

Decisions of the Finchley & Golders Green Area Committee

22 October 2014

Members Present:-

Councillor Graham Old (Chairman)
Councillor Peter Zinkin (Vice-Chairman)

Councillor Geof Cooke
Councillor Kath McGuirk
Councillor Alon Or-Bach

Councillor Daniel Seal
Councillor Reuben Thompstone

Also in attendance

Kate Kennally – Strategic Director for Communities
Kirstin Lambert – Governance Service
Edward Gilbert – Governance Service
Neil Richardson – Highways Manager

1. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the meeting of the Area Committee held on 18 June 2014 be agreed as a correct record.

2. ABSENCE OF MEMBERS (IF ANY)

There were none.

3. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND NON PECUNIARY INTERESTS (IF ANY)

Members declared the following interests:

Councillor	Agenda Item	Interest
Geof Cooke	Members' Item – Issues relating to parking situation around Summerside School, Crossway N12	Non-pecuniary, as Councillor Cooke is a Governor of the school.

4. REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER (IF ANY)

There was none.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS (IF ANY)

There were none.

THE CHAIRMAN ANNOUNCED THAT ITEM 7 OF THE AGENDA (TOWN CENTRES IN FINCHLEY AND GOLDERS GREEN) BE BROUGHT AHEAD OF ITEM 6 (MEMBERS' ITEMS) IN THE MEETING ORDER.

6. TOWN CENTRES IN FINCHLEY AND GOLDERS GREEN

The Lead Commissioner for Regeneration and Growth introduced the report.

RESOLVED:

1. That the Committee note the specific proposals relating to town centres set out in Appendix B, which are currently the subject of public consultation.
2. That the Committee provides a recommendation to the Assets, Regeneration and Growth Committee that Finchley Church End, North Finchley and Golders Green be identified as Main hubs, and that East Finchley potentially also be identified as a fourth main hub, but that this development support should not be at the expense of Cricklewood.

7. MEMBERS' ITEMS (IF ANY)

(a) MEMBERS' ITEM - ISSUES RELATING TO THE PARKING SITUATION AROUND SUMMERSIDE SCHOOL, CROSSWAY N12

The Committee heard Councillor Cooke's representation on the parking situation around Summerside School, Crossway N12, and a request for a plastic mesh parking area on the green on the west side of Crescent Way near the school to be considered.

RESOLVED:

1. That the Strategic Director for Growth and Environment instruct Greenspaces officers to consider the parking situation around Summerside School, Crossway N12 with a view to resolving current issues, and that green spaces officers be requested to engage with Highways officers and work closely with Summerside school in the development of any plan
2. That the Chairman be advised if Greenspaces is unable to take this action.
3. That Re highways officers request that the Parking Client Service in Streetscene advise on the frequency of visits to deter against and enforce existing parking rules.

(b) MEMBERS' ITEM - ISSUES RELATING TO BEAUFORT PARK NW11

The Committee heard Councillor Marshall's representation on issues regarding Beaufort Park, NW11, including:

- Commercial vehicles are constantly occupying parking spaces around Beaufort Park.

- There are concrete roads as opposed to tarmac roads around Beaufort Park. This is one of the only areas in the borough still to have concrete roads, and it creates a potential safety issue as roads crack and cars may be more likely to skid.
- Various road signs and lines need to be maintained or replaced due to their wear.
- Possibility of planting trees and bushes to reduce air pollution and act as a sound barrier between residential properties and main roads needs to be examined.

RESOLVED:

1. That Re highways investigate the Council's policy position on commercial vehicles being left in parking spaces for the purpose of advertising.
2. That Re highways liaise with TfL to seek mitigation of noise and pollution issues.

(c) MEMBERS' ITEM - TRAFFIC AND SAFETY ISSUES NEAR CRESCENT ROAD N3

The Committee heard Councillor Old's representation on issues regarding traffic and safety issues near Crescent Road, including:

1. Speeding especially where the road narrows under the bridge.
2. Illegal left and right hand turns being constantly undertaken into Crescent Road from Dollis Road.
3. Safety of pedestrians, particularly children going to and from St. Mary's School.

RESOLVED:

1. That Highways officers undertake those matters that can be addressed as 'business as usual' to address the issues including matters such as signage and protective bollards and enforcement of the 20mph limit already in place.
2. That the Strategic Director for Growth and Environment instruct officers to undertake an initial feasibility study looking at potential options to improve road safety in the area, including possible installation of a pedestrian crossing.

8. MATTERS REFERRED FROM THE FINCHLEY AND GOLDERS GREEN AREA RESIDENTS FORUM (IF ANY)

There were none.

9. ANY ITEM(S) THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES ARE URGENT

There were none.

The meeting finished at 8.35 pm