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|  | <p>Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee</p> <p>30 March 2016</p> |
| <p style="text-align: right;">Title</p> | <p>Petitions for the Committee's Consideration</p> |
| <p style="text-align: right;">Report of</p> | <p>Head of Governance</p> |
| <p style="text-align: right;">Wards</p> | <p>Various within Finchley and Golders Green Constituency</p> |
| <p style="text-align: right;">Status</p> | <p>Public</p> |
| <p style="text-align: right;">Urgent</p> | <p>No</p> |
| <p style="text-align: right;">Key</p> | <p>No</p> |
| <p style="text-align: right;">Enclosures</p> | <p>Appendix A: Improve road safety on Squires Lane, N3 Appendix B: Parking restrictions</p> |
| <p style="text-align: right;">Officer Contact Details</p> | <p>Salar Rida, Governance Officer Email: salar.rida@barnet.gov.uk Tel: 020 8359 7113</p> |

Summary

This item provides Members of the Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee with information relating to various petitions that have met the requisite number of signatures in order to be considered by the Committee.

Recommendations

1. That the Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee note the petitions received by the Council.
2. That following consideration of the petitions highlighted at 1.1, the Committee are requested to give instructions as outlined at section 5.4.1.

1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED

1.1 The Head of Governance was notified of three petitions that have over 25 signatures which relate to the Finchley and Golders Green constituency. Details of these petitions are as follow:

| Title of petition | Lead petitioner | Detail/text of petition | No. of signatures |
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| Improve road safety on Squires Lane | Lucy Clyde | <p>From one end where it joins East End Road, to the other end at the A1000/A406 junction, Squires Lane is a blackspot for speeding, dangerous driving, accidents, and near misses.</p> <p>We are requesting that the following actions are taken in order to make Squires Lane safe for all of its users:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Traffic calming measures along Squires Lane, including a 20mph speed limit, speed bumps, speed cameras, and road safety signs and markings. 2. Improvements to the crossing at the Squires Lane/Long Lane junction, including filter lights for drivers turning right and a longer crossing time for pedestrians. 3. A zebra crossing between Manorside and Tudor Schools. | 1491 (online and paper petition) |
| Reject Barnet Homes unilateral decision to remove service tenancies of housing caretakers | Tenants and residents of Elmshurst Crescent Estate | This petition calls on the council to reject Barnet Homes unilateral decision to remove service tenancies of housing caretakers forcing them to accept a flexible tenancy, possible eviction from their homes and a vast increase in rent for their accommodation. | 169 |
| Change parking restrictions times | E. Zographos | <p>We submit this petition asking for a change in parking restrictions from 9 am to 5 pm to a more reasonable 2pm to 3pm., within the residential roads mentioned above.</p> <p>Over the last few years many requests have been made for a</p> | 62 |

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| | | <p>change in the rather draconian parking restrictions in residential roads covering Torrington Park, Ravensdale Avenue, Friern Watch Avenue, Mayfield Avenue, Friary Road, Derwent Crescent and many more. Some roads within the borough have no restrictions at all, others have partial restrictions and others have ALL day restrictions. The residents of all these roads pay council tax but those with parking restrictions are paying parking charges in addition! It follows therefore that those with parking restrictions are penalised whereas those without are not.</p> | |
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- 1.2 In accordance with the Council's Constitution, Public Participation Rules, petitions which receive 25 signature and over but less than 2,000 will be considered by the relevant Area Committee.

2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 It is a constitutional requirement for Area Committees to consider petitions which receive 25 signature and over but less than 2,000.
- 2.2 There are no recommendations contained in this report. The instruction of the Area Committee is therefore requested.

3. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND NOT RECOMMENDED

- 3.1 Not applicable.

4. POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION

- 4.1 The Area Committee decisions will be minuted and any actions arising implemented through the relevant Commissioning Director or Committee as appropriate at a future meeting.

5. IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION

- 5.1.1 As and when issues raised through petitions are received such relating issues will need to be evaluated against the Corporate Plan and other relevant policies.

5.2 **Resources (Finance & Value for Money, Procurement, Staffing, IT, Property, Sustainability)**

5.2.1 None in the context of this report.

5.3 **Social Value**

5.3.1 Petitions provide an avenue for Members of the Public to request the Council to take an appropriate action. It is therefore and as identified within this report appropriate for the Chipping Barnet Area Committee to consider this petition which may lead to a future determination by the relevant Commissioning Director or Committee as appropriate at a future meeting.

5.4 **Legal and Constitutional References**

5.4.1 Council Constitution, Public Participation and Engagement – paragraph 6.6 provides that;

Petitions which receive over 25 signatures will be referred to the relevant Area Committee. The following actions are available to the Committee:

- Note the petition
- Ask officers to present a report to a future meeting of the Area Committee
- Formally refer to a relevant Committee
- Formally instruct an officer (within their powers) to take action
- To bring the matter to the attention of the Ward Councillors (who will consider and respond to the issue individually)

5.5 **Risk Management**

5.5.1 Failure to deal with petitions received from members of the public in a timely way and in accordance with the provisions of the Council's Constitution carries a reputational risk for the authority.

5.6 **Equalities and Diversity**

5.6.1 Pursuant to the Equality Act 2010 ("the Act"), the council has a legislative duty to have 'due regard' to eliminating unlawful discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under the Act; advancing equality of opportunity between those with a protected characteristic and those without; and promoting good relations between those with protected characteristics and those without. The 'protected characteristics' are age, race, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy, and maternity, religion or belief and sexual orientation. The 'protected characteristics' also include marriage and civil partnership, with regard to eliminating discrimination.

5.7 **Consultation and Engagement**

5.7.1 None in the context of this report.

5.8 **Insight**

5.9 The Council Constitution, Public Participation and Engagement provides a function that enables residents to engage with the Council. This process offers the opportunity for residents to bring a matter to the attention of the Council and therefore requests that an action be considered and determined as outlined at section 5.1 of this report.

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

6.1 The submitted petitions to the Council.