

Decisions of the Finchley & Golders Green Area Committee

30 November 2016

Members Present:-

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

Councillor Geof Cooke
Councillor Ross Houston
Councillor Dean Cohen
Councillor Rohit Grover
Councillor Arjun Mittra (substitute)

Apologies for Absence

Councillor Alon Or-Bach
Councillor Reuben Thompstone

1. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The Chairman of the Committee, Councillor Graham Old welcomed all attendees to the meeting.

The Governance Officer informed Members of the Committee and Members of the Public that the meeting was being recorded and streamed live. It was further noted that the recording would be available on the Council's website.

The Committee **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the last meeting held on 26 October 2016 be agreed as the correct record.

2. ABSENCE OF MEMBERS (IF ANY)

Councillor Mittra attended as a substitute Member for Councillor Or-Bach.

Councillor Dean Cohen attended as a substitute Member for Councillor Thompstone.

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

Councillor	Agenda item	Nature of interest	Details
Councillor Cooke	11	Non-pecuniary	He is a governor on Summerside school

4. REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER (IF ANY)

None.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS (IF ANY)

The Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee noted that Mr Fearn had submitted questions in relation to item 9. Mr Fearn raised supplementary questions and it was agreed that answers to his questions were going to be provided during discussion on item 9.

The Committee noted that Ms Bernardelle has submitted questions in relation to item 11. Mr Couque attended on behalf of Ms Bernardelle and raised supplementary questions.

Mr Couque also submitted his comment in relation to item 11. He mentioned that there are always loading restrictions on Fallow Court Avenue and that blue badge holders should be able to use the car park facility within the synagogue premises.

Following Mr Couque's questions and comment, Members had the opportunity to ask questions of the resident. Following discussion it was agreed that answers would be provided to Mr Couque's question during discussion on item 11.

The Committee noted Ms Hill had submitted questions in relation to item 10. Ms Hill raised supplementary questions and Members had the opportunity to ask her questions. Ms Geraghty also made a comment regarding item 10 and Members had the opportunity to question her.

Following discussion it was agreed that questions and comments were going to be taken into account when considering item 10 on Westbury Road.

6. WESTBURY ROAD - VEHICLES ACTIVATED SIGNS (VAS) - MONITORING

The Highways Officer introduced the report which related to Westbury Road-Vehicles Activated Signs (VAS)-Monitoring. Councillor Jim Tierney addressed the Committee in his capacity as a Ward Councillor. He expressed his support for a 20mph implementation and mentioned that other councils, such as Haringey and Hackney, have already introduced a borough-wide 20mph scheme.

Councillor Cohen referred to data in the report suggesting that there is no need to further reduce the speed limit on Westbury road and suggested that two traffic islands appropriately placed would be more effective in slowing the traffic.

Councillor Ross Houston asked the committee to take forward the 20mph suggestion. He mentioned that the road has particular requirements, the volume of footfall on that road and compelling evidence outlined by residents, suggest that a 20mph is needed. This recommendation was seconded.

Councillor Dean Cohen moved a motion to add a third recommendation to undertake a feasibility study to look at the possibility to put traffic islands on the corners of the road of Westbury road and Holden road and Westbury road and Argyle road. The motion was duly seconded.

The Committee moved to the vote of the recommendations and taking into account the motions proposed by Councillor Houston and Councillor Cohen.

The Committee unanimously noted recommendation 1.

The votes on Councillor Houston's amendment to recommendation 2 were recorded as follows:

Votes	
For	3
Against	4
Abstain	0

The recommendation was therefore lost.

The Committee moved to vote on the second recommendation as outlined in the main report. The votes were recorded as follows:

Votes	
For	4
Against	3
Abstain	0

The Committee moved to the third recommendation as proposed by Councillor Cohen as an additional recommendation to the recommendations in the main report.

The Committee unanimously agreed recommendation 3 which therefore became part of the substantive recommendations in the report.

It was therefore **RESOLVED:**

- 1. That the Committee noted the summary of the monitoring of the VAS in Westbury Road.**
- 2. That the Committee confirmed that the speed limit of the road remain at 30mph and is not reduced to 20mph and that the 30 mph VAS remain in situ.**
- 3. That the Committee approved £5,000 from the Area Committee budget to undertake a feasibility study to insert traffic islands on the corners of Westbury road and Holden road and Westbury road and Argyle road.**

Councillor Houston thanked residents that attended to speak on the item.

7. PETITIONS

Erskine Hill CPZ

The lead petitioner, MsAtkin introduced the petition She outlined the difficulties that residents are having when parking, the issues of long-term parking and that the H2 bus frequently has difficulties going through that part of the road.

. Councillor Grover expressed his sympathy towards that issue and said that the monitoring of the extension of the Garden Suburb CPZ would assess the impact on Erskine Hill.

RESOLVED:

- **That the Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee noted the petition**

Hampstead Garden Suburb CPZ

In the absence of the lead petitioner the Chairman suggested to spend £500 for a study to monitor parking in roads in the surrounding area, to be agreed in consultation with the Ward Councillors, before and after the introduction of the Garden Suburb CPZ extension. and report back to the next committee after the implementation of the CPZ and the survey.

RESOLVED:

- **That the Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee noted the petition**
- **That the Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee approved £500 from the Area Committee budget for a study to monitor displacement before and after the introduction of the CPZ extension of the Garden Suburb and report back to the next committee after the implementation of the CPZ and the survey.**

Bute Mews

The lead petitioner MsBliss the lead petitioner introduced the petition and outlined that Bute Mews is private property and it has been very difficult to deal with the landlord. The petition requested to make Bute Mews a safe and hygienic area. Councillor Grover commented that Officers have often been requested to clean when fly tipping takes place, the fence has also been repaired but keeps falling down.

Councillor Grover suggested that they should formally ask what powers the council has that will enable them to force private owners to take action.

Councillor Cohen requested that officers should look at how enforcement can be applied on privately owned and unregistered land and report back.

The Chairman suggested that section 215 enforcements might be applied and this could have implications borough-wide.

The Governance Officer advised that planning matters are not in the terms of reference within the Area committee but they could ask officers to look into section 215 power.

Following discussion, the Committee agreed to instruct officers to look at unused land, enforcement action (in particular section 215 powers) regarding these locations and particularly for Bute Mews and report back to a future committee and keep residents informed.

The Committee unanimously agreed the recommendation. It was therefore **RESOLVED:**

- **That the Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee noted the petition**

- That the Committee agreed to instruct Officers to look at unused land, enforcement action (in particular section 215 powers) regarding these locations and particularly for Bute Mews and report back to a future committee and keep residents informed.

8. TEMPLE FORTUNE AREA, NW11 PARKING REVIEW

The Highways Officer introduced item 7 which related to the Temple Fortune Area, NW11.

Following discussion of the item, Councillor Dean Cohen moved a motion to add an additional recommendation (recommendation 8) to address the commercial vehicles that park on the roads within the Temple Fortune Area and investigate possible solutions in order to restrict usage of commercial vehicles and particularly overnight parking in Grosvenor Gardens and Oakfields Road. The motion was duly seconded.

Councillor Dean Cohen also moved a motion to change recommendation 2 to read as: That the Finchley and Golders Green Committee give instructions to the Commissioning Director for Environment to carry out an experimental trial order which will take place for six months prior to the statutory consultation on a proposal to amend the loading bays in the Temple Fortune Town Centre so they operate as follows: Loading Bay 7am to 12midday; 15 minutes free parking 12midday to 5.30pm. The motion was duly seconded.

Councillor Peter Zinkin also proposed to amend recommendation 3 and 4 to reflect the changes on recommendation 2. The Committee agreed to add ‘...following the experimental period and subject to the statutory consultation...’. Following Councillor Zinkin’s proposal to amend recommendation 3 and 4 to reflect the changes made in recommendation 2. The motion was duly seconded.

The Committee having considered the above, unanimously agreed the recommendations as amended and it was therefore **RESOLVED**:

1. **The Finchley and Golders Green Committee noted the results of the Temple Fortune Area parking consultation and the recommendation not to extend Controlled Parking Zone in the Temple Fortune Area.**
2. **That the Finchley and Golders Green Committee, gave instruction to the Commissioning Director for Environment to carry out an experimental trial order which will take place for six months a statutory consultation on a proposal to amend the loading bays in the Temple Fortune Town Centre so they operate as follows: Loading Bay 7am to 12midday; 15 minutes free parking 12midday to 5.30pm**
3. **That any objections received as a result of the experimental period and subject to the statutory consultation, referred to in recommendation 2, are reported to a future meeting of this Committee to consider and determine whether the proposed changes should be implemented or not, and if so, with or without modification.**
4. **That, subject to no objections being received as a result of the experimental period and subject to the statutory consultation, the statutory consultation,**

referred to in recommendation 2, Officers introduce the proposed changes to the loading bays.

5. That the Finchley and Golders Green Committee, give instruction to the Commissioning Director for Environment to liaise with Ward Members in relation to developing a number of waiting restriction proposals in the consultation area with a view to reporting all agreed proposals to a future meeting of this Committee
 6. That the Finchley and Golders Green Committee, give instruction to the Commissioning Director for Environment to liaise with Ward Members in relation to the potential of creating an additional loading bay(s) in the Temple Fortune Town Centre of waiting restriction proposals in the consultation area with a view to reporting all agreed proposals to a future meeting of this Committee.
 7. That the Finchley and Golders Green Committee, give instruction to the Commissioning Director for Environment to write to all those previously consulted to update them on the Committee's decisions and proposed future action.
 8. That the Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee instructed the Commissioning Director for Environment to address the issue of commercial vehicles that park on the roads within the Temple Fortune Area and investigate possible solutions in order to restrict usage of commercial vehicles specifically overnight parking in Grosvenor Gardens and Oakfields Road.
9. **REVIEW OF THE HOURS OF OPERATION IN ROADS IN THE TEMPLE FORTUNE 'TF' CONTROLLED PARKING ZONE(CPZ)**

The Highways Officer introduced the report which related to the review of the hours of operation in roads in the Temple Fortune 'TF' Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ).

Following discussion, the Committee unanimously agreed the recommendations.

It was therefore **RESOLVED:**

1. That the Committee noted the outcome of the informal consultation as detailed within this report and approve the following, at a total estimated cost of £10,000 for the items numbered 2, 3 and 4 below to be funded from the Area Committee budget.
2. That the Committee, approved to give instruction to the Commissioning Director for Environment to carry out a statutory consultation on a proposal to amend the hours of the Temple Fortune 'TF' Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) in Asmunds Place, Hampstead Way, Leaside Crescent and Saffron Close NW11 so it would operate between 10am – 11am and 3pm - 4pm, Monday to Friday.

3. That any objections received as a result of the statutory consultation, referred to in recommendation 2, are reported to a future meeting of this Committee to consider and determine whether the proposed changes should be implemented or not, and if so, with or without modification.
4. That, subject to no objections being received to the statutory consultation, referred to in recommendation 2, the Commissioning Director for Environment introduce the proposed changes to the CPZ.

10. MEMBER'S ITEMS-REQUESTS FOR FUNDING FOR FINCHLEY AND GOLDERS GREEN AREA COMMITTEE BUDGET-GRANGE BIG LOCAL

Councillor Mitra introduced the grant application and mentioned that this application meets all the relevant criteria and he requested that the Committee supports the application.

The Committee unanimously agreed the grant application and it was therefore **RESOLVED:**

1. That the Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee decided to support the application for funding, subject to due diligence tests being met.

11. VEHICLES ACTIVATED SIGN - MONITORING - ETCHINGHAM PARK ROAD, PARK VIEW ROAD AND FRIARY WAY

The Highways Officer provided a response to Mr Fearn's questions some of which related to the technicalities of the speed recording and the perception of speed in a narrow road with a large number of parked vehicles.

During the discussion Councillor Houston moved a motion to amend recommendation 2 for the Committee to commit £2,000 to look again at the situation at Etchingham road particularly in conjunction with the current study of issues in Squires lane. The motion was duly seconded.

The Committee unanimously agreed the recommendation and it was therefore **RESOLVED:**

1. That the Committee noted the summary of the monitoring of the VAS locations
2. That the Finchley and Golders Green approved £2,000 from the Area Committee budget to look again at the situation at Etchingham road particularly in conjunction with the current study of issues in Squires lane.

12. PROGRESS UPDATE ON FINCHLEY AND GOLDERS GREEN AREA COMMITTEE ACTIONS OCTOBER 2016

Councillor Cooke declared a non-pecuniary interest as a governor on Summerside school.

The Highways Officer introduced the report that related to the progress update on Finchley and Golders that related to the progress update on Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee Actions.

The Chairman proposed voting on each recommendation separately.

The Committee unanimously agreed recommendation 1.

Councillor Cooke clarified that the roads in recommendation 2 should read as Friary Way and Valley Avenue.

The Committee unanimously agreed recommendations 2, 3 and 4.

Councillor Cooke also moved a motion to amend recommendation 5.

To instruct the Commissioning Director for Environment to propose, in consultation with the Ward Councillors, to introduce loading restrictions alongside the double yellow lines on the junction of Fallow Court Avenue and Montrose Crescent in order to prevent blue badge users parking on those lines and to liaise with the management of the nursery and the synagogue beforehand to discuss the potential impact to those disabled badge holders who may visit them. .

Councillor Cooke moved a second motion to instruct the Commissioning Director for Environment to install the proposed School Keep Clear markings, however this should be closer to the Fallow Court Avenue and Montrose Crescent junction, the exact location to be agreed in consultation with ward councillors and relevant stakeholders. The motion was duly seconded.

The Committee agreed the amendments to recommendation 5.

The Committee unanimously agreed recommendation 6.

On recommendation 7 the Chairman referred to a communication from the Commissioning Director for Environment that he did not think the proposed scheme on the Mesh Parking on the Green is good value for money.

Councillor Cooke mentioned that this matter affects the safety of children and that he believes that the mesh parking was included in the school travel plan which has been already agreed.

After considerable discussion the Chairman asked the Committee to vote on whether they wished to fund the Mesh Parking.

Votes	
For	3
Against	4
Abstain	0

Councillor Dean Cohen moved a motion for the school to liaise with the school travel plan officer to try and come up with a viable solution to ensure the safety of children of that school. The motion was duly seconded. The votes were recorded as follows:

Votes	
For	4
Against	0
Abstain	3

It was therefore **RESOLVED**:

1. That the Committee noted the update and actions set out in Appendix 1 of this report.
2. In the matter of Friary Way/Valley Avenue-Parking Review
 - i. That the Committee noted the update provided in this report on Friary Way/Valley Avenue and that a full report on the analysis of the consultation results with recommendation on proposed actions will be reported to the January Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee.
3. In the matter of Leslie Road/Leopold Road, N2-Parking Review
 - i. That the Committee noted that the update provided in this report on Leslie Road/Leopold Road and that a full report on the analysis of the consultation results on recommendation on proposed actions will be reported to the January Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee.
4. In the matter of Golders Gardens, NW11-Parking Review
 - i. That the Committee noted the update provided in this report on Golders Gardens and that a full report on the analysis of the consultation results with recommendation on proposed actions will be reported to the January Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee.
5. In the matter of Fallow Court Avenue –School Keep Clear Marking-Parking Review
 - i. That the Commissioning Director for Environment be instructed to install clear markings on the pavements alongside the junction of Fallow Court Avenue and Montrose Crescent in order to prevent blue badge users parking on those lines and liaise with the management of the nursery and the synagogue to make sure that visitors understand this change
 - ii. That the Commissioning Director for Environment be instructed to install School Keep Clear marking along the corner of the Fallow Court Avenue and Montrose Crescent junction in consultation with ward councillors and relevant stakeholders.
6. In the matter of Crescent Road – Traffic Improvement Scheme
 - i. That the Committee note the update provided in this report and confirm that the correct junction for the improvement for Site 2 is Dollis Park with Dollis Avenue.
7. In the matter of Summerside School-Mesh Parking on the Green (Woodhouse Open Space)

- i. That the Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee instructed the Commissioning Director for Environment and the Highways Officer for Re to propose a viable solution to ensure the safety of children of the Summerside School.

13a. MEMBER'S ITEM-JUNCTION OF REGENTS PARK ROAD/TILLINGBOURNE GARDENS N3-COUNCILLOR OLD

The Chairman introduced the item which related to his Member's item in relation to the Junction of Regents Park Road and Tillingbourne Gardens.

Councillor Old requested for the Committee to give consideration to budgetary approval of £7,500 in order for the Council to implement a a traffic island on Regents Park road and the removal of some parking bays around the junction.

The Committee unanimously agreed Councillor Old's proposal it was therefore **RESOLVED:**

- 1. That the Committee approved £7,500 investigate the installation of a traffic island on Regents Park road and the removal of some parking bays around the junction.**

13b. MEMBER'S ITEM-LEGIBLE LONDON-COUNCILLOR ZINKIN

Councillor Zinkin introduced his Member's item regarding Legible London. Councillor Zinkin stated that Legible London which offers directional information which will particularly useful in Cricklewood.

Councillor Zinkin requested that the Committee give consideration to budgetary approval of £5,000 for signage in Cricklewood and if the funding is not all used for this area, then it should be utilised to benefit another location in the Borough.

The Committee unanimously agreed and it was therefore **RESOLVED:**

That the Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee approved £5,000 from the Area Committee budget to install Legible London signage in the Cricklewood area and if the funding is not all used for this area, then it should be utilised to benefit another location in the borough.

14. MEMBERS' ITEMS – REQUESTS FOR FUNDING FROM FINCHLEY AND GOLDERS GREEN AREA COMMITTEE BUDGET

The Chairman introduced the item which related to requests for funding from the Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee budget.

The Chairman mentioned that the finance team suggested that the grant applications received from ADDISS and the Jewish Deaf Association might be referred from appropriately to the Community Leadership Committee for consideration.

The Chairman suggested that this item be deferred in order for guidance to be sought.

The Committee unanimously agreed.

It was therefore **RESOLVED:**

1. That the Committee agreed to defer the two grant applications in order for Members to receive guidance as to which is the most appropriate route for these applications.

15. FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

The Chairman added that he will discuss with officers and ensure that items agree this evening and at the Committee on 26 October are included on the forward work programme.

The Committee noted the forward work programme.

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

Councillor Cooke spoke regarding the accident at the Buxted Road/Ashurst Road N12 junction and proposed that Officers investigate how to make this junction safer in consultation with local residents, the Chairman and Ward Councillors.

Councillor Zinkin asked whether there is a protocol that outlines how to examine the roads where a serious accident has taken place.

Councillor Dean Cohen agreed to find out what the procedure is.

Having considered the urgent item, the Committee RESOLVED:

That officers be instructed to give immediate attention to safety concerns at this junction.

The Committee noted the proposed future Committee dates and Governance would contact Members to re-schedule the February meeting.

The meeting finished at 21:55