



Hendon Area Committee

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Title
Proposed CPZ in Watford Way (Apex Corner) Service Road, Scout Way, Northway Crescent and Glendor Gardens NW7

Report of
Interim Executive Director (Environment)

Wards
Mill Hill

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Public

Urgent
No

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No

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Appendix A – - Statutory consultation drawing – Drawing No. SCR202/001

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Summary

This report summarises the engagement that took place between Officers, Ward Councillors and the local community in respect of a proposed Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) in Watford Way Service Road/Northway Crescent/Scout Way and Glendor Gardens and asks the Committee to determine whether any additional work should take place on the scheme.

Officers Recommendations

1. That the Hendon Area Committee note the summary of the engagement with the Mill Hill Ward Councillors and members of the local community, and Officers' comments with regard to the issue of whether there is scope to refine the design of the CPZ proposal in Watford Way Service Road/Northway Crescent/Scout Way and Glendor Gardens.

2. That the Hendon Area Committee, having noted the contents of this report, decide whether to instruct the Interim Executive Director (Environment) to:
 - (a) take no further action at this time, but to report back to this Committee as soon as practical, if any relevant matters arise from the affected streets in the future; or
 - (b) engage with the Ward Councillors with respect to finalising a revised design of a Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) for Watford Way Service Road, Northway Crescent, Scout Way and Glendor Gardens, prior to carrying out a statutory consultation on the proposed revised CPZ; and
 - (c) consider the outcome of the statutory consultation referred to in (b) above, using his Delegated Powers in order to make a decision on whether the proposals should be implemented or not, and if so, with or without modification
- 3 That, should the Committee decide to proceed with recommendation 2(b) it agrees to allocate the additional funding of £2,500 in respect of revising the CPZ design and carrying out a statutory consultation in respect of a CPZ in Watford Way Service Road, Northway Crescent, Scout Way and Glendor Gardens.
4. That, should the Committee decide to proceed with recommendation 2(b) and subject to the decision of the Interim Executive Director (Environment) in recommendation 2(c), it agrees to allocate the additional funding of £7,700 for the purposes of introducing the CPZ or relevant parking measures.

1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED

- 1.1 The 27th June 2018 Hendon Area Committee, considered a report entitled “Results of the Statutory Consultation – Proposed CPZ in Watford Way (Apex Corner) Service Road, Scout Way, Northway Crescent and Glendor Gardens NW7”, which summarised the feedback to the statutory consultation on a proposed CPZ in the affected roads, which took place in January/February 2018/19.
- 1.2 The Committee determined that, having considered the feedback to the statutory consultation and the objections received, that Officers should engage with the Mill Hill Ward Councillors and the community with a view to establishing whether there is scope to refine the design of the proposal in Watford Way Service Road/Northway Crescent/Scout Way and to report the outcome back to the Committee.

2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 Following the decision of the Committee, Officers met with two of the Mill Hill Ward Councillors, as well as representatives of local businesses, employees of the nursery on Scout Way, and resident representatives.

- 2.2 It should be noted that the concerns about the impact that the proposed CPZ would have on the nursery and businesses, made up most of the representations received about the consultation.
- 2.3 In addition, there were concerns and suggestions made by residents of Glendor Gardens, by way of a petition objecting to aspects of the proposal (eg: permit costs and design features) during the consultation period.
- 2.4 At the meeting, which took place on-site on 4th October 2018, the business, nursery and resident representatives reiterated the view that the proposals were considered to be overly restrictive and were seen to, if implemented, limit the movement and parking opportunity of local community motorists, whether residents, businesses, business users, nursery staff or nursery users (parents of children attending the nursery).
- 2.5 The proposed CPZ was comprised of general Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm restrictions, with combinations of short stay (2 hour) pay by phone parking and shared-use resident permit/business permit/pay by phone fronting the businesses on the Apex Corner Service Road and at the top of Glendor Gardens, and resident permit parking places in Scout Way, Northway Crescent and Glendor Gardens.
- 2.6 Where parking places were not proposed, single or double yellow lines were proposed, to prohibit waiting (parking) during either the proposed CPZ periods, or at all times.
- 2.7 A drawing of the CPZ proposed in January/February 2018 is shown in Appendix A.
- 2.8 Having considered the concerns, Officers consider that in theory, tweaks could be made to the initially proposed CPZ design which could alleviate some of the concerns raised during the statutory consultation period, such as:
- a reduction of the resident parking restrictions in Scout Way and Northway Crescent, so to alleviate the problems in picking up and dropping off by the nursery (for example a 10-11am and 2-3pm restriction)
 - a reduction of the pay by phone/business parking restrictions in Apex Corner Service Road/Glendor Gardens so to minimise the impact on business patronage (for example a 10am to 2pm restriction)
 - the introduction of a free period of parking as part of the pay by phone arrangements to assist in patronage (for example a free 30 minutes)
 - the conversion of the proposed pay by phone/resident permit/business permit bay in Glendor Gardens to a resident permit bay and reducing its length
 - the introduction of additional resident permit bays outside Nos. 5 and 7 Glendor Gardens, and opposite No. 37 Glendor Gardens
 - the introduction of “at any time” waiting restrictions opposite Nos. 3 and 5 Glendor Gardens
 - the conversion of the proposed “at any time” waiting restrictions in the turning head of Glendor Gardens to Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm waiting restrictions.
- 2.9 The introduction/amendment of these measures would improve the free movement of motorists to park in the affected roads, such as business users, nursery users and businesses etc. However, Officers are wary that the relaxation of restrictions may result in a CPZ as not being or less necessary/essential, in this area.

- 2.10 Officers are mindful that, since the consultation and the subsequent meeting as referred to in this report, the community has been relatively quiet in respect of requesting or chasing for action to be taken, and this may be an indication that the area has settled down in terms of parking, or perhaps the demands on kerbside space in the area is now not as great as when the parking issue was initially raised.
- 2.11 Consequently, there is a risk that progressing a new CPZ proposal albeit with the modifications as outlined in paragraph 2.8 could disrupt the community feeling and create unnecessary tension in the area.
- 2.12 As a result, given that the issue appears to have settled down, Officers are minded to recommend that no further action take place on this issue for the time being, although Officers should be asked to report to the Committee, if the issue is raised locally again with any prominence, as soon as feasible.
- 2.13 However, if the Committee feels that further action should be taken, then they could instruct Officers to liaise with the Mill Hill Ward Councillors to finalise the design of the CPZ, and carry out a statutory consultation on a revised layout.

3. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND NOT RECOMMENDED

- 3.1 Having considered the feedback to the statutory consultation referred to, and having noted the content of the on-site meeting between Officers, Councillors and business, nursery and resident representatives, Officers consider that the Committee could decide to either progress a CPZ proposal or not progress a CPZ proposal, for the reasons as set out in this report.

4. POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION

- 4.1 Depending on the Committee's decision, Officers will either finalise a design in discussion with Ward Councillors, prior to carrying out a consultation, in accordance with all statutory requirements, on a revised CPZ for the relevant roads, or will, if the Committee decide that no further action should be taken at this time, oblige to report back to the Committee if any relevant matters arise at the location in the future.

5. IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION

5.1 Corporate Priorities and Performance

- 5.1.1 The on-going discussions and considerations regarding the parking situation in the Watford Way Service Road (Apex Corner) and environs seeks to establish whether measures are required to particularly help to address the Corporate Plan delivery objectives of "a clean and attractive environment, with well-maintained roads and pavements, inclusive of the free flow of traffic."
- 5.1.2 Effective management of the network is required to ensure the free flow of traffic. Collaborative working across the service area makes this achievable and supports the objectives of the Council.

5.1.3 In turn improving safety for all road users, including pedestrians. Additionally, traffic free flow reduces driver frustrations and conflict, making it a pleasant and safer environment.

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

5.2.1 £22,500 was originally committed from the Area Committee CIL budget (£20,000 in respect of Apex Corner – agreed at the October 2015 Hendon Area Committee, and £2,500 in respect of Glendor Gardens – agreed at the May 2017 Hendon Area Committee) which has not been spent, due to the usage of Local Implementation Plan (LIP) funding to progress the matter to date.

5.2.2 Accordingly, the unspent £20,000 was offered back to the Area Committee CIL budget.

5.2.3 LIP funding is no longer available, and therefore, subject to the Committee's decision and approval for a statutory consultation to take place as per one of the options moving forward as set out in this report, it is envisaged that an approximate £2,500 additional funding over and above the remainder of the £2,500 already allocated for Glendor Gardens, would be required to carry out a statutory consultation and report back the outcome to this Committee.

5.2.4 Furthermore, the outcome of any statutory consultation will be determined by the Interim Executive Director (Environment) under the powers Delegated unto him under the Council's Constitution. If the Interim Executive Director (Environment) decides that a CPZ or relevant parking measure should be introduced, a further £7,700 is sought from the Committee Area Committee CIL budget, with a view to offering the Committee back the funding, should a decision be made to not progress with any measures.

5.3 **Social Value**

5.3.1 None in relation to this report.

5.4 **Legal and Constitutional References**

5.4.1 The Traffic Management Act 2004 places an 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 under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and subsidiary regulations made under that Act.

5.4.3 The terms of reference for the Area Committees under Article 7 of the Council's Constitution includes 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 and subsequent engagement has ensured that members of the public have had the opportunity to comment, to the statutory consultation, the feedback of which has been considered within this report.

5.6 Equalities and Diversity

5.6.1 Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 outlines the provisions of the public-sector equalities duty which requires public bodies to have due regard to the need to:

- (i) Eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Equality Act 2010
- (ii) Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it;
- (iii) Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.

5.6.2. The relevant protected characteristics are: age; disability; gender reassignment; pregnancy and maternity; race; religion or belief; sex; sexual orientation.

5.6.3 The proposal is not expected to be of disproportionate benefit or dis-benefit to members of any particular protected group.

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, and subsequent on-site meeting has taken place as set out above, and this report outlines the considerations of the engagement.

5.9 Insight

5.9.1 None in relation to this report.

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

6.1 Hendon Residents Forum. 22nd October 2014, Item 3

<http://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=183&MId=7901&Ver=4>

6.2 Hendon Area Committee 22nd October 2014, Item 7 Matters referred from the Hendon Area Residents Forum

<https://barnetintranet.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=717&MId=8058&Ver=4>

6.3 Hendon Area Committee 6th July 2016 Item 12 Outcome of parking investigations - Watford Way (Apex Corner) Slip Road NW7

<https://barnetintranet.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=717&MId=8660&Ver=4>

6.4 Hendon Residents Forum. 22nd March 2017, Item 1
<https://barnetintranet.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=183&MId=8655&Ver=4>

6.5 Hendon Area Committee 27th June 2018, Item 15 Results of the Statutory Consultation – Proposed CPZ in Watford Way (Apex Corner) Service Road, Scout Way, Northway Crescent and Glendor Gardens NW7
<https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=717&MId=9529&Ver=4>