



Chipping Barnet Area Committee

6 July 2016

Title	Petitions for the Committee's Consideration
Report of	Head of Governance
Wards	Various within Chipping Barnet Constituency
Status	Public
Urgent	No
Key	No
Enclosures	
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Summary

This item provides Members of the Chipping Barnet 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 Chipping Barnet Area Committee note the petition received by the Council.
2. That following consideration of the petition highlighted at 1.1 of the report the Chipping Barnet Area Committee are requested to give instructions as outlined at section 6.4.1.

1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED

- 1.1 The Head of Governance was notified of one petition which has over 25 signatures relating to the Chipping Barnet constituency. Details of the petition is as follow:

Title of petition	Lead petitioner	Detail/text of petition	No. of signatures
Objection to proposed Traffic Orders Ref SCR121	Mr Denyer	Hereby register our objection to the Barnet (Free parking Places, Loading places, Waiting Loading and Stopping Restrictions) (Amendment No.) Order 20** The Barnet (Charged for Parking Places) (Amendment No.) Order 20** affecting Ridgeview Road and Charnwood Place N20, on the grounds that the proposed parking restrictions would seriously hamper the ability of North London Hospice to provide its free charitable services to the residents of the Borough, seek to reduce congestion where none exists, would create congestion elsewhere by displacing parked vehicles to other local Borough locations	228
The Ridgeway Petition / Copetts Ward	Fred Mayer Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator	Residents call upon the Local Authority to take action to change the perception of the road for drivers which currently suffers from the combined effects of "rat running," traffic and junctions at either end which require some redesign. There are serious concerns about cut through traffic and it's effects. The issue was raised with a councillor during the North Circular Road(NCR) improvement scheme. We were then advised to wait for the scheme to be completed so that it's improvements could be properly felt. At the time the scheme included funding for road works in the immediate vicinity to reduce rat running in back streets. This did not include The Ridgeway. Since the NCR scheme, westerly traffic flows on the NCR have improved but easterly flows have become considerably worse. The Council know this and are aware there is a problem but have taken no action to help us. Overflow traffic on Friern Barnet Road is often static and The Ridgeway becomes a "rat running," bypass. Evenings are the worst period, going down the road. School traffic and parking has also increased. It is reasonable to expect works to be carried out on our road now to reduce the effects. Few cars go above 35 mph though there are some drivers who accelerate hard up or down on our straight road. Part of the problem is about the number of cars reaching 30+ mph early in the road	56

		<p>and travelling the full length at the speed, one after the other like a train. It is particularly dangerous for children and elderly pedestrians and when people are trying to get out of their drive between parked cars.</p> <p>The junction at the top with Friern Barnet Lane has become a problem with increased parking and drivers trying to nip across into The Ridgeway in front of oncoming traffic. There have been several serious accidents associated with the junction and pedestrian crossing going into the park. A few cars have ended up on the pavement at the top of the Ridgeway.</p> <p>The junction with Bethune Avenue is often grid locked during school run periods.</p> <p><i>We the residents of The Ridgeway call upon the Council to take immediate action to:-</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discourage rat running along The Ridgeway and improve the junctions with Friern Barnet Lane and Bethune Avenue. Works should not include humps. • Address local schools, formally asking them to encourage and frequently remind parents that healthy walking schemes and collaborative approaches to essential car usage should be adopted. Press St John's <i>not</i> to close it's rear entrance as they intend to do in September. • To formally press for initiatives from TfL to resolve issues causing problems with easterly traffic flows on the NCR in order to reduce local high pollution levels and "rat running," into the outlying side roads. • And <i>specifically</i> or better to change the "feel," and perception of the road by:- <p>Installing a large wide island and raised crossover/entry at the top of The Ridgeway. The island preferably being designed to provide for car only <i>entry</i> at slow speed. The exit also being reduced whilst still allowing for all large vehicles. These to be combined with increased parking restrictions at the very top of The Ridgeway and others to make the junction with Friern Barnet Lane and the nearby pedestrian crossing safer. Large explicit signs should be installed on the island.</p> <p>Examples:- Slow, Lorry exit only, etc. Additional white Slow signs to be on the road just after the</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

- 4.1 Not applicable.

5 POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION

- 5.1 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.

6 IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION

- 6.1.1 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.
- 6.2 **Resources (Finance & Value for Money, Procurement, Staffing, IT, Property, Sustainability)**
- 6.2.1 None in the context of this report.
- 6.3 **Social Value**
- 6.3.1 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.
- 6.4 **Legal and Constitutional References**
- 6.4.1 Council Constitution, Public Participation and Engagement – section 7.6 outlines 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)
- 6.5 **Risk Management**
- 6.5.1 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.

6.6 Equalities and Diversity

- 6.6.1 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.

6.7 Consultation and Engagement

- 6.7.1 None in the context of this report.

6.8 Insight

- 6.9 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.

7 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 7.1 The submitted petitions to the Council.