through the purchase of additional vouchers etc. Therefore, it is recommended that objections should be upheld and the operational hours of the Church End CPZ in Dollis Park and Church Crescent should remain unchanged at this time.
- 8.12 In relation to the proposed 'at any time' waiting restrictions, although it is acknowledged that there is a high demand on available kerbside space which can be used to park on, it is considered that parking at these locations should not occur as to do so causes obstruction to sight lines and is a danger to safety and as such the proposed 'at any time' waiting should be introduced as proposed.
- 8.13 It is also recommended that the additional permit holder parking places in Church Crescent are also implemented as proposed. The parking layout intended for implementation is shown on the attached Drawing Number 20949\_91b.

## **9. LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 9.1 None.

## **10. CONSULTATION WITH CABINET MEMBER(S)**

- 10.1 The Cabinet Member for Environment has been consulted and has advised of his agreement to proceed as per the details of this report.

## **11. OFFICER DECISION**

**I authorise the following actions:**

- i That the 'At any time' waiting restrictions are introduced as proposed through the making of the relevant Traffic Management Order; and**
- ii That the additional parking bays are introduced as proposed through the making of the relevant Traffic Management Order.**

**Signed** *Pam Wharfe*  
**Date** Interim Director of Environment, Planning and Regeneration  
23 April 2012