	<p>Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee</p> <p>6 July 2016</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Title</p>	<p>Summerside School – Mesh Parking on the Green (Woodhouse Open Space)</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Report of</p>	<p>Commissioning Director for Environment</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Wards</p>	<p>Woodhouse</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>None</p>
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Summary
<p>This report details the cost of providing grass reinforcement parking mesh on Woodhouse Open Space, Ingleway, N12, adjacent to Ingle Way, Crescent Way and Garth Way.</p>

Recommendations
<p>1. That the Committee note the costings of £47,500 to provide grass mesh parking on Woodhouse Open Space, Ingle Way and note that as the value of the scheme is in excess of the £25,000 Area Budget the scheme will be escalated to the Environment Committee.</p>

2. That the Committee, having noted the above in 1, give instruction to the Commissioning Director for Environment to report the proposal to the Environment Committee for the purpose of funding the scheme from an agreed budget prior to progress of the scheme to detailed design, public, consultation and implementation.

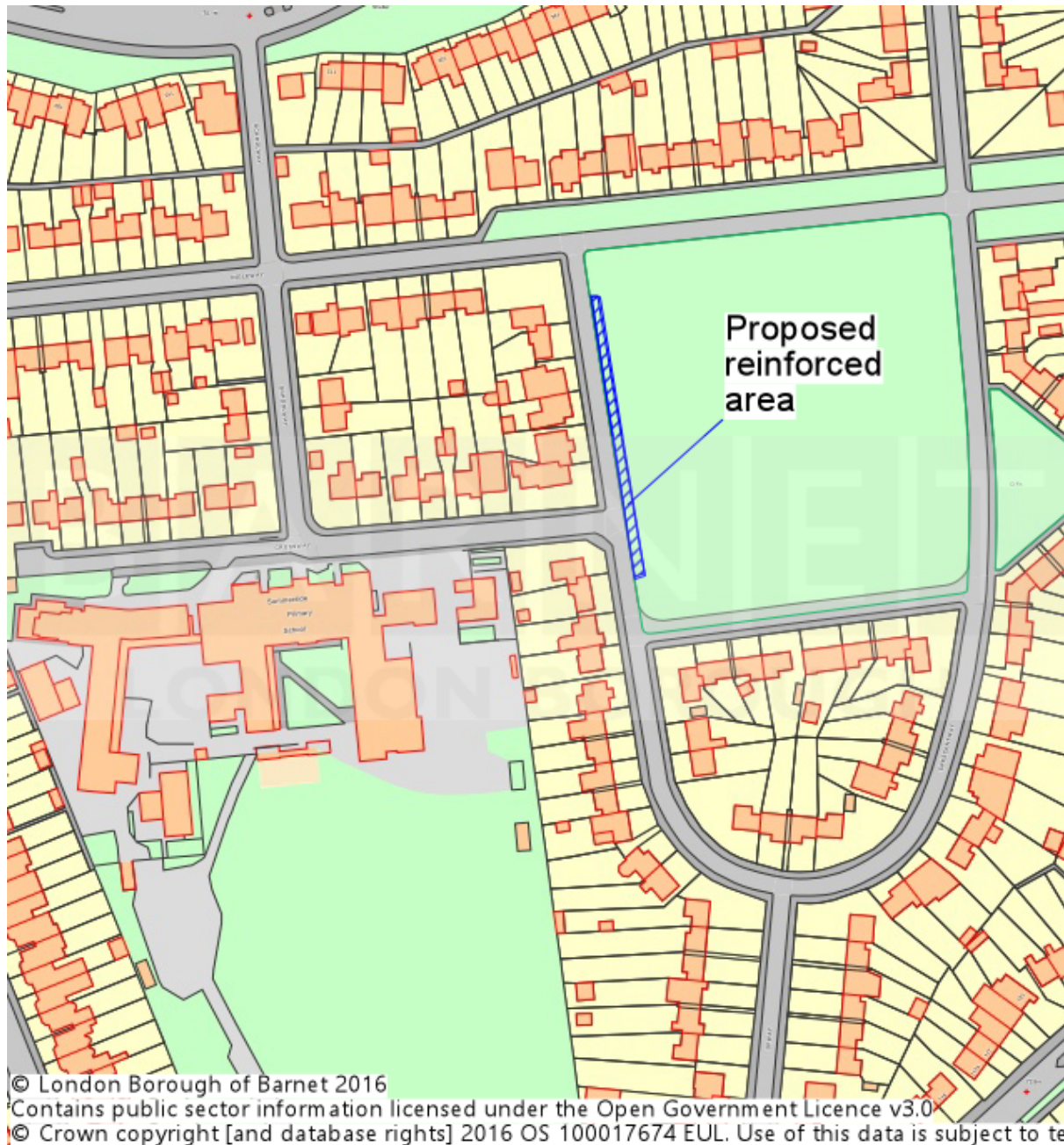
1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED

- 1.1 Concerns have been raised regarding obstructive parking around Summerside School on Crossway, N12.
- 1.2 At the 30 March 2016 Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee, item 9 considered the Progress update on Finchley and Golders Green Committee Actions. The Committee resolved that an officer's report should be brought to its next meeting detailing approximate funding costs in relation to a proposal for mesh parking on the Green near Summerside School.
- 1.4 Grass reinforcement parking mesh is a slip resistant polyethylene grid for reinforcing and protecting grassed surfaces prone to wear, rutting and smearing which can result in a muddy surface incapable of withstanding vehicles or pedestrians.
- 1.5 The grass reinforcement parking mesh should be left unused until the grass has grown through the plastic net, normally after a few weeks during the growing season rising to a few months out of the growing season. This is to allow the grass to fully grow through the grass reinforcement net and allow the grass to create the strong interlock with the mesh. If the surface is used immediately grass growth may take a longer period of time and may limit the effectiveness of the product initially.



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- 1.6 The area in question for the provision of the grass reinforcement parking mesh on Woodhouse Open Space, Ingle Way, N12 is approximately 180 square metres (60m x 3m) and is shown below. There is also an allowance for the initial treatment including topsoil and seed/turf. There is a requirement to provide and maintain temporary fencing along the kerbline to prevent parking until grass has established through the mesh.



Costings

- 1.7 The cost of providing the grass reinforcement parking mesh, including topsoil and seed/turf and the temporary fencing is estimated at £47,500.

2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 As the cost of the grass reinforcement parking mesh in excess of the £25,000 Area Committee Budget allowance the recommendation is that the matter is referred to the Environment Committee for consideration and funding.

3. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND NOT RECOMMENDED

- 3.1 Alternative Option would be not to proceed with the implementation of the grass reinforcement parking mesh however this would not address the parking concerns that have been raised in the area.

4. POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION

- 4.1 If the report's recommendations are approved, the scheme would be referred to the Environment Committee for consideration and funding.

5. IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION

5.1 Corporate Priorities and Performance

- 5.1.1 The proposals here will particularly help to address the Corporate Plan delivery objectives of “a clean and attractive environment, with well-maintained roads and pavements, flowing traffic” and “a responsible approach to regeneration, with thousands of new homes built” by helping residents to feel confident moving around their local area on foot, and in a vehicle and contribute to reduced congestion.

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

- 5.2.1 The cost of implementing the mesh parking would be £47,500, therefore as the value of the scheme is in excess of the £25,000 Area Budget the scheme will need to be escalated to the Environment Committee for funding to be allocated to the scheme.

- 5.2.2 The estimated implementation costs of this recommendation are (based on prices contained in Year 2, Volume 4 Adjusted Rates – London Highways Alliance Contract (LoHAC) Northwest1).

- 5.2.3 If agreed, the work will be carried out under the existing LoHAC term maintenance contractual arrangements.

5.3 Social Value

- 5.3.1 None in the context of this report.

5.4 Legal and Constitutional References

- 5.4.1 The Council's Constitution, Annex A headed “Responsibility for Functions” and under heading of Area Committees, paragraph (2) states that the Area

Committee “May Discharge any functions, within budget and policy framework agreed by Policy and Resources, of the theme committees that they agree are more properly delegated to a more local level” and includes discharging of function for local highways and safety , within the boundaries of their areas in accordance with Council policy and within budget. The terms of reference for this Committee includes the provision:

“Area committees should not deal with issues that are specifically within the remit of other committees (e.g. Licensing), that should be exercised at a Borough wide level or that are outside the budget and policy and framework.”

5.5 Risk Management

5.5.1 None in the context of this report. Risk management may be required for work resulting from this report.

5.6 Equalities and Diversity

5.6.1 The 2010 Equality Act Section 149 outlines the provisions of the Public Sector Equalities Duty which requires Public Bodies to have due regard to the need to:

- eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Equality Act 2010
- advance equality of opportunity between people from different groups
- foster good relations between people from different groups.

5.6.2 Proposed changes associated with the proposal are not expected to disproportionately disadvantage or benefit members of the community.

5.7 Consultation and Engagement

5.7.1 If approved by the Environment Committee, a public consultation will be carried out on the proposals and details of the proposals will also be outlined on the council’s website.

5.8 Insight

5.8.1 None in relation to this report.

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

6.1 Minutes of the Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee on 30 March 2016.

<https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/g8267/Printed%20minutes%2030th-Mar-2016%2019.00%20Finchley%20Golders%20Green%20Area%20Committee.pdf?T=1>