

Decisions of the Finchley & Golders Green Area Committee

17 October 2018

Members Present:-

Councillor Shimon Ryde (Chairman)
Councillor Rohit Grover (Vice-Chairman)

Councillor Dean Cohen Councillor Anne Hutton
Councillor Grocock Councillor Arjun Mittra
Councillor Ross Houston

Also in attendance

Lisa Wright – Traffic and Development Manager, LBB
Jamie Cooke – Assistant Director, Highways
Jacqueline Staples – Member Liaison Officer
Tracy Scollin – Governance Officer

1 **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

An error was noted (page 3 of the minutes, item 11: Postcode should be 'N2' rather than 'N12').

The minutes were approved subject to the above amendment.

2 **ABSENCE OF MEMBERS (IF ANY)**

There were no apologies.

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

None.

4 **REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER (IF ANY)**

None.

5 **PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS (IF ANY)**

Mr David McKenzie would speak on the Member's Item: 'Parking and traffic on Crewys Road, NW2'.

The Chairman announced a variation to the agenda order. The above item would be considered next.

6 **MEMBER'S ITEM: APPLICATION FOR COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY (CIL) FUNDING - PARKING AND TRAFFIC ON CREWYS ROAD, NW2 AND FLY TIPPING ON THE CORNER OF CREWYS ROAD AND CRICKLEWOOD LANE**

Councillor Ryde introduced his Member's Item: Matters relating to parking and traffic on Crewys Road, NW2.

Councillor Ryde invited Mr David McKenzie, a resident, to speak.

Mr McKenzie suggested that a review of the Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) be carried out with a view to the zone on Crewys Road being changed from H to C1. Currently the CPZ was in operation from 11am to noon only. Many more children were living in the area than before and many children crossed Nant Road to enter the alley which led to Childs Hill Park.

Councillor Ryde noted that an informal consultation in the area had shown that residents were keen to change the CPZ and Zone H was probably no longer appropriate. One option would be to have a CPZ operating for a longer time on one side of the road – or to have a microzone in the area of Crewys Road and surrounding streets. Crewys Road was at the edge of a CPZ which tended to encourage 'zone-hopping'. A 3-road zone might allow more flexibility.

Councillor Anne Clarke addressed the Committee. She suggested that investigations into electric car charging points be carried out at the same time as the consultation.

Councillor Clarke stated that she had asked the Strategic Director for Environment, Jamie Blake, about the reason for the bollards on Crewys Road and he had responded that they appeared to be redundant. Mr Cooke noted that it might be possible to remove the bollards as part of the dedicated programme for the removal of redundant street furniture. There would be an additional charge to investigate this.

Jamie Cooke, Assistant Director, Highways, would speak to Officers separately about the issue of flytipping on Crewys Road and the possibility of tree planting.

Councillor Cohen enquired whether electric charging points for Crewys Road could be investigated under the current rollout, as some were being introduced within lamp columns in Barnet.

The Chairman moved to the vote on the recommendations in the report.

The Committee unanimously RESOVED:

To approve funding of £3000 for an informal parking consultation (questionnaire and letter) to be carried out in Crewys Road and neighbouring roads. The roads to be included would be agreed with Ward Councillors. Both residents and business users would be included.

7 **MATTERS REFERRED FROM THE FINCHLEY AND GOLDERS GREEN AREA RESIDENTS FORUM (IF ANY)**

The Chairman introduced the item: Install speed monitoring on the Vale NW11. The petitioner was unable to attend the meeting.

Further to a discussion the Committee determined to ask Officers to carry out a speed survey and to meet with Ward Members to discuss the best locations to carry this out – the Committee determined to commit £2000 for this. The results would be reported back to a future meeting of the Area Committee. The lead petitioner would be informed of this decision by the Highways Department.

RESOLVED that the Committee note the petition and issue instructions as set out above.

8 **PETITIONS (IF ANY)**

None.

9 **AREA COMMITTEE GRANTS FUNDING**

The Chairman introduced the report, which updated the Committee on the budget allocations for the Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee for Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funding.

- The Chairman noted that one of the entries appeared to be incorrect. The Menorah scheme had been funded from Local Implementation Plans (LIP) funding. If correct this would provide £13k on top of the figure cited in the report of £46k available = **£59k**. The Finance Team would confirm this after the meeting.
- Councillor Mitra enquired on progress with Beresford Road/East Finchley CPZ. The process had begun in 2016. Officers agreed to update Councillor Mitra (copying in Councillor Ryde) following the meeting.
- Councillor Cohen asked about the Menorah scheme, in particular Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS). Officers would enquire after the meeting.
- Further to an enquiry Officers stated that speed surveys were being carried out on Churchfield Avenue, N12, and a report would follow at a future meeting.
- Councillor Grocock requested that the font on the spreadsheets be made larger for ease of reading.
- Councillor Hutton noted that according to the spreadsheet the agreed actions had not been carried out in relation to Ashurst Road – consultation with residents had not been discussed. Officers responded that a consultation had taken place on the Quietways Scheme. An update would be sent to Councillor Hutton, copying in Councillor Ryde.

Officers would respond on the above following the meeting.

RESOLVED that:

- 1. The Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee notes the amount available for allocation during 2018/19 – officers would confirm the final figure of £59k following the meeting rather than that cited in Appendix 1.**
- 2. The Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee notes the amount of re-allocated underspends and overspends in Section 2.1.**

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

A – Member's Item in the name of Councillor John Marshall: Temple Fortune Lane: Speed check with a view to installing VAS signs.

Further to consideration the Committee unanimously RESOLVED:

To approve funding of £2,000 for a speed survey, with the reports being reported back to a future meeting.

B – Member's Item in the name of Councillor Alison Moore: Barnwood Open Space, East Finchley: Request for funding to enable works to open up and secure a neglected piece of woodland adjacent to the new Tarling Road Community Hub as a community resource.

Further to consideration the Committee unanimously RESOLVED:

To approve funding of £12,000 to secure and bring back into community use the currently neglected piece of local greenspace. The work would include clearance and tree works, a bonded gravel pathway and replacement of the chain link fencing, plus possible new gate.

C – Member's Item in the name of Councillor Ross Houston: Parking in Park View Road, N3, and possible inclusion in the CPZ

Councillor Houston and a resident of Park View Road, the petitioner, spoke to the Committee. 95% of the residents of Park View Road had signed the petition. It was noted that three other roads were also not included in the CPZ.

It was noted that previously £30,000 funding had been allocated under Section 106 as part of the Finchley Memorial Hospital site. Lisa Wright would investigate the possibility of accessing this for the CPZ.

Further to consideration the Committee unanimously RESOLVED:

To approve funding of £3,000 for an informal consultation on extending the Monday-Friday CPZ to include Park View Road and neighbouring roads. The roads to be included would be agreed with Ward Councillors. Both residents and business users would be included.

D – Member's Item in the name of Councillor Rohit Grover: Address the damaged gates at the entrance to the Suburb at Hampstead Way/Finchley Road junction.

Further to consideration the Committee unanimously RESOLVED:

To approve funding of £1,600 to repair the gates.

11 **MEMBERS' ITEMS (IF ANY)**

None.

12 **ALEXANDRA GROVE/BALLARDS LANE, N12 JUNCTION - PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS**

At the invitation of the Chairman Officers presented the report which detailed the outcome of a revised safety review of pedestrian improvements on Alexandra Grove junction with Ballards Lane and including Moss Hall Crescent (N12).

Further to consideration of the report, the Chairman MOVED a motion to approve the Scheme subject to a further road safety audit on the Scheme. This was duly seconded.

It was unanimously RESOLVED:

1. **That the Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee note the review of the Alexandra Grove/Ballard's Lane pedestrian safety improvement as outlined in this report and the appendices to this report containing details of design proposals and safety investigations.**
2. **That the Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee agrees to implement recommended Scheme as shown on the drawing in Appendix 1 (subject to the above condition).**
3. **That the Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee notes that the cost of the scheme is estimated at £52,000 which is over the Area Committee limit of £25,000.**
4. **That the Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee notes that the scheme will be added to the 2019/20 Local Implementation Plan (LIP) work programme for consideration for funding, subject to meeting the qualifying criteria of the traffic schemes priority tool.**
5. **That if the Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee decide not to progress with the scheme in this report, no further action will be taken at this location.**

13 **THE VALE JUNCTION WITH GRANVILLE ROAD AND WAYSIDE, NW11**

At the invitation of the Chairman, Officers introduced the report, which detailed the outcome of a feasibility study to determine the viability of a zebra crossing on The Vale as a safer means for pedestrians wishing to cross to and from Basing Hill Park and Childs Hill Park.

Further to consideration of the report, the Committee unanimously RESOLVED:

1. **That the Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee note the review of The Vale pedestrian safety improvement as outlined in this report and the**

appendices to this report containing details of design proposals and safety investigations.

2. That the Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee agrees to implement the pedestrian safety scheme on The Vale NW11, as set out in this report and detailed in Appendix 1 and 2.
3. That the Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee notes that the cost of the scheme is estimated at £35,000 which is over the Area Committee limit of £25,000.
4. That the Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee notes that the scheme will be added to the 2019/20 Local Implementation Plan (LIP) work programme for consideration for funding, subject to meeting the qualifying criteria of the traffic schemes priority tool.
5. That if the Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee decide not to progress with the scheme in this report, no further action will be taken at this location.

14 **SOMERTON ROAD NW2 - WIDTH RESTRICTION - FEASIBILITY STUDY**

At the invitation of the Chairman, Officers introduced the report, which detailed the results of a feasibility study investigating measures to prevent Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGVs) entering Somerton Road from Claremont Road NW2 and vice versa.

Following consideration of the report, the Committee unanimously RESOLVED:

1. That the Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee notes the review of the improvements as outlined in this report and the appendices.
2. That the Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee gives instruction to the Strategic Director for Environment proposal to progress to detailed design and implementation, as outlined in drawing BC/001143-14-16_FS_100_01.
3. That the Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee authorise the Strategic Director for Environment to carry out a consultation on the preferred design.
4. That subject to no objections being received to the consultation, referred to in the recommendation, the Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee delegates the Strategic Director for Environment to implement the approved measure.
5. That the Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee agree that if any objections are received as a result of the consultation, referred to in the recommendation, the Strategic Director for Environment will in consultation with the relevant Ward Councillors, consider these objections and determine whether the approved proposal should be implemented or not, and if so, with or without modification.
6. That the Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee agree to allocate the funding for the agreed Option (CIL from this year's CIL Area Committee budget of £11,000 to design and carry out statutory consultation and, subject to the outcome of that consultation, introduce the approved scheme.

15 **FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME**

The Committee considered the Forward Work Programme.

RESOLVED that the Committee note the Forward Work Programme.

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

The meeting finished at 8.20 pm