

	<h2>Chipping Barnet Area Committee</h2> <h3>26 October 2016</h3>
<p style="text-align: right;">Title</p>	<p>Barnet Hospital Area EN5 Parking Consultation</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Report of</p>	<p>Commissioning Director for Environment</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Wards</p>	<p>High Barnet and Underhill</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 – Copy of consultation letter and questionnaire Appendix B – Drawing of consultation area Appendix C – Overview of survey responses Appendix D – List of problematic locations highlighted from questionnaire responses</p>
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<h2>Summary</h2>
<p>The purpose of this report is to advise on the outcome of the informal parking consultation carried out in the Barnet Hospital area and to outline the findings. The report recommends that, having considered the feedback to the consultation, a detailed design and statutory consultation should take place in respect of introducing a Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) in some of the roads in the area, and also notes that due to the varying opinions received throughout the consultation area, that further discussions will take place with Ward Councillors in respect of determining whether any further action should be recommended.</p>

<h2>Recommendations</h2>
<p>1. The Committee notes the results of the Barnet Hospital Area parking consultation.</p>

- 2. That the Chipping Barnet Committee, give instructions to the Commissioning Director - Environment to carry out a design on a proposal to introduce a CPZ in Elmbank Avenue, Wellside Close and Vyse Close and Granville Road with a view to carrying out a future statutory consultation, and report the layout to a future meeting of this Committee.**
- 3. That the Chipping Barnet Committee, give instructions to the Commissioning Director - Environment to liaise with Ward Members in relation to considering additional roads for a CPZ, and developing a number of waiting restriction proposals in the consultation, and to consider whether the parking layout/restrictions can be amended in Ravenscroft Park EN5, a with a view to reporting all agreed proposals to a future meeting of this Committee**
- 4. That the Chipping Barnet Committee, give instructions to the Commissioning Director for Environment to, write to all those previously consulted to update them on the Committee's decisions and proposed future action.**

1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED

- 1.1 The Chipping Barnet Committee on 13 January 2016 resolved, after considering a Members' Item presented by Councillor Paul Edwards, that an informal consultation with residents and Ward Members on parking issues in the area surrounding Barnet Hospital be undertaken, with the findings being reported to a future meeting of the Committee
- 1.2 Accordingly following Officer and Ward Councillor liaison, it was agreed that a consultation should take place in the area around Barnet Hospital to get a better understanding of the parking issues that may be affecting those who live and work in the area.
- 1.3 This report summarises the findings of the consultation and recommends further action as a result of those findings.

2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 An informal consultation was carried out in May/June 2016 with residents and businesses in an area agreed with Ward Councillors, as outlined in drawing 15953_112 (Appendix B).
- 2.2 A letter was hand delivered to all residential properties within the consultation area (as indicated in Appendix B), asking the recipient to complete an on-line "SurveyMonkey" questionnaire. The questionnaire asked a range of questions about the parking situation in their road/area and amongst other things, whether they had any parking related concerns in the local area, whether they'd like a Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) and whether they would like parking issues investigated further in their road/area. A copy of the questionnaire is attached as Appendix A.

- 2.3 Approximately 2000 letters were hand delivered to all properties in the area. A web page was also set up on the Council's Engage Portal containing details of the informal consultation. The closing date for the consultation was 15 June 2016. Paper or emailed copies of the questionnaire were also made available to residents on request if they were having difficulties or were unwilling to complete the questionnaire online.
- 2.4 A total of 478 questionnaires were submitted or returned, of which 14 were from outside the consultation area and 6 where the address details could not be identified. Therefore of the questionnaires delivered, a total of 458 have been confirmed to be received from the consultation area – a response rate of 23%
- 2.5 Key headlines resulting from the consultation are that, of those who answered the relevant questions:
- 252 (57%) are not happy and 190 (43%) are happy with the parking situation in their road.
 - 195 (43%) of respondents find it difficult to park in their road, whereas 255 (55%) do not find it difficult to park.
 - 212 (79%) of respondents felt the parking issues they encountered were due to the existence of nearby public or business facilities, whereas 55 (21%) did not.
 - 189 (43%) were happy with the parking situation in their road, whereas 252 (57%) were not.
 - 275 (62%) would like parking issues to be further investigated in their road, while 168 (35%) respondents would not.
 - 230 (53%) of respondents would like and 203 (47%) would not like their road to be included in a Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ).

Desire for a Controlled Parking Zone?

- 2.6 From the responses received it appears that the majority of respondents are not satisfied with their current parking situation, and the majority see the need for further investigations and to a lesser extent a Controlled Parking Zone.
- 2.7 Although the majority of respondents appear to be in favour of change, when breaking down the results on a road by road basis, it is noted that the majority of residents consulted are happy with the current parking situation and have stated that they do not have problems parking in their own road.
- 2.8 Furthermore when analysing the feedback, there appears to be little consensus geographically which would support a large CPZ to be introduced. For example, the residents of Bells Hill, which is adjacent to the rear of Barnet Hospital were satisfied with the parking situation in their road and do not wish for a CPZ to be introduced, but adjacent roads such as Lexington Way and Dunster Close would like a CPZ, whereas other adjacent roads such as West End Lane and The Croft are not in favour of a CPZ.

- 2.9 Such a geographical mix of varying responses from road to road, appears to be common throughout the consultation area, and therefore it is difficult to come to a consensus about the best way forward, particularly when considering whether it is possible to accommodate residents from certain roads' concerns about parking near their homes.
- 2.10 However, there appears to a geographical consensus of demand for a CPZ in Elmbank Avenue, Wellside Close and Vyse Close and Granville Road for a CPZ, and it is considered, through discussion with Councillor Paul Edwards who represents the Underhill Ward, and Councillor David Longstaff, who represents the High Barnet Ward, that these roads should be subject to a design and statutory consultation on inclusion into a CPZ.
- 2.11 It is considered that Wellhouse Lane, whose respondents were 50% split on whether they would like a CPZ should also be included into any CPZ design.
- 2.12 Consideration should be given to whether Granville Road should be included in the Chipping Barnet 'C' CPZ or the new 'Barnet Hospital' CPZ specified above.
- 2.13 It is recommended that Officers carry out investigations to design an appropriate CPZ layout for the aforementioned roads with a view to reporting back to this Committee the proposed detailed parking layout.
- 2.14 It is also considered that Galley Lane should be subject to parking control measures although further discussions and investigations should take place regarding this due to the nature of the road.
- 2.15 In the meantime, Ward Councillors have asked Officers for time for them to consider the results of this consultation, which would allow them to liaise closely with their community and determine their views on the best course of action.

Other parking issues in the area

- 2.16 240 respondents found that vehicles are regularly parked obstructively, unfairly and/or inconsiderately in their road, and 227 respondents across the majority of roads consulted found it difficult to turn at junctions in their road due to parked vehicles.
- 2.17 Furthermore in the submitted questionnaires respondents mentioned the locations which they consider to be problematic, with some lengths of road and junctions mentioned numerous times. These locations are listed in Appendix D and are spread throughout the consultation area.
- 2.18 It is considered that there are sufficient concerns raised across the area about parking taking place in undesirable locations to carry out investigations into the provision of appropriate waiting restrictions.

- 2.19 Similar to the CPZ issue, officers will work closely with Ward Councillors regarding the list of locations relevant to their ward with a view to designing appropriate waiting restrictions, with the intention of reporting the proposed restrictions to a future meeting of this Committee.

Additional request for consideration of parking layout in Ravenscroft Park EN5

- 2.20 Councillor Longstaff has noted that Ravenscroft Park EN5, which falls within the Chipping Barnet 'C' CPZ, has many pay by phone spaces which are rarely used and felt that perhaps they could be utilised to promote parking for hospital workers/attendees. This was also noted for parking bays in Hillside Gardens where the residents bays are underutilised.
- 2.21 It is therefore considered that the layout and restrictions on Ravenscroft Park and Hillside Gardens should form part of any on-going discussions and investigations relating to parking near Barnet Hospital.

3. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND NOT RECOMMENDED

- 3.1 The Council could consider not seeking to investigate the safety and parking issues raised in the consultation, however, there would be on-going parking issues in these roads which would continue, to the detriment of motorists' ability to park in their roads and drive through the area safely. Therefore, it is considered that a 'do nothing' option is considered not viable.

4. POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION

- 4.1 Officers would seek to investigate the provision of a CPZ in the area, and potentially waiting restrictions and other measures in the area with a view to discussing with Ward Councillors, prior to reporting all proposals to this Committee.

5. IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION

5.1 Corporate Priorities and Performance

- 5.1.1 The consultation seeks to establish whether measures are required to particularly help to address the Corporate Plan delivery objectives of "a clean and attractive environment, with well-maintained roads and pavements, flowing traffic".

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

- 5.2.1 There is £5,000 already committed from the Area Committee (CIL) budget (approved at the 13 January 2016 Chipping Barnet Area Committee) for the consultation to take place and it is not envisaged that any further funding will be required for the detailed investigation and liaison with Ward Councillors to take place.

5.2.2 £50,000 has been secured from a local development towards the implementation of any parking controls in the vicinity of Elmbank Avenue resulting from this consultation. However, depending on the extent of any controls that are proposed additional funding may need to be made available.

5.2.3 Detailed estimates of future work will be submitted to a future meeting of this Committee.

5.3 **Social Value**

Not applicable in the context of this report.

5.4 **Legal and Constitutional References**

5.4.1 The Council's Constitution, Annex A for Responsibility for Functions, paragraph 2 states that the Area Committee may "Discharge any functions, within the budget and policy framework agreed by Policy and Resources, of the theme committees that they agree are more properly delegated to a more local level and it includes discharge of functions for local highways and safety schemes within the budget".

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 This report outlines an initial report on the findings of the consultation, however if a full analysis was not undertaken there is a risk that pertinent issues raised may not be noted or acted upon. There could also be a possible reputational risk if public perception is that the consultation is not considered properly in detail.

5.6 **Equalities and Diversity**

5.6.1 Section 149(1) of the Equality Act 2010 requires a decision-maker to have 'due regard' to achieving a number of equality goals: (a) to eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by the Act; (b) to advance equality of opportunity between those with protected characteristics and those without; and (c) to foster good relations between persons with a relevant protected characteristic and those without. The relevant protected characteristics are age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation. It also covers marriage and civil partnership with regard to eliminating discrimination.

5.6.2 Full analysis of the responses and comments to the consultation will enable

decisions to be made to benefit all or parts of the community as appropriate.

5.7 **Consultation and Engagement**

5.7.1 Consultation was undertaken as described elsewhere in this report.

5.8 **Insight**

5.8.1 None in relation to this report

6. **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

6.1.1 Item 15 of the Chipping Barnet Area Committee meeting of 6 July 2016 –
Barnet Hospital Parking Review

<http://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=711&MId=8648&Ver=4>

6.1.2 Item 8c of the Chipping Barnet Area Committee meeting of 13 January 2016 –
Members' Items

<http://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=711&MId=8315&Ver=4=4>

6.1.3 Planning Permission reference 15/033343/FUL - The development of the land
at Elmbank Barnet Rd Barnet EN5 3HD.