



Chipping Barnet Area Committee

9 July 2018

Title	Parking Investigations – Roads Near JCOSS School, New Barnet
Report of	Strategic Director for Environment
Wards	East Barnet
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Summary

This report outlines the findings of a site survey carried out in respect of parking activity in roads in close vicinity to JCOSS School.

Officers Recommendations

1. That the Chipping Barnet Area Committee authorise the Strategic Director for Environment to:

(a) carry out a statutory consultation on proposals to introduce waiting restrictions in the vicinity of JCOSS School as follows and as shown on drawing no 21729_920:

- (i) At the junction of Baring Road and Lawton Road;
- (ii) North side of Lawton Road between its junctions with Baring

- (iii) Road and Westbrook Crescent (eastern junction);
At the junction of Lawton Road and Westbrook Crescent (eastern junction);
- (iv) Lawton Road opposite Nos. 2 to 8;
- (v) Both sides of the bend at the junction of Lawton Road and Westbrook Crescent (western junction);
- (vi) North side of Westbrook Crescent between Nos. 12 and 28;
- (vii) At the junction of Westbrook Crescent and Westbrook Close;
- (viii) Westbrook Crescent opposite Nos. 1 and 3.

(b) That subject to no objections being received to the statutory consultation, referred to in recommendation 1(a), the committee authorise the Strategic Director for Environment to introduce the proposed waiting restrictions.

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

2. That the Chipping Barnet Area Committee instructs the Strategic Director for Environment to carry out a feasibility study in roads in the vicinity of Livingstone Primary School.
3. That the Chipping Barnet Area Committee agree to allocate the funding (CIL from this year's CIL Area Committee budget) of £3,000 to the actions outlined in recommendation 1 above.
4. That the Chipping Barnet Area Committee agree to allocate the funding (CIL from this year's CIL Area Committee budget) of £5,000 to the actions outlined in recommendation 2 above.

1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED

- 1.1 At the 19th February 2018 the Chipping Barnet Area Committee considered a Members Item by the-then East Barnet Councillor, Philip Cohen. The representation stated:

Parking near JCROSS School, New Barnet

I would like to refer the issue of parking near JCROSS School in New Barnet to the CB Area Committee. Residents around Westbrook Crescent are not happy with students and parents parking there. The school head is talking about a CPZ but we would not wish the residents to bear the cost of parking problems by having to pay for permits against their will.

We would like officers to explore any other solutions.

2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 In response to the Members Item the Committee decided that that Officers be requested to review the school travel plan, with the School Traffic Officer being requested to liaise with the school and Lead Petitioner, with an update report back to a future meeting of this Committee.
- 2.2 A follow up site meeting took place in March 2018, which was attended by then-Councillor Philip Cohen, Councillor Laurie Williams, Traffic and Development Manager, Traffic Engineer, School Travel Advisor, Road Safety Support and Member Liaison Officer, representatives from JCOSS were also present.
- 2.3 At the meeting it was agreed that:
 - parking surveys should be undertaken in the Westbrook Crescent area;
 - double yellow lines should be considered in potential areas that could cause parking issues;
 - Transport for London (TfL) should be contacted for their input regarding the impact on bus movements etc.
- 2.4 Accordingly Officers undertook a visual assessment of the parking and traffic situation in the Westbrook Crescent area over the course of two days in April 2018.
- 2.5 Officers noted from the assessment that from 8.00am vehicles belonging to what appeared to be students were being parked on Lawton Road adjacent to the Victoria Recreational Ground. It is understood that this practice was promoted by JCOSS School in order to reduce disruption to residents as this length is not in front of any household.
- 2.6 It should be noted that JCOSS currently has a Gold School Travel Plan from 2017 which they retain for three years. As requested in the recommendation, the School Travel Advisor has been liaising with the School regarding their Travel Plan Within the School Travel Plan, parking has been raised as an issue on the surrounding roads as something that they wish to be investigated.
- 2.7 On both days visited, Officers noted that that there was available kerbside space to park vehicles in closer proximity to the School if motorists wished to do so, and that there were lengths of Westbrook Crescent itself which was not heavily parked at all.
- 2.8 The observations did not establish that there was specific problematic pick-up and drop-off activity although a discussion with a worker on a local building site did confirm that based on his observations, the situation can be worse in the winter months, when students would be more likely to be dropped off at and picked up from school.

- 2.9 Notwithstanding the students apparently heeding the School's direction, there were particular lengths of road which were considered to be particular pinch points where parked vehicles obstructed traffic flow and increased disruption.
- 2.10 It should be noted that Lawton Road and Westbrook Crescent forms part of the 384 bus route where the bus follows the same route in from Baring Road, whether bound for Cockfosters Station or Quinta Drive Barnet, and it was noted that parked vehicles impacted on the bus drivers' ability to negotiate the route safely.
- 2.11 On the site visit an Officer travelled on the 384 bus and spoke to the bus driver to understand what issues they tended to encounter, and the driver pointed out certain stretches of road which he considered to be a problem.
- 2.12 In order to deter obstructive parking Officers, recommend that 'at any time' waiting restrictions should be introduced as follows:
- At the junction of Baring Road and Lawton Road;
 - North side of Lawton Road between its junctions with Baring Road and Westbrook Crescent (eastern junction)
 - At the junction of Lawton Road and Westbrook Crescent (eastern junction)
 - Lawton Road opposite Nos. 2 to 8
 - Both sides of the bend at the junction of Lawton Road and Westbrook Crescent (western junction)
 - North side of Westbrook Crescent between Nos. 12 and 28
 - At the junction of Westbrook Crescent and Westbrook Close
 - Westbrook Crescent opposite Nos. 1 and 3.
- 2.13 The proposed restrictions are shown on the attached drawing, and the Committee is requested to contribute £3,000 to enable the necessary statutory consultation and subject to the outcome of that consultation, implementation to take place.
- 2.14 In addition, at the original site meeting in March, concerns were also raised about the traffic conditions at nearby Livingstone Primary School.
- 2.15 Officers observations in April were that Baring Road was subject to congestion as it is a narrow two-way road in the vicinity of Livingstone School, and that parking in general in the immediate vicinity of the school, such as on Castlewood Road and Baring Road may need investigating further with a view to establishing a safer environment.
- 2.16 Therefore, Officers request that the Committee contribute the sum of £5,000 to enable a feasibility study to take place on measures to improve safety in the vicinity of Livingstone Primary School. This will incorporate recent discussions between the School and the School Travel Advisor.

3. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND NOT RECOMMENDED

- 3.1 It is considered the recommended way forward is the most appropriate to address the concerns relating to parking and traffic near JCOS School and Livingstone Primary School.

4. POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION

- 4.1 The implementation will be carried out as soon as practicable, in line with existing work programmes, and all necessary statutory requirements under the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulation 1996 (as amended) will be complied with.

5. IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION

5.1 Corporate Priorities and Performance

- 5.1.1 The Council's Corporate Plan states that strategic objectives that will work with local partners to create the right environment to promote responsible growth, development and success across the Borough. In particular the Council will maintain a well-designed, attractive and accessible place, with sustainable infrastructure across the Borough. The plan also acknowledges that future success of the Borough depends on effective transport networks.

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

- 5.2.1 A sum of £3,000 is requested from the 2018/19 Chipping Barnet Area Committee (CIL) funding for the undertaking a statutory consultation for the recommended waiting restrictions and their implementation subject to the outcome of the consultation.
- 5.2.2 A sum of £5,000 is requested from the 2018/19 Chipping Barnet Area Committee (CIL) funding for a feasibility study to take place on improving traffic and parking in the vicinity of Livingstone Primary School.
- 5.2.3 An annual allocation of £150,000 is made to each Area Committee. The balance for 2018/2019 is £336,837. This takes account of the current year together with under and overspends relating to previous financial years.

5.3 Social Value

- 5.3.1 None in the context of this report.

5.4 Legal and Constitutional References

- 5.4.1 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.

5.4.2 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.

5.4.3 Article 7 of the Council's Constitution states that Area Committees may take responsibility for all constituency specific matters relating to the street scene including parking, road safety, transport, allotments, parks and trees.

5.5 Risk Management

5.5.1 It is not considered that the issues involved are likely to give rise to policy considerations and it is considered that adequate consultation across a sufficient area will ensure that members of the public have had the opportunity to comment, to the statutory consultation.

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 The safety elements incorporated into the design and resultant traffic movements benefit all road users equally as they would improve safety and traffic flow at those locations.

5.6.3 The proposal is not expected to disproportionately disadvantage or benefit individual members of the community

5.7 Corporate Parenting

5.7.1 Not applicable in the context of this report

5.8 Consultation and Engagement

5.8.1 A statutory consultation will be undertaken as set out above.

5.9 Insight

5.9.1 None in relation to this report.

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 6.1 Chipping Barnet Area Committee. 19th February 2018, Item 10
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