



Hendon Area Committee

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Title	Bell Lane/ Green Lane, NW4- Request for zebra crossing facility
Report of	Executive Director, Environment
Wards	Hendon
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Summary

This report details the outcome of the Statutory consultation carried out on 29 November 2018 on the proposals to improve road safety on Bell Lane including installing a zebra crossing opposite Bell Lane Primary School. The Statutory consultation raised concerns regarding the proposals and this report seeks approval to carry out a feasibility study to investigate the option of installing the zebra crossing in an alternative location opposite No. 95b Bell Lane, NW4.

Officers Recommendations

1. That the Hendon Area Committee notes the outcome of the Statutory Consultation on the Bell Lane zebra crossing and the review of the improvements as outlined in this report.
2. That the Hendon Area Committee notes the Officer preferred location still remains outside the entrance to Bell Lane Primary School.

3. That the Hendon Area Committee agree expenditure of £5,000 from the Area Committee (CIL) Budget to carry out a feasibility study to investigate if a pedestrian crossing can be installed in an alternative location opposite No. 95b Bell Lane, subject to funding being made available.

4. That the Hendon Area Committee instructs the Executive Director, Environment to report the results of the feasibility study back to a future Hendon Area Committee meeting.

1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED

- 1.1 Following a petition by residents in October 2016, and with local Ward Member support, the Hendon Area Committee discussed the options for introducing measures to improve road safety at the corner between Bell Lane and Green Lane, including installing a zebra crossing facility.**
- 1.2 Statutory consultation was carried out in August 2017, on proposals to construct the zebra crossing opposite property No. 74 Bell Lane. As part of the statutory consultation process, the proposals were advertised on notices and published in the local press and London Gazette.**
- 1.3 A total of 197 properties situated in the vicinity of the scheme including Bell Lane Primary School received a hand delivered letter and plans illustrating the scheme. Six objections which are summarised in Table 1 below were received in response to the statutory consultation which was carried out in August 2017.**

Table 1 – August 2017 Consultation Responses

Resident	Summary
Resident 1	The resident was concerned about the parking situation and requested a new Controlled Parking Zone on Bell Lane.
Resident 2	The resident objected to the location of the zebra crossing.
Resident 3,4,5 and 6	The residents objected to the scheme due to the limited parking spaces on Bell Lane.

- 1.4 As part of the design development, lighting design was carried out to determine the lighting levels following installation of the zebra crossing and it was identified that the proposed location opposite property No. 74 Bell Lane would not meet the Street Lighting requirements. Therefore, a decision was taken to investigate options to install the zebra crossing in an alternative location.**

- 1.5 On 29 November 2018, a second statutory consultation was carried out on proposals to install the zebra crossing with associated dropped kerbs, tactile paving and belisha beacons opposite Bell Lane Primary School. In addition, it was proposed to amend the existing “SCHOOL KEEP CLEAR” road markings to accommodate zig-zag hazard markings to improve road safety and deter obstructive parking.
- 1.6 A total of 197 properties situated in the vicinity of the scheme including Bell Lane Primary School received a hand delivered letter and plans illustrating the scheme. Ten pieces of correspondence which are summarised in Table 2 below were received for the second statutory consultation which was carried out in November 2018.

Table 2 – November 2018 Consultation Responses

Resident	Summary
Resident 1, 2 & 10	The residents were in support of the proposals.
Residents 3,4,5,6,7 & 8	The residents objected to the location of the zebra crossing and the limited parking spaces on Bell Lane.
Resident 9	The resident objected due to the location of the crossing and requested for the zebra to be installed in an alternative location.

- 1.7 During this second statutory consultation, a petition was also received which detailed objections to the zebra crossing with concerns such as the impact the proposals will have on the elderly and loss of parking. The petition which had 192 signatures was reported to the Hendon Residents Forum on the 9 January 2019. A representative of the lead petitioner spoke in relation to the petition, which was noted.
- 1.8 During the Hendon Area Committee on 19 March 2019, the Committee considered the Bell Lane/Green Lane zebra crossing on its agenda. The Chairman made the proposal to withdraw this item which was approved by the Committee. It was agreed that Agenda Item 12, Bell Lane / Green Lane, NW4 – ‘Request for zebra crossing facility is to be withdrawn from this Agenda while further investigation into the selected location is undertaken in response to a number of concerns raised by residents’.
- 1.9 It was therefore agreed that an updated report, with a recommendation on whether or not to proceed with the implementation of the crossing on Bell Lane, will be reported to a future meeting of the Committee.

2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 Following the Hendon Area Committee on 19 March 2019, Councillors requested a site meeting to investigate the selected location and discuss the proposals.

- 2.2 At the site meeting on 5 June 2019, Councillor Fluss and Councillor Cohen raised concerns related to installing the zebra crossing opposite Bell Lane Primary School due to the loss of parking and proximity to vehicle crossovers.
- 2.3 The consensus of the meeting and in discussion with Councillor Fluss was that the zebra crossing opposite Bell Lane Primary School should not be progressed. The Councillors were in favour of investigating the option of installing the zebra crossing on the opposite side of the Green Lane junction on the eastern end of Bell Lane outside No. 95b Bell Lane.
- 2.4 If approved, a feasibility study will be carried out to investigate the option of installing the zebra crossing opposite No. 95b Bell Lane.

3. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND NOT RECOMMENDED

- 3.1 Additional options were originally presented to the Hendon Area Committee on 2 May 2017 but not recommended for progression.

4. POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION

- 4.1 Not applicable in the context of this report.

5. IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION

5.1 Corporate Priorities and Performance

- 5.1.1 The scheme will help to address the Corporate Plan delivery objectives of “a clean and attractive environment, with well-maintained roads and pavements, flowing traffic”, “Barnet’s children and young people will receive a great start in life”, “Barnet will be amongst the safest places in London” and “a responsible approach to regeneration, with thousands of new homes built” by helping residents to feel confident walking to school, helping to reduce traffic congestion.
- 5.1.2 Improvements that encourage walking or other active travel will help to deliver the active travel and recreation opportunities identified in the Health and Wellbeing Strategy for children and the population generally.
- 5.1.3 The Joint Strategic Needs also identifies that encouraging travel by foot, bicycle or public transport could drive good lifestyle behaviours and reduced demand for health and social care services.

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

- 5.2.1 The estimated cost of the recommendation of undertaking a feasibility study is £5,000.
- 5.2.2 Prior to any approval of any further requests from this budget at this Committee, the total funding available is £153k.

5.3 Social Value

5.3.1 No relevant social value considerations in relation to this work.

5.4 Legal and Constitutional References

5.4.2 The Traffic Management Act 2004 places obligations 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.

5.4.1 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.

5.4.2 CIL is a planning charge that was introduced by the Planning Act 2008 to help deliver infrastructure to support the development in an area. It came into force on 6 April 2010 through the Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations 2010 as amended ("the Regulations").

5.4.3 Section 216 of the Planning Act 2008 lists some examples of infrastructure which CIL can fund. The Council as the Charging Authority has published a Regulation 123 List (of the Regulations) which lists infrastructure that will be funded wholly or in part by CIL.

5.4.4 Regulation 59 (f)(3) of the Regulations as amended allow the Council, as the Charging Authority to use the CIL to support the development of the relevant area by funding the provision, improvement, replacement, operation or maintenance of infrastructure or, anything else that is concerned with addressing the demands that development places on an area.

5.4.5 As a result of this, 15% of the CIL budget is allocated to the Area Committee.

5.4.6 Article 7 of the Council's Constitution states that Area Committees may (in relation to the areas covered):

- Take responsibility for all constituency specific matters relating to the street scene including parking, road safety, transport, allotments, parks and trees.
- Determine the allocation of CIL funding within the constituency up to a maximum of £25,000 per scheme/project in each case subject to sufficient of the budget allocated to the committee being unspent.

5.5 Risk Management

5.5.1 None in the context of this report. Risk management may be required for work resulting from this report.

5.6 Equalities and Diversity

5.6.1 The Equality Act 2010 outlines at section 149 the provisions of the Public Sector Equalities Duty which requires Public Bodies to have due regard to the need to:

- eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Equality Act 2010;
 - advance equality of opportunity between people from different groups;
 - foster good relations between people from different groups.
- 5.6.2 The relevant protected characteristics are: gender, race, disability, age, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, religion and belief, and sexual orientation.
- 5.6.3 The broad purpose of this duty is to integrate considerations of equality into day to day business and keep them under review in decision making, the design of policies and the delivery of services. It is not considered that the decision to agree with the recommendations in this report will affect those with protected characteristics under the Equality Act 2010.
- ## 5.7 Corporate Parenting
- 5.7.1 Not applicable in the context of this report.
- ## 5.8 Consultation and Engagement
- 5.8.1 Statutory consultation has been carried out on the proposals and the responses which have been reviewed are listed in Table 1 and 2 above.
- ## 5.9 Insight
- 5.9.1 The proposals have been informed by site, traffic and pedestrian surveys on Bell Lane.
- ## 6 BACKGROUND PAPERS
- 6.1 October 2016 Hendon Area Committee
<https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/g8657/Printed%20minutes%2026th-Oct-2016%2019.00%20Hendon%20Area%20Committee.pdf?T=1>
- 6.2 Link to the petition requesting a Zebra Crossing on Bell Lane
<https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s35287/Petitions%20Report.pdf>
- 6.3 May 2017 Hendon Area Committee
<http://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/g9129/Printed%20minutes%2002nd-May-2017%2019.00%20Hendon%20Area%20Committee.pdf?T=1>
- 6.4 January 2019 Hendon Residents Forum
<http://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s50856/Decisions%20of%20the%20Hendon%20Residents%20Forum.pdf>
- 6.5 March 2019 Hendon Area Committee - Minutes
<https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/g9532/Printed%20minutes%2019th-Mar-2019%2019.00%20Hendon%20Area%20Committee.pdf?T=1>