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<b>Meeting</b>	Finchley & Golders Green Area Environment Sub-Committee
<b>Date</b>	16 October 2012
<b>Subject</b>	Bus stop on the 382 route towards Finchley Central in Summers Lane N12
<b>Report of</b>	Interim Director of Environment, Planning and Regeneration
<b>Summary</b>	The report seeks approval to implement the provision of a new fixed bus stop in Summers Lane by Sunny Way pending successful consultation.

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<b>Status (public or exempt)</b>	Public
<b>Wards Affected</b>	Woodhouse Ward
<b>Key Decision</b>	No
<b>Reason for urgency / exemption from call-in</b>	Not Applicable
<b>Function of</b>	Executive
<b>Enclosures</b>	Enclosure A - 60635_P_003 Enclosure B - 60635-RLD-001 Enclosure C - Consultation documents sent to residents and ward councillors
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## **1. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 1.1 That the scheme's details, background and rationale presented in the report be noted.**
- 1.2 That the Director of Environment, Planning and Regeneration be authorised to carry out the necessary statutory consultation for the proposed waiting restrictions associated with the scheme.**
- 1.3 That any objection from the statutory consultation be considered by the Director of Environment, Planning and Regeneration in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Environment.**
- 1.4 That based on the consultation results the Director of Environment, Planning and Regeneration be allowed to decide whether or not to implement the measures.**

## **2. RELEVANT PREVIOUS DECISIONS**

- 2.1 Finchley & Golders Green Area Environment Sub-Committee 23rd November 2011. The proposal was discussed at the meeting leading to the following items being agreed:

Item 7 (1): The Sub-Committee notes the outcome of the investigations into the possibility of a Hail and Ride Scheme and possible resurrection of the original bus stop scheme in Summers Lane.

Item 7 (2): Subject to the overall costs being contained within available budgets, the original bus stop scheme in Summers Lane be considered for inclusion in the 2012/2013 budget.

Item 7 (3): A report on the outcome be brought to the next appropriate meeting of the Sub-Committee.

- 2.2 Finchley & Golders Green Area Environment Sub-Committee for 23rd January, 14th March and 26<sup>th</sup> June 2012. The scheme was discussed and agreed to be included in the Local Implementation Plan for 2012/2013.

## **3. CORPORATE PRIORITIES AND POLICY CONSIDERATIONS**

- 3.1 Introducing traffic management measures in the borough will contribute to the Sustainable Community Strategy and Corporate Plan priority "A Successful London Suburb" by enhancing Barnet's reputation as a good place to work and live.
- 3.2 The London Mayor's Transport Strategy also addresses these areas through: "Proposal 30: The Mayor, through Transport for London (TFL), and working with the London boroughs and other stakeholders, will introduce measures to smooth traffic flow to manage congestion (delay, reliability and network resilience) for all people and freight movements on the road network, and maximise the efficiency of the network. These measures will include ...c) "... keep traffic moving ..." , e) Planning and implementing ... improvements to the

existing road network, ... to improve traffic flow on the most congested sections of the network, and to improve conditions for all road users

#### **4. RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES**

- 4.1 It is not considered that the issues involved are likely to give rise to policy considerations as the proposed measures would provide pedestrians with a new bus stop without having a major impact on traffic flow.
- 4.2 There would be some minor disruption whilst the work is being completed but this would be minimised through traffic management in discussion with contractor undertaking the work.

#### **5. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY ISSUES**

- 5.1 The introduction of the westbound bus stop on Summers Lane would provide bus users with improved facilities by decreasing the long distance between existing westbound bus stops on the 382 Bus Service. The new bus stop would also benefit mobility impaired passengers and passengers with prams and pushchairs.

#### **6. USE OF RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS (Finance, Procurement, Performance & Value for Money, Staffing, IT, Property, Sustainability)**

- 6.1 **Finance** The scheme is to be funded by TfL via the Local Implementation Plan's 2012/13 Traffic Management and Road Safety allocation. The total estimated cost for the scheme is £30,000.
- 6.2 Any financial implications will be contained within the Environment, Planning and Regeneration budgets.
- 6.3 **Procurement** The highway works would be procured through the borough's highway term contracts.
- 6.4 There are no **Staffing, IT or Property** implications arising out of this report.

#### **7. LEGAL ISSUES**

- 7.1 The Traffic Management Act 2004 places an obligation on authorities to ensure the safe and expeditious movement of traffic on their road network.
- 7.2 The Council as Highway Authority has the necessary legal powers to introduce or amend Traffic Management Orders through the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

#### **8. CONSTITUTIONAL POWERS (Relevant section from the Constitution, Key/Non-Key Decision)**

- 8.1 Constitution Part 3 – Responsibility for functions, section 6, item 6.1. Chief Officers can take decisions, in consultation with the Cabinet Member concerned (or without consultation where it is a decision authorised to be taken by the Chief Officer under the Contract Procedure Rules or it involves the implementation of policy or earlier decision of the Council or Cabinet or

Committee or it is in respect of operational matters within the Chief Officer's sphere of managerial or professional responsibility and is not significant in terms of budget or policy) to discharge the functions allocated to them or dealt by them or their staff.

## **9. BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

- 9.1 The proposed scheme on Summers Lane was investigated due to concerns raised by local residents and ward members.
- 9.2 The main issue identified is the long distance between two existing westbound bus stops on Summers Lane which results in a substandard service for bus users in the area.
- 9.3 Investigation revealed that the distance between two existing westbound bus stops was found to be in excess of 640m. The recommended guidelines set by London buses suggest a maximum of 400m.
- 9.4 Council officers assessed the situation with representatives from London Buses and the Metropolitan police and arrived at the proposals shown on attached plan 60635-P-003.
- 9.5 The proposed scheme includes the introduction of a fixed bus stop adjacent to Sunny Way which would bring the distance between bus stops in line with the guidelines with 370m to the bus stop east of Sunny Way and 225m to the bus stop west of Sunny Way. To maintain a clear access into the new bus stop, 'At Any Time' waiting restrictions would be required at Sunny Way junction.
- 9.6 Three unrestricted kerbside spaces would be lost in Summers Lane to accommodate the bus stop. While on street parking is limited in the area parking surveys have indicated that sufficient space would remain in the area to meet current demand.
- 9.7 Local ward members and emergency services were consulted in October 2010 and no objections were received.
- 9.8 Resident consultation was undertaken in January 2011 including 83 private dwellings within the surrounding area as shown on the attached drawing 60635-RLD-001. Two responses were received. One resident replied in favour as both himself and his elderly partner find the existing arrangement a struggle to walk to the existing stops. One resident objected on the grounds of safety stating that whilst stopped the buses would affect visibility and increase difficulty for motorists exiting Sunny Way.
- 9.9 The proposals and results of the consultation were presented to the Cabinet Member for Environment, Councillor Coleman in May 2011 and did not receive approval due to insufficient funding being available.
- 9.10 A subsequent resident opinion survey undertaken by Councillor Cooke received 31 responses in favour of the scheme and 3 against.
- 9.11 Based on these results a decision was taken by the Finchley & Golders Green Area Environment Sub-Committee on 23rd January to include the scheme in

the 2012/2013 Local Implementation Plan work programme. The decision was repeated at the subsequent meetings held 14th March and 26<sup>th</sup> June 2012.

9.12 This report seeks approval to undertake statutory consultation for the proposed waiting restrictions and based on the consultation results the Director of Environment, Planning and Regeneration be allowed to decide whether or not to implement the measures.

## **10. LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

10.1 None.

<b>Cleared by Finance (Officer's initials)</b>	<b>JH</b>
<b>Cleared by Legal (Officer's initials)</b>	<b>SS</b>