

Decisions of the Finchley & Golders Green Area Committee

15 February 2018

Members Present:-

Councillor Graham Old (Chairman)
Councillor Peter Zinkin (Vice-Chairman)

Councillor Dean Cohen
Councillor Geof Cooke
Councillor Alon Or-Bach

Councillor Rohit Grover
Councillor Ross Houston

Apologies for Absence
None

1 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting dated 14 November 2017 were agreed as a correct record.

2 ABSENCE OF MEMBERS (IF ANY)

None.

3 MATTERS ARISING NOT INCLUDED ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA

Cherry Tree Wood

The Strategic Director for Environment stated that in relation to Cherry Tree Wood (Item 1, 14 November 2017 minutes) negotiations with the leasee had not yet concluded. He apologised for the delay and hoped to give a full update by the next meeting of the Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee.

The Chairman suggested that it this had still not been taken forward in a month's time that representation be made to the relevant Committee (Policy and Resources or Assets and Regeneration).

Action: Strategic Director for Environment

4 DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND NON PECUNIARY INTERESTS (IF ANY)

Councillor Alon Or-bach declared a Non Pecuniary interest in relation to agenda item 9, Councillor Alison Moore's item (speeding in Church Lane) by virtue of being the Chair of the Finchley and Golders Green Labour Party who have their premises on Church Lane.

Councillor Peter Zinkin noted that he had an interest in a property in St Mary's Avenue (Item 11, Church End CPZ). The Monitoring Officer had advised that this was not a declarable interest.

5 REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER (IF ANY)

None.

6 PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS (IF ANY)

None.

7 AREA COMMITTEE FUNDING - COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY UPDATE

The Strategic Director for Environment presented the report.

Cllr Cooke noted that the numbers on the table (page 33) did not add up and he had discussed this with the Finance Manager, Commissioning Group, who had explained that the schemes already completed had been omitted from the table. The Finance Manager had sent Cllr Cooke an updated version and had agreed that it would be helpful to include more information in future reports.

Cllr Houston asked for an update on Links View, Dollis Road and Westbury Road. The Service Director, Highways, would provide this information.

Action

RESOLVED:

- 1. That the Finchley & Golders Green Area Committee noted the amount available for allocation during 2017/18, as set out in Appendix 1**
- 2. That the Finchley & Golders Green Area Committee noted the amount of re-allocated underspends and overspends in Section 2.1.**

8 GARDEN SUBURB PARKING SURVEYS

A report was received from the Strategic Director for Environment.

Mr Daniel Bayfield, a resident, made a representation. He requested that the top of Erskine Hill and also North Square be included in an extended Controlled Parking Zone in line with Heathgate and South Square as the current restrictions of one hour per day were inadequate.

The Strategic Director for Environment noted that the cost for design and consultation would be £5000-7,500.

Councillor Zinkin moved a motion that the Committee instruct officers to carry out the above piece of work. Councillor Cohen seconded the motion.

The motion was unanimously approved and became the substantive motion.

The Chairman moved to the vote on the substantive motion. The Committee unanimously RESOLVED:

That the Finchley & Golders Green Area Committee approved funding of £5000-7,500 and instruct the Strategic Director for Environment to carry out design and consultation for extending the CPZ in the top of Erskine Hill and North Square.

9 MATTERS REFERRED FROM THE FINCHLEY AND GOLDERS GREEN AREA RESIDENTS FORUM (IF ANY)

The Chairman introduced the report, which contained two petitions referred from the Finchley and Golders Green Residents Forum.

Petition 1

This petition requested that the two parts of the East Finchley CPZ be split, and that the streets in the all-day part of the CPZ be allocated a different code letter to the current 'M'. This would restrict parking in the all-day zone to residents within this zone.

The petitioner was not present.

The Strategic Director for Environment stated that the cost of a formal consultation on the above as a subzone (to be included in a wider consultation including Edmunds Walk and Causeway as agreed at the November meeting) would be £2,500.

A request was made that officers alert Members before this began so that they could inform residents. The Strategic Director for Environment would instruct officers to do this.

Following consideration of the petition the Committee unanimously RESOLVED:

To approve funding of £2,500 for design and consultation of the proposed subzone in the CPZ.

Petition 2

The Chairman introduced the second petition which had been referred from the Finchley and Golders Green Residents Forum. This requested that Stanhope Avenue (between East End Road and Mountfield Road) and Cavendish Avenue (between East End Road and Mountfield Road) be included in the next extension of the Finchley Church End CPZ.

The petitioner, Ms Katie Reynolds made a representation. She noted that it had been suggested at the Finchley and Golders Green Residents Forum that the above streets be included in the statutory consultation which was due to begin soon.

RESOLVED that the Committee noted the petition and instruct that it is referred to the Strategic Director for Environment and considered as part of the wider study referred to under Item 11 on the agenda.

10 MEMBERS' ITEMS - AREA COMMITTEE FUNDING APPLICATIONS (IF ANY)

A – Member's Item in the name of Councillor John Marshall: speed survey on Hampstead Way between Meadway and Wellgarth Road and the possibility of introducing a controlled crossing.

Further to consideration the Committee unanimously RESOLVED:

To approve funding of £5000 to carry out a feasibility survey at the location above.

B – Member’s Item in the name of Councillor Peter Zinkin: ask officers to take the necessary steps to replace the single yellow line outside the garage entrance at Annabel Court, Hodford Road, NW11 with a double yellow line to ensure safe egress from the garage.

Councillor Zinkin gave representation on the above. He noted that officers should be discouraged from using single yellow lines within the CPZ in future as it had little effect. The Strategic Director for Environment would feed this back.

Further to consideration the Committee unanimously RESOLVED:

To approve funding of up to £2000 to replace the single yellow line with a double yellow line at the location above.

C – Member’s Item in the name of Councillor Graham Old: consider a crossing on Hendon Lane near the junction with Arden Road or nearby due to speed of traffic on Hendon Lane between Cyprus Ave and Wickliffe Ave.

Councillor Old presented his item. He noted that a VAS was in place but did not appear to be as effective as when it had first been installed so this may need to be moved to a different location.

The Strategic Director for Environment suggested that officers contact Councillor Old to meet him at the site to discuss options for improving safety. The officers would contact Councillor Old to arrange this.

Action

Following consideration the Committee unanimously RESOLVED:

To await the outcome of a site visit by officers. Following this the issue would be discussed at the next meeting. There was no budgetary requirement from the Committee for this.

D - Member’s Item in the name of Councillor Arjun Mittra: Electricity supply pillar for community events.

The Chairman deferred this item to the next meeting - Cllr Mittra was unable to attend due to illness.

Action

E – Member’s Item in the name of Councillor Alison Moore: speed control measures for Church Lane, N2

Cllr Moore presented her item. She thanked the Committee for the additional signage and prompt response regarding this issue.

She had brought this back to the Committee because, although there had been some improvement, a minority of vehicles continued to drive in excess of 30mph. In addition she was aware that the road was scheduled for micro-asphalt treatment in Year 4 of the

Recovery Programme and it would make sense for the speed control measures to be considered before this went ahead. She also requested that other interventions might be considered by officers, for example, a camera.

The Strategic Director for Environment confirmed that any measures would be undertaken in line with the resurfacing works and he would instruct officers accordingly. A speed survey and feasibility study would cost £5,000 and he would discuss with officers the possibility of the addition of CCTV. He would expedite the speed surveys, to allow sufficient time to fit in with the micro-asphalt treatment, which would go ahead by the autumn of 2018 and would report back to the Committee in June. Following the speed survey officers would meet with Ward Councillors to discuss whether a feasibility study would be needed.

Action

The Chairman asked that implications of the one-way system around Leslie Road and Leopold Road also be taken into account so that work did not need to be undone on these roads.

Further to consideration of the above it was unanimously RESOLVED:

To approve funding of up to £5000 for speed surveys, with possible feasibility study if required, at the above location.

F- Member's item in the name of Councillor Ross Houston: Hervey Close and Ballards Lane junction – unrestricted parking outside of 8am to 6.30pm Monday to Saturday allowing just one vehicle at a time through in either direction.

Cllr Houston noted that the title in the report 'Hervey Road' was incorrect; 'Hervey Close' was the street name.

Councillor Jim Tierney also spoke on this item noting that it was a hazardous and very busy junction where motorists were forced to reverse into the main road.

The Strategic Director for Environment noted that there would be no budget implications as the work could be completed at the same time as Member's Item B.

RESOLVED - the Committee unanimously agreed that a Traffic Engineer should review the situation and look for an amendment to the restrictions at this junction in order to ensure the safe and free flow of traffic into Hervey Close.

11 CHURCH END CONTROLLED PARKING ZONE (CPZ) - PARKING CONSULTATION RESULTS

The Chairman introduced the report which set out the results of the consultation to review the existing Church End CPZ, and additional consultation with residents and businesses outside the CPZ, asking them whether they would like to be included within it.

The Chairman pointed out errors in the report as detailed below:

(b) authorise the Strategic Director for Environment and his officers to carry out a statutory consultation on proposals to introduce extended CPZ hours and waiting restrictions, operational Monday to Saturday from 10am to 4pm in Dollis Park (between Regents Park Road and Church Crescent), Lichfield Grove (from Regent's Park Road to Sylvan Avenue), Station Close, Station Road and Sylvan Avenue.

3. That subject to no objections being received to the statutory consultations, referred to in recommendations ~~2 and 3~~ 1 and 2, the committee authorise the Strategic Director for Environment and his officers to introduce the proposed parking and waiting restrictions

4. That the Committee agree that if any objections are received as a result of the statutory consultation referred to in recommendations ~~2 and 3~~ 1 and 2, the Strategic Director for Environment will, in consultation with the relevant Ward Councillors, consider and determine whether the proposed changes should be implemented or not, and if so, with or without modification.

Further to a discussion the Committee unanimously RESOLVED:

1. a) To note the results of the consultation to review the existing Church End CPZ
b) To authorise the Strategic Director for Environment and his officers to carry out a statutory consultation on proposals to introduce extended CPZ hours and waiting restrictions, operation Monday to Saturday from 10am to 4pm in Dollis Park (between Regent's Park Road and Church Crescent), Lichfield Grove (from Regent's Park Road to Sylvan Avenue), Station Close, Station Road and Sylvan Avenue).
2. To note the results of the consultation in roads outside of the Church End CPZ and petitions received and resolve to authorise the Commissioning Director for Environment and his officers to design and carry out statutory consultation on proposals to introduce CPZ parking and waiting restrictions, operation Monday to Friday from 2-3pm, as extensions to the existing Church End CPZ in:
 - (a) St Mary's Avenue and Templars Crescent
 - (b) The northern section of Lyndhurst Gardens (between Dollis Park and the entrances to both Finchley Manor Lawn Tennis and Squash Rackets Club and Christ's College Playing Field.
 - (c) Cavendish Avenue and Stanhope Avenue (between East End Road and Mountfield Road)
3. That subject to no objections being received to the statutory consultations, referred to in recommendations 1 and 2, the committee authorise the Strategic Director for Environment and his officers to introduce the proposed parking and waiting restrictions
4. That the Committee agree that if any objections are received as a result of the statutory consultation referred to in recommendations and 2, the Strategic Director for Environment will, in consultation with the relevant Ward Councillors, consider and determine whether the proposed changes should be implemented or not, and if so, with or without modification.

The Strategic Director for Environment noted that this item had been brought back to the Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee because one objection to the vertical measures had been received.

The committee considered the report and the vote was recorded as follows:

6– in favour

0– against

1 - Abstained

Councillor Dean Cohen abstained.

RESOLVED:

That the Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee, having considered the responses including the objections as set out in Appendix 2 attached and received the statutory consultation on the proposals outlined in this report, authorised the Strategic Director for Environment to proceed with and fully implement the scheme, as per the original proposal shown in the consultation drawing No. C2016_BC/000874-27-CONS-01.

13 **FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME**

Councillor Or-Bach requested that Leslie Road and Leopold Road one-way be considered as soon as possible. The Strategic Director for Environment agreed.

The forward plan was noted.

14 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Councillor Zinkin expressed his appreciation to the Chairman who would retire from his role as Councillor after the meeting. He was thanked for his care and diligence and congratulated that almost every item brought to the Committee over the past two years had reached a consensual solution.

Councillor Houston agreed with Councillor Zinkin's comments, wishing Councillor Old well for his retirement and thanking him for chairing with an exemplary degree of fairness across a wide range of schemes.

The Chairman thanked the Committee.

15 **ANY ITEM(S) THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES ARE URGENT**

None.

The meeting finished at 8.04 pm