

	<p>Hendon Area Committee</p> <p>13 January 2016</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Title</p>	<p>Shirehall Lane, NW4 – Review of parking</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Report of</p>	<p>Commissioning Director - Environment</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Wards</p>	<p>Hendon</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Status</p>	<p>Public</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Urgent</p>	<p>No</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Key</p>	<p>No</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Enclosures</p>	<p>Appendix A - Drawing No. 21729_918</p>
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<p>Summary</p>
<p>This report informs the Hendon Area Committee of the review of parking in Shirehall Lane, NW4 and recommends the implementation of double yellow lines to improve sight lines for pedestrians crossing in the vicinity of the park entrance.</p>

<p>Recommendations</p>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the Hendon Area Committee notes the review of parking in Shirehall Lane, NW4; 2. That the Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee approves the proposal to introduce ‘at any time’ waiting restrictions in Shirehall Lane NW4 as outlined in drawing number 21729_918 and that Officers should progress to a statutory consultation on the proposed changes. 3. That, subject to no objections being received to the statutory consultation

referred to in 2 above, that Officers introduce the changes through the making of the relevant Traffic Management Orders;

- 4. That any unresolved material objections to the statutory consultation referred to in 2 above, are reported back to a future meeting of this Committee for consideration, and for a decision on how to proceed.**

1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED

- 1.1 At the 26 March 2014 Hendon Area Environment Sub-Committee considered a Members' Item submitted by Ward Member Councillor Sodha which highlighted a requirement for a zebra crossing whilst highlighting safety issues.
- 1.2 Councillor Sodha raised concerns to the dangers of crossing Shirehall Lane, adjacent to Hendon Park. There is currently a small island crossing opposite the main entrance to the park, much used by children from the Shirehall Estate and beyond, as well as by parents with push-chairs. However, this is considered inadequate given that vehicles travel at speed along this stretch of road, going to and from Brent Cross, and visibility is often hampered by parked cars.
- 1.3 Having consulted with local residents, it is believed that public safety would be greatly enhanced by the creation of a zebra crossing where the island currently exists. The Member's item therefore recommended that such action was taken as required to assess the site and the viability of a zebra crossing and that a solution is delivered that improves safety for those pedestrians crossing Shirehall Lane."
- 1.4 Initial investigation indicated that it was not feasible to implement a Zebra crossing in this location. However, it was recommended that an assessment of other measures be carried out such as parking restrictions and possibly other low cost measures which may assist crossing.
- 1.5 Having reviewed the road, it is proposed that double yellow lines are installed in the vicinity of the park entrance as shown in drawing number 21729_918. It is considered that this would improve the visibility for pedestrians crossing at this location, and for motorists travelling along the road.

2 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 The double yellow lines seek to address the concerns of local residents and to improve access and safety.

3 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND NOT RECOMMENDED

- 3.1 An alternative option of a Zebra Crossing was investigated, but it was not feasible to install such a measure in this location therefore the double yellow line option has been progressed.

4 POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION

- 4.1 Post decision implementations will depend on the decision taken by the Committee.

5 IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION

5.1 Corporate Priorities and Performance

- 5.1.1 The Council's Corporate Plan states in its strategic objectives that it will work with local partners to create the right environment to promote responsible growth, development and success across the Borough. In particular the Council will maintain a well-designed, attractive and accessible place, with sustainable infrastructure across the borough. The plan also acknowledges that the future success of the Borough depends on effective transport networks.

- 5.1.2 The Council's Health and Wellbeing Strategy aims to promote a healthy and independent life for its residents. Making improvements to the pedestrian environment could help improve health and wellbeing by encouraging residents to make journeys by foot.

5.2 Resources (Finance & Value for Money, Procurement, Staffing, IT, Property, Sustainability)

- 5.2.1 The costs of carrying out a statutory consultation which includes drafting the relevant Traffic Management Orders and legal notices, advertising, writing to all frontages and considering feedback and objections to the proposed measures, are estimated to be £2,500.

- 5.2.2 The estimated costs of introducing the measures which includes the making of Traffic Management Orders and painting the yellow lines, is estimated to be £700.

- 5.2.3 The estimated costs outlined in 5.2.1 and 5.2.2 above will be funded from the 2015/16 budget for the Area Committee as agreed at the Hendon Area Committee 21 October 2015.

- 5.2.4 The work will be carried out under the existing LoHAC term maintenance contractual arrangement.

- 5.2.5 The double yellow lines would require on-going routine maintenance which will be met by the Special Parking Account.

5.3 Social Value

5.3.1 None in the context of this report.

5.4 Legal and Constitutional References

5.4.1 The Council's Constitution Responsibility for Functions – Annex A: Area Committees (Section 15A) provides that the Hendon Area Committee is authorised to discharge various functions including local highways and safety schemes, within the Hendon area in accordance with the budget and policy framework.

5.4.2 The Traffic Management Act 2004 places 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.

5.4.3 The Council as the Highway Authority has the necessary legal powers to introduce or amend Traffic Management Orders through the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

5.5 Risk Management

5.5.1 None in the context of this report. Risk management may be required for work resulting from this report.

5.6 Equalities and Diversity

5.6.1 The 2010 Equality Act outlines the provisions of the Public Sector Equalities Duty which requires Public Bodies to have due regard to the need to:

- eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Equality Act 2010
- advance equality of opportunity between people from different groups
- foster good relations between people from different groups.

5.6.2 Proposed changes associated with the proposal are not expected to disproportionately disadvantage or benefit members of the community.

5.7 Consultation and Engagement

5.7.1 Statutory consultation and engagement with residents and Ward Councillors will be undertaken following the recommendation by the Committee and authorising Officers.

5.8 Insight

5.8.1 No issues in relation to this report.

6 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 6.1 26 March 2014 Hendon Area Environment Sub-Committee – Member Item
<https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s13962/Members%20Item%20Installation%20of%20a%20zebra%20crossing%20on%20Shirehall%20Lane.pdf>
- 6.2 2 July 2015 Hendon Area Committee Report – Review of Area Committee Operations and Delegated Budgets
<http://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s24244/Review%20of%20Area%20Committee%20Operations%20and%20Delegated%20Budgets.pdf>
- 6.3 An update on the review of Area Committee Actions (2015-2016) Report to Hendon Committee 21 October 2015.
<http://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s26623/An%20update%20on%20the%20review%20of%20Area%20Committee%20Actions%202015-2016.pdf>