

Decisions of the Hendon Area Committee

16 March 2021

Members Present: -

Councillor Val Duschinsky (Chairman)

Councillor Saira Don (Vice-Chairman)

Councillor Sarah Wardle

Councillor Nizza Fluss

Councillor Elliot Simberg

Councillor Nagus Narenthira

Councillor Ammar Naqvi

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 01 February 2021 be agreed as a correct record.

2. ABSENCE OF MEMBERS (IF ANY)

None.

3. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

None.

4. REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER (IF ANY)

None.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS (IF ANY)

A comment was received from Mr Nick Mearing-Smith in relation to item 10, Edgwarebury Speed Survey.

6. MATTERS REFERRED FROM THE HENDON AREA RESIDENTS FORUM (IF ANY)

The Chairman introduced the report which set out the petitions referred from the Hendon Residents Forum to the Area Committee.

Removal of double yellow lines - The Ridgeway NW7 (opposite Belmont Farm)

Sarah Ali spoke on the issues relating to increased congestion along the Ridgeway and highlighted problematic areas along Hammers Lane and Mill Hill East.

Dangerous parking on pavements and crossing close to the school gates were causing further delays. During school runs, parents were prevented from parking on loading bays by ticket wardens. Sarah Ali requested a review of the area with new notices and lee way from wardens during drop off and pick up times specifically for school runs.

The Officer advised that ward councillors had previously requested a review near the Belmont Farm location due to a safety concern of vehicles parking on both sides of the Ridgeway. Therefore, the implementation of the yellow lines was a safety measure for

motorists and children crossing from the bus stop. The question of issuing permits had been raised at the Hendon Residents Forum. The parking team confirmed that permits were not an option because the Ridgeway had four different schools in the vicinity and therefore St Paul's School could not be prioritised over the others.

Parking Attendants were aware of the issue and fines would not be issued for at least 30 minutes. To address concerns, parents were advised to work with the school travel team to make observations on parking behaviour. The school travel team would also assist parents with a map of the safest locations to park. Highways raised the issue with the school to implement suitable measures.

RESOLVED that the Committee take no action, but that Officers liaise with the school travel team and parents to reach a suitable solution.

No Left Turn' at the Junction of A1 and Tithe Walk

Dr Hilary Cass circulated photos of accidents to the committee in advance of the meeting and spoke on the matter. The issue was in relation to the left turn from the A1 into Tithe Walk. High speed vehicles that had to suddenly slow down to get around the corner were said to be causing repetitive accidents. Near miss accidents in the high footfall area were also becoming increasingly dangerous for pedestrians.

Therefore, Dr Cass requested for a no left turn into the road. Officers had raised the concerns of residents with Transport for London (TFL) and whether there was an option for the 'No Left Turn' to be implemented onto Tithe Walk off the A1. TFL recommended a turn count survey to make a count of all vehicles making the left turn at each end of Tithe Walk and assess its impact to the A1. Additionally, a speed survey would be done during the summer at peak hours to establish a range of results and fed back to TFL to explore possible suitable options.

The Chairman suggested notifying Google Maps and to factor in the impact of the Amazon warehouse nearby.

RESOLVED: The Committee unanimously approved a manual classified count at each end of Tithe Walk for the morning and evening peak (3-hour periods) to be carried out to incorporate a speed survey at a cost of £3,000.

7. PETITIONS (IF ANY)

None.

8. AREA COMMITTEE GRANTS FUNDING

The Chairman presented the report referring to Appendix 2, the Hendon Committee Balance Summary. A balance of £119,000 was noted. Overspends and Underspends were factored in and adjusted at £28,000 leaving the Committee with a balance of £19,471.50.

The Committee noted the report.

9. MEMBERS' ITEMS (IF ANY)

None.

10. MEMBERS ITEMS' - AREA COMMITTEE FUNDING APPLICATIONS (IF ANY)

The Chairman introduced the report and advised Members that following a spend of £3,000, there was a balance of £16,471.50. The Chairman read out the comment from Edgware candidate, Mr Nick Mearing-Smith, to support the survey that would make the area safer for residents.

1. Cllr Sarah Wardle – Edgwarebury Lane Speed Survey

Cllr Wardle presented the request for a feasibility study and other appropriate measures along Edgwarebury Lane. Complaints were received from many residents and users of the park indicating high speeds along narrow roads which made it very dangerous.

In addition, there was a lack of safe crossing points particularly to the park for which this survey could address.

The Officer confirmed that use of all the funds could not be determined until colleagues explored the ground work and undertook the speed survey. The request was to explore whether crossing points could be implemented, whether the speed criteria did merit a VAS and whether slow markings were necessary. It was noted that collision data could be requested and added to the report to be fed back to the Committee.

Further to a discussion, the Chairman moved to a vote.

RESOLVED: The Committee unanimously approved funding of £5,000 for a feasibility survey to consider speed reduction and other safety measures.

2. Cllr Elliot Simberg - Alders Close/Hale Lane Double Yellow Line Extension

Cllr Simberg presented the request for an extension to double yellow lines in Alders Close and Hale Lane. Vehicles parked during the day caused a blind spot to those coming out of Alders Close. To avoid accidents and prevent vehicles from parking on the pavement, the proposal was to extend the yellow lines and implement the recommendation of Officers.

Further to a discussion, the Chairman moved to a vote.

RESOLVED: The Committee unanimously approved funding of £4,737 to the extensions and implementation of Officers' recommendations.

3. Cllr Nagus Narenthira – Parking Solution

Cllr Narenthira presented the request for the introduction of longer length of restrictions at the junction of Rushgrove Avenue and Crossway NW9. The lack of parking restrictions in the area had allowed for commercial vehicles to be parked everywhere and several proposals were received from residents to deal with the problem. To make junctions safer, engineers had visited the area and proposed restricted parking at the Rushgrove Park junction to increase visibility and act as deterrence to unwanted parking.

At the time of the Colindale Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) consultation, residents had not wanted CPZ in their area and therefore the affected areas were not included in the CPZ.

The Officer confirmed that problems in the Rushgrove area were historical and complaints from residents about commuter vehicles had been received.

It was noted that the confluence of parking measures being put forward and enforcement was necessary. Potential hot points would be flagged up with parking colleagues to carry out enforcement accordingly.

Further to a discussion, the Chairman moved to a vote.

RESOLVED: The Committee unanimously approved funding of £5,337 to introduce waiting restrictions at the junction of Rushgrove Avenue and Crossway NW9 as well as longer length of restrictions on the right-hand side of Crossway NW9 up to the entrance of the park.

11. HIGHWAYS SCHEME UPDATE

It was noted that Officers would provide an indication of time frames for proposed actions at future meetings.

Members requested an update with regards to Brookside Park.

The Committee noted the report.

12. PROGRESS UPDATE ON AREA COMMITTEE ACTIONS

HALE LANE, HA8 & REQUEST FOR ZEBRA CROSSING

Cllr Simberg introduced the item to implement safety measures and undertake works for a Zebra Crossing which was to be put outside a school and Synagogue at Hale Lane.

The Chairman commended Officers for being able to find a suitable location for the zebra crossing.

It was noted that Committee had already approved funding for a feasibility study. Following committee's approval of funding for further works, it would go to consultation to review any objections before implementation.

RESOLVED: The Committee approved funding of £22,000 in the next financial year to carry out all recommendations in the Officer's report.

12A. BELL LANE, NW4 ZEBRA CROSSING

The Chairman highlighted the addendum to the report. The number of signatures received in support of the petition was in fact 302.

Cllr Fluss thanked all parties involved with the works in relation to the item and approved of the solution that had been reached.

RESOLVED: The Committee unanimously approved all the recommendations in the Officer's report and noted that the proposals will cost a total of £29,920. The committee previously funded £25,000 in 2017/18 and the remaining additional funding of £4,920 will be funded through the Local Implementation Plan. (LIP)

13. FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

The Committee noted the forward work programme.

14. CIL FUNDING PRIORITIES – SETTING LOCAL PRIORITIES FOR THE HENDON AREA COMMITTEE

Andrew Charlwood presented the report. In February, the Policy & Resources Committee set out the CIL funding process highlighting that the only criteria to assess CIL funding requests was the legal definition and each Area Committee should consider, approve, and develop its own funding priorities for each financial year starting in 2021/2022.

The report outlined the need to draft local priorities for the Hendon Area Committee and laid out the proposed local priorities for Hendon Area Committee in Appendix A put forth by the Chairman and Vice Chairman for discussion and agreement. A caveat at the end of the list meant that Members could essentially approve items outside of the Committee's local priorities, but the list was to enable Members to prioritise applications within the wide legal definition.

It was noted that a review would be carried out in six months' time when more insight and data would be offered to Members in prioritising schemes within specific geographic areas to be able to identify areas of development.

The Officer from Growth & Development presented an overview on the council's priorities for town centres, priority actions for Hendon Area Committee town centres and potential areas for future neighbourhood CIL.

15. ANY OTHER ITEMS THAT THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES ARE URGENT

None.

The meeting finished at 7.55 pm