

	<p style="text-align: center;">Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee</p> <p style="text-align: center;">16 February 2017</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Title</p>	<p>Highways Progress update on Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee Actions</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Report of</p>	<p>Commissioning Director for Environment</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Wards</p>	<p>Golders Green, Finchley Church End, West Finchley, Woodhouse, East Finchley, Garden Suburb, Childs Hill</p>
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<p style="text-align: right;">Enclosures</p>	<p>Appendix 1 – Highways Progress update report on actions requested by Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee Appendix 2 – Process followed following a fatal road accident</p>
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Summary

This report provides Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee with an update on the actions agreed by the Committee, on-going Committee approved schemes and new requests that were approved at the October and November 2016 Committees.

Appendix 1 of this report provides a summary of the Highways actions requested by the Committee, progress made to date, action required by officers and recommendations to be considered by Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee.

Recommendations

1.	That the Committee notes the update and actions set out in Appendix 1 of this report.
2.	In the matter of Lodge Lane, N12 that the Committee note the update on in this report.
3.	In the matter of double yellow lines on Horton Avenue, NW2: i. That the Committee agree to fund the double yellow lines around the mini-roundabout on Horton Avenue, NW2, at a cost of £2,000 from the Area Committee (CIL) budget.
4.	In the matter of Buxted Avenue/Ashurst Road: i That the Committee agree to fund the yellow lines at the junction of Buxted Road and Ashurst Road, N12 at a cost of £2,500 from the Area Committee (CIL) Budget.
5.	In the matter of Bute Mews, NW11 that the Committee note the update on in this report.

1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED

- 1.1 This report provides a progress update and recommended actions of the Highways actions requested by the Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee. These are referenced for the purpose of tracking progress and reporting back to future Committee meetings.

2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 The recommendations provide an update on progress and action following the 26 October and 30 November (Special meeting) F&GG Area Committee.
- 2.2 Appendix 1 provides a progress update on all action/schemes previously approved for progression by the F&GG Area Committee. It should be noted that not all of these schemes are Area Committee funded but some are funded using alternative funding such as Local Implementation Plan (LIP) funding 16/17 and/or the 16/17 Capital allocation for Pavement Work.

Lodge Lane, N12

- 2.3 A petition was reported to the 13 January 2016 F&GG Area Committee concerning Lodge Lane, N12. The petition was signed by 263 Signatories and petitioned to 'urgently address the neglect of Lodge Lane, North Finchley, N12 and the cheap resurfacing of the road.
- 2.4 The Committee resolved that officers bring back a report to a future meeting of the committee which provides updates on the issues stated in the petition, and what work, if any, has been taken to resolve them.

- 2.5 Lodge Lane was re-surfaced in 2015. Officers have inspected the surface dressing to assess if there are any issues. The recent inspection indicated that there were no issues with the carriage in this location.
- 2.6 As part of the Borough's 2016/17 Network Recovery Programme a footway relay scheme was also completed in Lodge Lane in April 2016.
- 2.7 In addition, Northside School on Lodge Lane has requested a 20 mph speed limit on Lodge Lane as part of the School Travel Plan. A feasibility study is currently being undertaken using Local Implementation Plan funding with a view to implementing the Scheme next year subject to consultation.

Horton Avenue, NW2 – Request for Double Yellow Lines around the mini roundabout

- 2.8 An issue requesting to prohibit parking around roundabout on Horton Avenue NW2 was submitted to the 26 October 2016 F&GG Residents Forum (Issue No.34).
- 2.9 The issue was as follows *'Recently the roundabout on Horton Avenue (London NW2) has become congested with cars and this is posing a real safety issue for those using the road. Those living around the roundabout cannot access their driveways and those trying to use the roundabout are blocked from doing so, including the emergency services - a fire engine and an ambulance to date!'*
- 2.10 The issues were escalated to the F&GG Area Committee (on the same evening) and the Committee resolved:
- 2.11 That the Commissioning Director for Environment instructs officers to carry out a site visit with the resident to investigate possible options and how the issue can be resolved.
- 2.12 Following the site meeting it is recommended that the double yellow lines are introduced around the roundabout in Horton Avenue to prevent obstructive parking subject to funding of £2,000 being made available from the area Committee Budget.
- 2.13 That the Committee note the update provided in this report and confirm if they agree to fund the double yellow lines around the mini-roundabout on Horton Avenue, NW2, at a cost of £2,000 from the Area Committee Budget.

Buxted Road/Ashurst Road, N12 – Fatal Traffic Accident 17/11/2016

- 2.14 At the 30 November 2016 F&GG Councillor Cooke spoke regarding the accident at the Buxted Road/Ashurst Road N12 junction and proposed that Officers investigate how to make this junction safer in consultation with local residents, the Chairman and Ward Councillors.
- 2.15 Councillor Zinkin asked whether there is a protocol that outlines how to examine the roads where a serious accident has taken place.
- 2.16 Councillor Dean Cohen agreed to find out what the procedure is. Having considered the urgent item, the Committee resolved that officers be instructed to give immediate attention to safety concerns at this junction.
- 2.17 Process followed following a fatal road accident is set out in Appendix 2.
- 2.18 The collision involved a moped understood to have come from the western Buxted Road arm of the junction in collision with a car from the northern Ashurst Road arm.
- 2.19 There had been one recorded injury accident at the junction in the most recent five years data (to the end of July 2016). This occurred earlier in 2016 and involved a collision between vehicles from the southern and western arms of the junction and resulted in slight injury.
- 2.20 Following the 17 November incident a meeting was held on site with the Police Traffic Management Officer for the area.
- 2.21 The meeting identified that:
- The roundabout road markings were faded.
 - parking on the approach to the roundabout on the northern arm may have obscured the roundabout signs (a high sided van is understood to park here regularly)
 - an optional sign providing advance warning of the give way requirement on the western Buxted Road approach is obscured so provides no real benefit
 - The eastern arm of the roundabout has a pedestrian island that may improve awareness of the mini-roundabout by drivers on Buxted Road (both arms) compared with Ashurst Road. Provision of traffic islands on other approaches might be beneficial if space permits.
- 2.22 The police subsequently identified that a roundabout sign was missing on the Buxted Road (east) approach although this was unconnected with the incident. A give way sign was present.
- 2.23 It was agreed that:
- The roundabout marking and SLOW markings on the approach could be remarked (subject to checking that the Police investigators had completed their work), which has been completed.

- Parking restrictions could be investigated – especially on the Ashurst Road approaches. The slope of the road means that these would need to extend further than normal on the nearside to ensure that van parking did not obscure the signs - statutory consultation would be needed.
- A cycling Quietway proposal for the area will be considering changes in this area that may change the junction layout and traffic priorities in this area. Consequently more major changes such as traffic islands would not be progressed at this time.

- 2.24 The missing roundabout sign has also been provided. *Additional note: Roundabout advance warning signs might be provided on the Ashurst Road approaches. Although the junction layout may change as part of the Quietway proposal this would not be for about 18 months and warning signs might be provided at low cost.*
- 2.25 The location has been added to the priority list for funding from the 2017/18 LIP Parking Review Budget. Alternatively the Committee can confirm if they agree to fund the yellow lines and roundabout warning signs at the junction at a cost of £2,500 from the Area Committee Budget.

Bute Mews, NW11

- 2.26 Update on petition at the November 2016 meeting of the Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee.
- 2.27 At the time of the last the FGG Area Committee the Environmental Health Team had an on-going investigation into rubbish accumulations in Bute Mews. The case was raised by the lead petitioner, who submitted the petition at the last meeting of the committee.
- 2.28 The resident received an email from an Environmental Health Officer on 19 December 2016 stating that accumulated waste materials had been removed and cleared from the external areas of the property by the Street Scene team. The resident was informed that photographic evidence was taken to confirm that the action was undertaken.
- 2.29 The enforcement of Section 215 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, as raised at the last meeting, cannot be considered by the Area Committee as it is a planning matter. However, members are able to contact the planning team through membersenquiries@barnet.gov.uk for more detail if they wish.

3. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND NOT RECOMMENDED

- 3.1 Officers have assessed the appropriate actions needed to progress the requests of the F&GG Area Committee and have set out the appropriate recommendations. There are no alternative options to consider. However, the Committee could decide not to proceed with the recommended options or commission further feasibility studies or detailed design.

4. POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION

- 4.1 Following the decision of the committee, actions listed in the progress report (Appendix 1) will be followed up, commissioned and tracked. Reports will be provided to a future Committee where stated. The Commissioning Director for Environment is responsible for maintaining a log of actions arising from area committees and commissioning the works. The Commissioning Director for Environment will ensure that items are progressed to committees for decisions and/or updates as and when required.

5. IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION

5.1 Corporate Priorities and Performance

- 5.1.1 The Area Committee Budgets contribute to the objectives as set out in the Council's 2015-2020 Corporate Plan:

That Barnet's local environment will be clean and attractive, with well-maintained roads and pavements, flowing traffic, increased recycling and less waste sent to landfill.

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

- 5.2.1 The cost implications of the actions requested by the Committee for the individual schemes were agreed at previous F&GG Area Committees. These will be funded from the budget for the area committee or the 2016/17 Capital allocation for Pavement Work.
- 5.2.2 The Committee should note that there are possible further cost implications to the council relating to the individual schemes. These costs will be detailed in the proposed update reports or specific scheme reports presented at future Committee meetings for Members to consider and authorise, reject or refer to the Environment Committee.
- 5.2.3 Scheme funded using The LIP funding 'Corridors, Neighbourhoods and Supporting Measures Programmes 2015/16 and 2016/17' are detailed in Appendix 1. For the LIP 2016/17 Programme and of the £3,4013,000 allocation £1,300,000 has been identified for the following generic areas, Traffic Management and Road Safety Programme (£500,000), School Travel Schemes Programme (£500,000), Parking Review Programme (£100,000) and 20mph Schemes programme (£200,000).

5.3 Social Value

- 5.3.1 Not relevant to this report

5.4 Legal and Constitutional References

- 5.4.1 Under the Council's Constitution, 15A Responsibility for Functions, Annex A – the terms of reference of the Area Committees includes to:
- Discharge any functions, within the budget and policy framework agreed by Policy and Resources Committee, of the theme committees that they agree are more properly delegated to a local level including but not limited to local highways and safety schemes;

- Administer any local budget delegated from Policy and Resources Committee for these committees in accordance with the framework set by the Policy and Resources Committee.”
- Powers to deal with small public works.

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 If the Council did not carry out due diligence in conducting the proposed approach to interventions requested by the Committee for example consultation and feasibility studies there would be a risk that resources would not be used effectively or that the full cost implications of implementing the actions of the committee are not identified. Therefore the approach recommended in this report mitigates this risk and ensures that the Committee are able to make informed decisions on actions which are supported by an assessment of the works required, full cost implications and realistic time scales for completion. This approach also ensures the management of expectation of members and residents and promotes transparency.

5.5.2 Schemes address issues such as road safety; schemes will improve the safety and would also help to reduce potential accidents. Schemes will also be beneficial in reducing congestion and where traffic is kept moving the emissions from vehicles are reduced, thereby reducing air pollution.

5.5.3 However, schemes also include construction elements with inherent hazards.

5.6 Equalities and Diversity

5.6.1 Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 requires a decision-maker to have ‘due regard’ to achieving a number of equality goals:

- (i) to eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by the Act;
- (ii) to advance equality of opportunity between those with protected characteristics and those without; and
- (iii) 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 With regard to the council's public sector equality duty under section 149 of the Equality Act 2010, it is not considered that the proposals in this report will disproportionately disadvantage or benefit members of any protected group.
- 5.6.3 Individual proposals have been or will be subject to further consideration of equalities impacts as they are developed and approved.
- 5.6.4 LB Barnet Council owes a duty of care to all road users and endeavours to ensure a safe environment for vulnerable user groups.

5.7 Consultation and Engagement

- 5.7.1 Consultation and engagement required for each action is set out in the progress report – Appendix 1.

5.8 Insight

- 5.8.1 Not relevant to this report.

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 6.1 The report of 27 January 2015 Environment Committee Highways Planned Maintenance 2015-16.
<https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s20549/Highways%20Planned%20Improvement%20Programme%20201516.pdf>
- 6.2 The report to Environment Committee, 11 June 2015.
<https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s23705/Review%20of%20Area%20Committees%20their%20relationship%20with%20the%20Environment%20Committee.pdf>
- 6.3 Minutes of previous minutes that are relevant to Annex 1 and 2 can be found here: <http://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?Committeeld=712>
- 6.4 An update on the review of Area Committee Actions (2015-2016) Report to Finchley and Golders Green Committee 21 October 2015.
<http://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s26609/An%20update%20on%20the%20review%20of%20Area%20Committee%20Actions%202015-2016.pdf>
- 6.5 Progress update on Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee Actions on 13 January 2016.
<http://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s28631/Progress%20update%20on%20actions.pdf>
- 6.6 Minutes of the previous meeting of the Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee, 13 January 2016.
<http://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/g8266/Printed%20minutes%2013th-Jan->

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- 6.7 Minutes of the previous meeting of the Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee, 30 March 2016.
<http://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=712&MId=8267&Ver=4>
- 6.8 Minutes of the previous meeting of the Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee, 6 July 2016.
<https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/g8749/Printed%20minutes%2006th-Jul-2016%2019.00%20Finchley%20Golders%20Green%20Area%20Committee.pdf?T=1>
- 6.9 Minutes of the previous meeting of the Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee, 26 October 2016.
<https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/g8750/Printed%20minutes%2026th-Oct-2016%2019.00%20Finchley%20Golders%20Green%20Area%20Committee.pdf?T=1>
- 6.10 Minutes of the previous meeting of the Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee, 30 November 2016.
<https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=712&MId=9085&Ver=4>