

Decisions of the Finchley & Golders Green Area Committee

25 March 2015

Members Present:-

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

Councillor Geof Cooke
Councillor Kath McGuirk

Councillor Alon Or-Bach
Councillor Reuben Thompstone

1. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the meeting of the Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee held on 15 January 2015 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)

There were none.

4. REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER (IF ANY)

There was none.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS (IF ANY)

There were none.

6. MEMBERS' ITEMS (IF ANY)

There were none.

7. LCC PROPOSALS FOR FINCHLEY AND GOLDERS GREEN

The Chairman introduced the report. The Committee discussed the contents of the report and unanimously **RESOLVED**:

- That the Finchley & Golders Green Area Committee note the report.
- That the Finchley & Golders Green Area Committee make the following comments and instruct Officers to note these comments when making any recommendations to the Environment Committee for determination:
 1. Thought should be given to how difficult road networks in West Finchley Ward, specifically narrow roads and busy junctions, can appropriately accommodate proposed cycle routes.

2. That due consideration should be given to the viability of the A41 cycleway and the effect that it would have on space for parking in Childs Hill Ward.
3. That consideration should be given to how cycleways could affect parking capacity in all wards in Finchley and Golders Green.
4. That thought should be given to the Fortis Green pedestrian crossing and how this can be kept safe for both pedestrians and cyclists.
5. The Committee further expressed a view that a consistent approach to implementing cycle routes in the borough should be adopted, and that an effort to link Barnet cycle routes with neighbouring borough's cycleways should be considered.
6. That consideration should be given to broader safety issues – for instance main traffic arteries like the A1000. Specifically, a lack of pedestrian refuges in Finchley Church End is also a concern.
7. That restricting parking in Bishop's Avenue in Garden Suburb ward would be a concern because of the effect on Kenwood visitors.

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

The Chairman raised an urgent item relating to how the Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee could take a better ownership of issues and how the Committee should receive updates regarding decisions that are relevant to the remit of the Committee. The Committee unanimously **RESOLVED**:

- That officers will consult with the Chairman of the Committee on how these issues can be appropriately approached.

The Chairman raised two further urgent items and requested that officers circulate responses to the Committee following the meeting:

- The possible closure of Beechwood Avenue: residents have requested that this road be closed due to specific concerns regarding burglaries of properties on the road.
- Traffic issues relating to Crescent Road, including:
 - o Some drivers reportedly believe that the street is a one-way street, especially on approach to the bridge on this street where they struggle to see oncoming traffic.
 - o Some drivers reportedly making illegal turns into Crescent Road from the junction with Dollis Road and Nether Street.

The meeting finished at 8.16 pm