### **MEETING**

### FINCHLEY & GOLDERS GREEN AREA COMMITTEE

### **DATE AND TIME**

### **THURSDAY 4TH APRIL, 2019**

### **AT 7.00 PM**

### <u>VENUE</u>

### HENDON TOWN HALL, THE BURROUGHS, LONDON NW4 4BQ

Dear Councillors,

Please find enclosed additional papers relating to the following items for the above mentioned meeting which were not available at the time of collation of the agenda.

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1.	PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS (IF ANY)	3 - 6

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# Public Comments - (up to 3 minutes each)

Name	Item number and Agenda Title.	Written Comments
Imogen Hall	9 - Member's Items (Church Path North Finchley – Woodhouse)	I wish to bring the matter of the upkeep of Church Path to the committee's attention. Church Path provides a traffic free alternative to walking along the High Road in North Finchley and Whetstone. As such families, commuters and dog walkers use the path daily. I personally walk my kids to school along the path as it avoids the pollution of the High Road and allows my three children to cycle or scoot more safely.
		Unfortunately for the last few years Church Path has not been part of street cleaning or maintenance unless a local resident such as myself has kicked up a fuss. We have to report fly tipping or litter issues far more than once before they get resolved. The bins do not get emptied, litter is not cleared, the leaves do not get cleared and the vegetation coming from householders gardens is allowed to grow unchecked.
		The knock-on effect is that the path feels ignored and uncared for, which encourages people to drop more litter or fly tip and has in the past encouraged drug dealers to use the path (note that at the moment this appears to not be the case as the dealing appears to be happening in other places). In general the neglect of the path contributes to creating an unsafe environment which I feel is a real shame given how lucky we are to have a path that we can use away from the pollution and issues with safety on the High Road.
		My concern is that because Church Path is hidden from view it is easy to ignore the need to maintain it yet for many local residents it's an excellent local path that improves their quality of life. In contrast we see street cleaning and highway and park maintenance happening on areas of land which don't actually get used but are visible to the public.
		Please note that in the past few days the path has been partially cleared of leaves (from the autumn), litter picked up and the bins have been emptied. However, this has taken months of raising the issue.
		My objective is to get the cleaning and general maintenance of Church Path on the council's regular list of work.

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# Alison Munday

# 10 - Member's Item – Application for Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Funding (Safety around the junction of Church Lane and The High Road)

I am a parent at Martin Primary School and am a Vice Chair of the Governing Body. We are hugely proud of our school which is at the heart of our community. We were recently recognised by UNICEF as a Gold Level Rights Respecting School. They said that it's "evident that children's rights are embedded across the school and underpin every facet of school life" and that we are "an outward looking community which is engaged with the wider world". The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child tells our children that (Article 3) "All adults should do what is best for you".

As a parent and governor, I would ask that our children's right to safety on their journey to and from school is made a priority. We are keen to see a timetable for review of options and implementation of changes. Our children have been very scared by what happened to one of our families on this crossing and by the recent fatality further down this road, where a crossing has now belatedly been installed. It is not acceptable to wait 18 months for action to be taken on our crossing. Please act to ensure the safety of the children of Martin Primary School

### Nicky Gold

# 10 - Member's Item - Application for Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Funding (Safety around the junction of Church Lane and The High Road)

We just wanted to write and express our concerns regarding the traffic lights and crossing by Martin Primary school (235, High Road, N2 8AN) and the Church Lane intersection and hope that this can be given due attention.

We are both parents from Martin Primary School and residents of Church Lane. There have been ongoing concerns and discussions to our knowledge that have been raised over the years regarding speeding cars down Church Lane and the dangers of this intersection.

We were deeply saddened to hear recently about the accident involving a child and her father known to us personally.

Unfortunately, on 12th February 2019 our concerns were escalated personally when I collected our children from Martin Primary school at 5.30pm. Whilst crossing at the traffic lights just after 5.30pm, I noticed that the car on the other side of the road heading away from East Finchley shops towards North Finchley was not slowing its speed and it drove straight through the red light. Fortunately, I shouted at my children in time to stop and they reacted appropriately, however this near miss was frightening for all and especially for my elder daughter who is a lone walker which means she usually walks home alone from

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school and does not need an adult to collect her. This caused immense worry and she refused straight after this incident to walk alone. We are pleased to report that with our support we have managed to reassure her and she is now back to walking independently.

We acknowledge that this incident occurred by a motorist who blatantly disregarded traffic signals and committed a traffic offence, but it highlights the dangers of this particular crossing which although has some street lights is not in our opinion lit well enough. Additionally, the recent accident shows further concerns regarding the junction itself and difficulties gaining access safely from Church Lane onto the High Road. Plus, there is still the issue of speed on Church Lane, which although not related to these specific incidents, we believe have not been rectified with the recent signage or speed bumps, as drivers avoid the bump and manoeuvre into the gap, now causing more risk to the pedestrians on the narrow pavements whilst few slow down.

We are aware that Emily Candler is raising this issue, but as we are unfortunately unable to be present at the meeting and considering how important and concerning this matter is to us we felt it important to highlight our experience which is only one of what we believe is many incidents that frequently occur at this junction. For your information we have reported this to the police, but hope these comments can feed into your discussions and help make some progress to rectify a dangerous crossing that many children and adults use year-round before someone else is hurt. From a personal perspective we want to feel reassured that we can support our children to walk home independently whilst having minimised the current risks. For these reasons we hope that the committee agree to seek a report about the safety at the junction of Church Lane and the High Road in East Finchley and commission a report on the potential solutions, with the intention of implementing change to ensure a safer crossing.

## Gabrielle White

10 - Member's
Item –
Application for
Community
Infrastructure
Levy (CIL)
Funding (Safety
around the junction

I would like to propose a change to the 4-way pedestrian crossing on the High Road in East Finchley, where The Bald Faced Stag pub, Budgens, Domino's Pizza and Buffi restaurant are situated.

The amount of time allocated for pedestrians to cross this busy main road, with traffic traveling in 4 directions, is currently about 5 seconds long. This is barely enough time to cross one road, let alone two if someone needs to be diagonally on the other side of the road e.g. from Budgens to Bufi. It makes people feel rushed and stressed. It also

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of Church Lane and The High Road)	makes it dangerous as people take a risk and cross the road diagonally when there isn't enough time allowed. Elderly people and children are particularly at risk as they walk at a slower pace, and from personal experience, the current time allocated to cross one road is not even enough time if one were to walk at a brisk pace.
	I propose that the time allocated extends to 15 seconds and that diagonal path markings are made on the road to make it clear to pedestrians that they are able to cross the road diagonally. There could also be a countdown timer in plain view at each corner so pedestrians are aware of how much time is given to cross the road safely. I give the example of Oxford Street where this has been done with success. I am certain this change will result in a safer and calmer East Finchley for both pedestrians and drivers.

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Colette Symonds	10 - Member's Item – Application for Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Funding (Safety around the junction of Church Lane and The High Road)
Marc Hommel	14 - Results of the statutory consultation for the proposed Garden Suburb 'GS' CPZ extension
Dr Mark Berelowitz (on behalf of Carole Barzilay)	15 - East Finchley CPZ Area – Parking Consultation Results
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