



Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee

16 February 2017

| Title | Golders Gardens, Gainsborough Gardens and Powis Gardens NW11– Results of Parking Consultation | | |
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| Report of | Commissioning Director for Environment | | |
| Wards | Childs Hill | | |
| Status | Public | | |
| Urgent | No | | |
| Key | No | | |
| Enclosures | Appendix A – Copy of consultation letter and questionnaire Appendix B – Drawing of consultation area | | |
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Summary

The purpose of this report is to advise on the outcome of the informal parking consultation carried out in Golders Gardens, and to outline the findings. The report recommends that, having considered the feedback to the consultation, no further action should take place in respect of seeking to change the current operational periods of the Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) in these roads.

Recommendations

- 1. The Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee note the results of the Golders Gardens, Gainsborough Gardens and Powis Gardens parking consultation and the recommendation not to take any further action in these roads.
- 2. That the Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee, give instruction to the Commissioning Director for Environment to write to all those previously consulted to update them on the Committee's decision.

1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED

- 1.1 The Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee on 21 October 2015 resolved, after the issue has been referred to the Committee from the Finchley and Golders Green Residents Forum in July 2015, that an informal consultation should take place in respect of finding out whether the local population would like the days and hours of the CPZ in Golders Gardens, Gainsborough Gardens and Powis Gardens NW11 to be changed.
- 1.2 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 September/October 2016 with residents in Golders Gardens, Gainsborough Gardens and Powis Gardens NW11 as agreed with Ward Councillors, as outlined in drawing 16514/199 (Appendix B).
- 2.2 A letter was hand delivered to all residential properties within the consultation area asking the recipient to complete an on-line "SurveyMonkey" questionnaire. The questionnaire sought to establish whether the recipients would like to change the days and/or hours of the CPZ in their roads. A copy of the questionnaire is attached as Appendix A.
- 2.3 Approximately 188 letters were hand delivered to residential 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 14 October 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 62 questionnaires were submitted or returned, of which 1 was considered as a duplicate as it was submitted from the same household as a questionnaire already submitted. Therefore for the purposes of analysing the responses, a total of 61 valid responses have been considered a response rate of 32%.

Analysis of responses received

- 2.5 21 (34%) respondents stated they wished for the days and/or hours of the CPZ to be changed, whereas 37 (61%) stated they did not want change. 2 (3%) respondents did not know and 1 (2%) did not respond to the question
- 2.6 On a road by road basis, the results are broken down as follows:

| | Yes | No | Don't know | No response |
|-------------------------|-----|----|------------|-------------|
| Gainsborough | 4 | 11 | 1 | 0 |
| Gardens Golders Gardens | 14 | 20 | 1 | 0 |
| Powis Gardens | 3 | 6 | 0 | 1 |

- 2.7 Of those who responded 'Yes' to a change in days/hours, 13 respondents preferred a Monday to Sunday restriction, 3 preferred a Monday to Friday restriction and 3 preferred a Monday to Saturday restriction.
- 2.8 In terms of the periods of control, there was a wide range of choices made, with different start and finish times and insufficient to form a consensus. However the majority of responses suggesting a change were variations on an 'all day' restriction, with only 2 responses requesting a "one-hour" restriction.

Overall conclusions and recommendations

- 2.9 The response rate of 32% allows Officers to form a reasonable view of the feelings of residents of the three roads in question.
- 2.10 Golders Gardens, Gainsborough Gardens and Powis Gardens fall within the Golders Green 'H' Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) which operates between 8am and 630pm, Mondays to Saturdays and 9.30am and 6.30pm on Sundays.
- 2.11 The results of the consultation is that the majority view was that no change should be made, and of the minority who stated that they wished for a change, most wanted to retain the Monday to Sunday restriction and an all-day element, with slight differences to the start and finish times of the CPZ.
- 2.12 As a consequence, Officers will be recommending to the Committee that there should be no further action in respect of reviewing the days and hours of the CPZ in Golders Gardens, Gainsborough Gardens and Powis Gardens NW11 at this time.

3. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND NOT RECOMMENDED

3.1 None, as it is considered that the results of the consultation carried out allowed Officers to drawn the conclusion that no further action should be taken.

4. POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION

4.1 Officers would write to all properties previously consulted to advise them of the Committee's decision.

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 £10,000 already committed from the Area Committee budget CIL (approved at the 13/01/2016F&GG Area Committee) for a parking consultation and analysis to take place with a view to reporting back to this Committee.
- 5.2.2 As no further action is recommended, it is not envisaged that further funding will be required for the Officer time and printing costs involved in writing to the properties consulted to advise them of the decisions made as the costs can be contained within the original budget.

5.3 **Social Value**

5.3.1 Not applicable in the context of this report.

5.4 Legal and Constitutional References

The Council's Constitution (Responsibility for Functions, Annex A) provides that in the area covered by the committee:

- 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. These include but are not limited to local highways and safety schemes.
- 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 It is not considered the issues involved are likely to give rise to policy considerations as any additional measures would improve safety and improve loading and parking facilities in the Town Centre to the benefit of all motorists
- 5.5.2 It is considered the issues involved proposing or introducing new parking restrictions may lead to some level of public concern from local residents who do not wish for additional restrictions, or from residents of other roads in the area concerned about parking being displaced into their road or network of roads. However, for both issues, it is considered that adequate consultation will be undertaken with members of the public so they can have the opportunity to comment to any statutory consultation on any proposed

5.6 Equalities and Diversity

- 5.6.1 The public sector equality duty (PEQD) under Section 149(1) of the Equalities Act 2010, requires the authority, in the exercise of its functions, to have regard to the need to advance equality of opportunity between persons who share relevant protected characteristics and person who do not share it.
- 5.6.2 Having due regards means the need to (a) remove or minimise disadvantage suffered by persons who share a relevant protected characteristics that are connected to that characteristics (b) take steps to meet the needs of persons who share a relevant protected characteristics that are different from the needs of person who do not share (c) encourage persons who share a relevant protected characteristics to participate in public life in any other activity in which participation by such persons is disproportionately low.
- 5.6.3 The relevant protected characteristics are age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or beliefs, sex and sexual orientation.
- 5.6.4 Full analysis of the responses and comments to the consultation has not indicated that there are any particular negative equalities/diversity impacts on vulnerable residents in the area.

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 Item 11 of the Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee meeting of 21 October 2015 – An update on the review of Area Committee Actions (2015-2016)

http://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?Cld=712&Mld=8265&Ver=4

- 6.2 Item 7 of the Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee meeting of 2 July 2015 Matters referred from the Finchley and Golders Green Area Residents Forum

 http://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?Cld=712&Mld=8263&Ver=4
- 6.3 Item 14 of the Finchley and Golders Green Residents Forum of 2 July 2015 http://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s24382/Finchley%20and%20Golders%20Green%20-%20Issues%20list%20with%20responses.pdf