Decisions of the Finchley & Golders Green Area Committee

22 October 2014

Members Present:-

Councillor Graham Old (Chairman)
Councillor Peter Zinkin (Vice-Chairman)

Councillor Geof Cooke Councillor Kath McGuirk Councillor Alon Or-Bach Councillor Daniel Seal Councillor Reuben Thompstone

Also in attendance

Kate Kennally – Strategic Director for Communities Kirstin Lambert – Governance Service Edward Gilbert – Governance Service Neil Richardson – Highways Manager

1. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the meeting of the Area Committee held on 18 June 2014 be agreed as a correct record.

2. ABSENCE OF MEMBERS (IF ANY)

There were none.

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

Members declared the following interests:

Councillor	Agenda Item	Interest
Geof Cooke		Non-pecuniary, as Councillor Cooke is a Governor of the school.

4. REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER (IF ANY)

There was none.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS (IF ANY)

There were none.

6. TOWN CENTRES IN FINCHLEY AND GOLDERS GREEN

The Lead Commissioner for Regeneration and Growth introduced the report.

RESOLVED:

- 1. That the Committee note the specific proposals relating to town centres set out in Appendix B, which are currently the subject of public consultation.
- 2. That the Committee provides a recommendation to the Assets, Regeneration and Growth Committee that Finchley Church End, North Finchley and Golders Green be identified as Main hubs, and that East Finchley potentially also be identified as a fourth main hub, but that this development support should not be at the expense of Cricklewood (wording TBC with Cath).

7. MEMBERS' ITEMS (IF ANY)

(a) MEMBERS' ITEM - ISSUES RELATING TO THE PARKING SITUATION AROUND SUMMERSIDE SCHOOL, CROSSWAY N12

The Committee heard Councillor Cooke's representation on the parking situation around Summerside School, Crossway N12, and a request for a plastic mesh parking area on the green on the west side of Crescent Way near the school to be considered.

RESOLVED:

That Street Scene is recommended by the committee to implement Councillor Cooke's recommendation. It was noted that implementation of this recommendation should include consultation with both Highways and Summerside school.

(b) MEMBERS' ITEM - ISSUES RELATING TO BEAUFORT PARK NW11

The Committee heard Councillor Marshall's representation on issues regarding Beaufort Park, NW11, and a request for the committee to consider actions to take. Issues regarding Beaufort Park include the following:

- Commercial vehicles are constantly occupying spaces around Beaufort Park.
- There are concrete roads as opposed to tarmac roads around Beaufort Park. This is one of the only areas in the borough still to have concrete roads.
- Various road signs and lines need to be addressed/replaced due to their wear.

 Possibility of planting trees and bushes to act as a sound barrier between residential properties and main roads needs to be examined.

RESOLVED:

- That Highways investigate the Council's policy position on commercial vehicles being left in spaces for the purpose of advertising.
- That Highways liaise with TfL over the issue of concrete roads, road signs and lines, and the possibility of planting trees and bushes near main roads to act as sound barriers for local residents.

(c) MEMBERS' ITEM - TRAFFIC AND SAFETY ISSUES NEAR CRESCENT ROAD N3

The Committee heard Councillor Old's representation on issues regarding traffic and safety issues near Crescent Road, N3, and a request for the committee to consider actions to take. Issues raise included:

- 1. Speeding especially where the road narrows under the bridge.
- 2. Illegal left and right hand turns being constantly undertaken into Crescent Road from Dollis Road.
- 3. Safety of pedestrians, particularly children going to and from St. Mary's School.

RESOLVED:

That the Committee endorses further study by Highways of appropriate resolutions to those listed at 1.1 of the report.

Highways are also requested to investigate the demand of residents and issues that they consider important in regard to this item through proactive consultation. Highways are action issues where appropriate.

8. MATTERS REFERRED FROM THE FINCHLEY AND GOLDERS GREEN AREA RESIDENTS FORUM (IF ANY)

There were none.

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

There were none.

The meeting finished at 8.35pm