

	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>16 February 2017</b></p>
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>Title</b></p>	<p><b>Petitions for the Committee's Consideration</b></p>
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>Report of</b></p>	<p>Head of Governance</p>
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>Wards</b></p>	<p>Various within Finchley and Golders Green Constituency</p>
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>Status</b></p>	<p>Public</p>
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>Urgent</b></p>	<p>No</p>
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>Key</b></p>	<p>No</p>
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>Enclosures</b></p>	<p>None</p>
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## Summary

This item provides the Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee with information relating to various petitions that have been referred up from the last meeting of the Finchley and Golders Green Residents' Forum.

## Recommendations

1. That the Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee note the petitions referred up from the 24<sup>th</sup> January 2017 meeting of the Finchley and Golders Green Residents' Forum.
2. That following consideration of the petitions highlighted at 1.1, the Committee gives instructions in accordance with its powers, outlined at section 5.4.1.

## 1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED

- 1.1 At its meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2017, the Finchley and Golders Green Residents' Forum referred up three petitions to the Area Committee for its consideration. These petitions are as follows:

Title of petition	Lead petitioner	Detail/text of petition	No. of signatures
Parking petition from the residents of Station Road and Station Close, Finchley, N3	Rachel Coleman	<p>Station Road and Station Close residents request Barnet Council to review the current control parking zone (CE CPZ) in operation on Station Road and Station Close, N3, with a view to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Increasing the hours of operation and extent to greater than the current 2-3pm</li> <li>ii. Increasing the days of operation from Monday to Friday to include the weekends.</li> <li>iii. Changing the zoning of Station Road, N3, to be a separate zone to the current CE Zone.</li> </ul>	60
Petition to Barnet Council by Residents of Temple Gardens for increase in hours of the CPZ Parking Zone in Our street Only, Temple Gardens, NW11 0LL	Helen Fry	<p>Appeal for an increase in the operational hours of the residents parking zone in the street for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Current 2-hour single slots (10-11am and 3-4pm) are proving insufficient.</li> <li>ii. Increased number of the general public are parking in the street outside CZ times and making it impossible for residents to safely unload vehicles (shopping and young children)</li> <li>iii. Increase in the last 12 months of general public who park their cars in the street after 4pm on a Friday and leave it there until late Sunday evening or before</li> </ul>	52

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		<p>10am on Monday. It is now nothing to find that at one end of the street alone, 7 to 8 non CPZ vehicles are parked for the whole week, meaning that we have immediately lost several resident parking spaces.</p>	
<p>Petition requesting for change of resident parking only hours on Beresford Road, N2</p>	<p>J. King</p>	<p>Request that resident parking only hours are reviewed for Beresford road in line with other local streets which have resident only restriction of Monday-Saturday 10am-6.30pm.</p> <p>Beresford Road is the first street north of these roads without such restrictions despite having similar geographies in relation to being situated off the High Road and in easy commutable distance from the tube. We request the precedent is extended to Beresford road to protect the parking rights and safety of residents.</p> <p>Beresford road has four pay and display bays at the start of the road (including one disabled space) and there are further spaces all along the high road for shoppers. This is more than adequate if the ration of resident parkers to shoppers is considered to ensure that there is parking for shoppers who are not local residents to access the High Road. At present the pay and display spaces on Beresford road and the High road are always mostly empty but our resident spaces full. Or if occupied are taken by residents desperate for a space. This leaves residents who have paid for permits and pay council tax in this area with no parking and out of area shoppers with free parking, rather than generating some income for the local council through very reasonable prices pay and display spaces on the High Road.</p>	<p>38</p>

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		<p>The parking has become unbearable on Beresford Road now making it near impossible for residents to return from work/school and find a space on the road and at all time at the weekend, The road being known by non-residents as free access to the High Road has led to dangerous driving on our street populated by many young children and vulnerable individuals.</p> <p>It has also been noted that several local businesses which have been given 'business permits' use Beresford road as a daily car park for extremely long periods or all day further reducing available parking for residents.</p> <p>The current situation of it being free to park on residential streets but charged on the adjacent high road actively encourages the parking in residential streets.</p>	

## 2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 In accordance with the council's Public Participation Rules (Article 18 of the council's constitution) petitions in between 25-1,999 signatures can be referred up from the relevant Residents' Forum to the Area Committee from the where funding is required. At its meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2017, the Finchley and Golders Green Residents' Forum referred up three petitions as outlined at 1.1 of this report.
- 2.2 The Committee's instructions are requested in relation to the three petitions in accordance with its powers, outlined at 5.4.1 of the report.

## 3. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND NOT RECOMMENDED

- 3.1 Not applicable.

#### **4. POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION**

- 4.1 The Area Committee decisions will be minuted and any actions arising implemented through the relevant Commissioning Director.

#### **5. IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION**

- 5.1.1 The implications are contingent on the agreed course of action.

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

- 5.2.1 None in the context of this report.

#### **5.3 Social Value**

- 5.3.1 Petitions provide an avenue for members of the public to request the Council to take an appropriate action.

#### **5.4 Legal and Constitutional References**

- 5.4.1 The Council's Public Participation and Engagement Rules (Article 18 of the Council's constitution) states that the Area Committee has the following powers in determining petitions:

1. Take no action;
2. Refer the matter to a chief officer to respond to the Lead Petitioner within 20 working days; or
3. Instruct an officer to prepare a report for a future meeting of the Committee on the issue(s) raised with a recommended course of action.

- 5.4.2 The rules further state that the Lead Petitioner will be given five minutes to present the petition to the committee. Following the presentation the Chairman and Committee Members have an opportunity to ask the Lead Petitioner questions.

- 5.4.3 Responsibility for Functions, Annex A, of the council's constitution states that Area Committees can consider petitions which receive between 25 and 1,999 signatures which have been referred by a Residents' Forum.

#### **5.5 Risk Management**

- 5.5.1 Failure to deal with petitions received from members of the public in a timely way and in accordance with the provisions of the Council's Constitution carries a reputational risk for the authority.

## **5.6 Equalities and Diversity**

- 5.6.1 Pursuant to the Equality Act 2010 (“the Act”), the council has a legislative duty to have ‘due regard’ to eliminating unlawful discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under the Act; advancing equality of opportunity between those with a protected characteristic and those without; and promoting good relations between those with protected characteristics and those without. The ‘protected characteristics’ are age, race, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy, and maternity, religion or belief and sexual orientation. The ‘protected characteristics’ also include marriage and civil partnership, with regard to eliminating discrimination.

## **5.7 Consultation and Engagement**

- 5.7.1 None in the context of this report.

## **5.8 Insight**

- 5.9 Not applicable.

## **6. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 6.1 Meeting of the Finchley and Golders Green Residents’ Forum, 24<sup>th</sup> January 2017 – Issues List with Responses:

<https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s37555/Issues%20list%20with%20responses.pdf>