

	Finchley & Golders Green Area Committee
	9 July 2019
Title	Referrals from Finchley & Golders Green Residents' Forum
Report of	Head of Governance
Wards	All
Status	Public
Enclosures	None
Officer Contact Details	Tracy Scollin FandGG.residentsforum@barnet.gov.uk

Summary

At the meeting of Finchley & Golders Green Residents' Forum, 6 June 2019 the issues highlighted in section 1 were referred to the Finchley & Golders Green Area Committee for consideration.

Recommendations

- 1. That the Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee consider the issue referred by the Finchley & Golders Green Residents' Forum**

1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED

1.1 The Council's Constitution permits the referral of issues to Area Committees:

Item	Action
<p>Submitted by: Peter Hale Received: 24 May 2019</p> <p>Countdown system High Road / Fortis Green Please can you give an update on progress (previous response given F&GG Forum 6/9/18 item 8)</p> <p>Officers' response:</p> <p>As we advised last year a borough led scheme incorporating a filter signal and pedestrian countdown proposal was shelved, owing to limitations on the funding available especially as traffic modelling would be necessary. The proposal remains one that will be reconsidered for future funding in future, but is not currently being progressed.</p> <p>TfL had indicated that modelling of the junction would not be necessary simply to introduce pedestrian countdown signals. Normally pedestrian signals show a green man as an invitation to cross but then that light goes out, and subsequently shows the red man, although there is still time available to complete crossing. The pedestrian countdown system provides an additional indicator of the time remaining to cross. These can provide greater assurance for pedestrians that they still have time to complete crossing. We asked TfL if they could give us an indication of the costs of introducing pedestrian countdown on its own. They advise that this would be in the region of £15k-£20k or possibly less if it turned out that re-cabling was not necessary.</p> <p>We also do not have a currently funded scheme to address provision of pedestrian countdown signals in isolation.</p> <p>If the Forum consider that this location requires immediate attention, then there is the option of the issue being referred to the Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee, where funding to progress items could be granted.</p>	The Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee give consideration to the request.
<p>Submitted by: Theresa Musgrove Received: 29 May 2019</p> <p>Bearing in mind the recent tragic local case of a young child killed after running into traffic, what measures does the council intend to take to safeguard children entering Victoria Park from the main Long Lane entrance, once contractors start building flats in the park, on the site the Tory councillors sold for development? The same question of safety will apply after the building work is done, and residents with their cars will be accessing the flats in the park at this already dangerous spot, with children running into the park, expecting to be safe from any such risk.</p> <p>Officers' response:</p>	The Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee give consideration to the request.

1

Such an unfortunate accident is tragic.

There are existing refuge islands near the two entrances to the Park on Long Lane to enable people to cross the road safely. Also, as part of the planning permission for the proposed development the council has approved a Construction Management Plan. This includes a requirement to safely manage traffic/pedestrian movements at the proposed site entrance.

The proposed development comprises 6 self-contained flats with 6 car parking spaces. Hence, the number of vehicle movements from the site is expected to be low (2-3 cars during peak hour). In addition, the Council will ensure that the new access meets current visibility and safety standards.

2. REASON FOR REFERRAL

- 2.1 At the meeting of Finchley & Golders Green Residents' Forum held on 6 June 2019 the issue highlighted in section one was referred to this Committee for consideration, as permitted by the constitution.

3. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 As set out above.

4. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND NOT RECOMMENDED

- 4.1 N/A

5. POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION

N/A

6. IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION

- 6.1 **Resources (Finance & Value for Money, Procurement, Staffing, IT, Property, Sustainability)**

- 6.2 Not in the context of this report.

6.3 Legal and Constitutional References

- 6.3.1 Article 3 - Residents and Public Participation, of the Council's Constitution allows the Residents Forum Chairman to determine the outcome of an issue as follows;

- note the issue and take no action
- instruct that an appropriate named officer contact the resident within 20 working days to provide an additional response instruct that Ward Members are notified of the issue.
- decide that the issue be referred to the next meeting of an Area Committee for consideration, subject to the issue being within the terms of reference of an Area Committee

- 6.4 **Risk Management**
 - 6.5 Not in the context of this report.
 - 6.6 **Equalities and Diversity**
 - 6.7 Not in the context of this report.
 - 6.8 **Consultation and Engagement**
 - 6.9 Not in the context of this report.
- 7. BACKGROUND PAPERS**
- 7.1 None.