

**DELEGATED POWERS REPORT NO.**

1615

**SUBJECT:** Church End Controlled Parking Zone – East End Road

**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 Democratic Service for publishing**

All reports		
1. Governance Service receive draft report	Name of GSO Date	Andrew Charlwood 19/03/2012
2. Governance Service cleared draft report as being constitutionally appropriate	Name of GSO Date	Andrew Charlwood 21/03/2012
3. Finance clearance obtained ( <i>report author to complete</i> )	Name of Fin. officer Date	Jayne Fitzgerald 21/03/2012
4. Staff and other resources issues clearance obtained ( <i>report author to complete</i> )	Name of Res. officer Date	Not applicable
5. Strategic Procurement clearance obtained ( <i>report author to complete</i> )	Name of SPO Date	Not applicable
6. Legal clearance obtained from ( <i>report author to complete</i> )	Name of Legal officer Date	Chileme Hayes 19/04/2012
7. Policy & Partnerships clearance obtained ( <i>report author to complete</i> )	Name of P&P officer Date	Andrew Nathan 20/3/2012
8. Equalities & Diversity clearance obtained ( <i>report author to complete</i> )	Name of officer Date	Andrew Nathan 20/3/2012
9. The above process has been checked and verified by Director, Head of Service or Deputy	Name Date	Tm Wallis 23/04/2012
10. Signed & dated report, scanned or hard copy received by Governance Service for publishing	Name of GSO Date	Chidilim Agada 24/04/2012
11. Report published by Governance Service to website	Name of GSO Date	Chidilim Agada 24/04/2012
12. Head of Service informed report is published	Name of GSO Date	Chidilim Agada 24/04/2012
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 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 – East End Road</b>
<b>Officer taking decision</b>	Interim Director of Environment, Planning and Regeneration
<b>Date of decision</b>	23 April 2012
<b>Summary</b>	The purpose of this report is to advise on the outcome of the statutory consultation for proposals to remove the length of East End Road between the current CPZ boundary and Holmwood Gardens from the Church End CPZ

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<b>Status (public or exempt)</b>	Public
<b>Wards affected</b>	Finchley Church End
<b>Enclosures</b>	Appendix A – consultation results Drawing Number 20494_92b
<b>Reason for exemption from call-in (if appropriate)</b>	Not applicable
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## **1. RELEVANT PREVIOUS DECISIONS**

1.1 None.

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

2.1 Removing a section of Controlled Parking Zone where resident demand does not call for controls, will contribute to the One Barnet Plan and Corporate Plan priority “A Successful London Suburb” by improving quality of life by improving parking opportunity and access for the local amenities, religious facilities and schools. The proposed ‘at any time’ waiting restrictions will help to keep traffic moving 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 ‘at any time’ waiting restrictions would improve safety and the removal of parking bays would help improve parking provision and access for the local amenities and the school, with little or no detriment to local residents.

3.2 I consider the issues involved may lead to some level of public concern from local residents who may experience a certain increase in non resident parking in the area, however the removal of the CPZ controls may lead to parked vehicles being more evenly distributed throughout the area and the ‘at any time’ waiting restrictions around the junctions would improve and maintain safety where considered necessary.

## **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 at certain junctions will benefit all road users equally as it will improve safety at those locations, however may disadvantage motorists who are customarily used to parking in these locations when the CPZ is not in operation.

4.2 The removal of the CPZ will enable the residents and their visitors of this particular section of East End Road to park on street without having to purchase permits or vouchers.

4.3 It is not envisaged that the removal of the CPZ will disadvantage any members of the community as the majority of resident in this section of East End Road have off street parking facilities and the removal will improve access for staff and local employees of the school and other local amenities.

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

5.1 Estimated costs for the implementation of the changes, which include making the Traffic Management Orders, removing sections of yellow line waiting restriction and parking bays, the relevant sign removal and relocation work, advertising and

printing costs and office time would be approximately £3,700.00. All costs will be met from existing EPR budgets.

## **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.
- 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 the or dealt by them or their staff.

## **8. BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

- 8.1 As part of the feedback to the December 2010 consultation relating to proposals to convert all 'free' parking bays to permit holder bays or paid for parking bays within the Church End CPZ it was indicated that the CPZ in the easternmost section of East End Road may no longer be necessary as there are a large number of free parking places and only a few fronting properties as the majority having off street parking facilities. In addition, it was also highlighted that the free bays were routinely utilised by visitors to the local amenities, such as the Sternberg Centre. In March 2011 approval was granted to the conversion of all 'free' parking bays, however, it was agreed that the 'free' bays in the easternmost section of East End Road would temporarily remain pending further investigation for the removal of this section of road from the CPZ.
- 8.2 Following investigation it was concluded that there would be merit in removing the length of East End Road between the existing CPZ boundary and Holmwood Gardens.
- 8.3 In anticipation of a 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 proposed changes. No response was received from Councillor Greenspan. The Cabinet Member for Environment was also consulted and advised of his agreement with the proposals.
- 8.4 In September 2011 a statutory consultation was carried out on the proposal detailed on Drawing Number 20494\_92b which also included lengths of 'at any time' waiting restrictions at the junction of East End Road and Holmwood Gardens in order to improve safety and traffic flow, and the reduction of the operational hours of the existing waiting restrictions in Windermere Avenue and East End Road, from 8am to midnight to 8am and 6.30pm, as it is considered that these hours are sufficient enough time to manage the parking.

- 8.5 As part of the statutory consultation, letters detailing the proposals were hand delivered to all properties in East End Road, between the existing CPZ boundary and Holmwood Gardens. Details of the proposals were also published in the local press and the London Gazette and similar notices were placed on street throughout the area in East End Road, Windermere Avenue and Holmwood Gardens.
- 8.6 4 items of correspondence was received to the consultation. 3 of these were from residents of Windermere Avenue, and the fourth was from a member of the public who stated that they were objecting to the free bay conversion scheme on East End Road, although this is difficult to address as the objection was not directly relevant to the proposal.
- 8.7 Of the remaining 3 items of correspondence received, the main objections can be summarised as follows:
- that the removal of the CPZ restrictions would attract all day parking by commuters and staff of and visitors to the nearby Sternberg Centre and Avika School,
  - that the reduction of the operational hours of the 8am to midnight waiting restrictions would cause obstructive parking in East End Road and Windermere Avenue particularly as evening events are regularly held at the Sternberg Centre.
  - the current free bays and the uncontrolled sections of Windermere Avenue are used by staff of the Sternberg Centre as the level of parking is low when the centre is closed, and that some sort of restrictions are needed as the removal of the CPZ would be of detriment to the residents of East End Road.
- 8.8 Councillor Thomas also advised that he would prefer the 8am to midnight waiting restrictions to remain, or that a compromise of 8pm could be reached, as he believed the area suffers when events are held in the evenings at the Sternberg Centre.
- 8.9 The council is aware that the primary demand for kerbside space is from non residents, as the 'free' bays are currently mainly used by local employees and visitors to the area. This is supported by the council's permit data which shows that there are no live resident permits issued to properties in this section of East End Road.
- 8.10 In considering the comments received, it was also noted that no objections were received from any residents of East End Road, which suggests acceptance of the proposals.
- 8.11 Given that the CPZ along this length of East End Road is not serving the purpose for what was originally intended, which was to protect on-street kerbside space for permit holders, and there is clear demand for unrestricted kerbside space by other motorists, it is considered that the section of East End Road should be removed from the Church End CPZ as proposed.
- 8.12 Regarding the proposed reduction in the operational hours of the waiting restrictions in East End Road and Windermere Avenue, it is considered that as generally traffic low is lighter in the late evenings, parking along those lengths would have minimal impact on through traffic, although it is acknowledged that any

parking that may occur in the evenings would most likely be related to events held at the nearby amenities such as the Sternberg Centre as there is little resident demand on East End Road itself. However, information which the council has about activities held at the Sternberg Centre, suggests that evening events are not a regular practice. It is considered that the operational hours of 8am to 6.30pm of the waiting restrictions is a sufficient restriction to manage the parking in the area and as such the operational hours of the 8am to midnight waiting restrictions should be reduced as proposed. In relation to the proposed 'at any time' waiting restrictions, as no objections were received it is considered that they should be introduced as proposed.

8.13 Drawing Number 20494\_92b illustrates the proposals to be introduced.

## **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 section of East End Road, between the current easternmost CPZ boundary and Holmwood Gardens, is removed from the Church End CPZ as proposed through the amendment of the relevant Traffic Management Orders; and**
- ii That the 'At any time' waiting restrictions are introduced as proposed through the making of the relevant Traffic Management Order; and**
- iii That the operational hours of the existing 8am to midnight waiting restrictions are reduced so they operate between 8am and 6.30pm as proposed through the making of the relevant Traffic Management Order .**

**Signed**            *Pam Wharfe*  
**Interim Director of Environment, Planning and  
Regeneration**

**Date**              **23 April 2012**