

	<p>Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee</p> <p>6 July 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: Petition – Pavilion Building Cherry Tree Wood</p>
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<p>Summary</p>
<p>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.</p>

<p>Recommendations</p>
<p>1. That the Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee note the petitions received by the Council.</p>
<p>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.</p>

1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED

1.1 The Head of Governance was notified of five 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
Greenfield Gardens, NW2 1HT resurfacing	Adele Wright	To request urgent consideration to resurface both the pavements and the road. The pavements are in bad condition with an uneven surface and frequent humps and dips which are dangerous to walk on especially for the elderly and children. The road has numerous putholes which are damaging to residents' vehicles. We would accordingly appreciate early inspection of the pavements and road and providing us with a formal reply as to when we can expect resurfacing. The pavements are in bad condition with an uneven surface and frequent humps and dips which are dangerous to walk on especially for the elderly and children.	100
Summers Lane N12, crossing	Vivienne Smith	To request a crossing of Summers Lane N12 near the sheltered housing at Christchurch Close. Elderly residents need to cross the road to walk to and from bus stops but the traffic often makes that a significant challenge.	72
Width Restriction The Vale, NW11	Maureen Byrne	Petition against the removal and for the re-instatement of the Width Restriction on The Vale.	120
Put a zebra crossing at the top of Alexandra Grove N12 and corner of Ballards lane	Noa Mendelssohn	We the undersigned petition the council to Put a zebra crossing at the top of Alexandra Grove N12 and corner of Ballards lane. At the top of Alexandra Grove and Ballards Lane there are no provisions for pedestrians to cross the road safely. Cars are	43

		traveling very fast without the ability to stop safely for pedestrians.	
Make the Pavilion Building in Cherry Tree Wood safe	Debbie Linton (secretary The Friends of Cherry Tree Wood)	<p>We petition the Council to liaise with the leaseholder of the pavilion building in Cherry Tree Wood (East Finchley) and make the site safe.</p> <p>Barnet Council leased out the pavilion building in Cherry Tree Wood several years ago. Since then there has been very little progress on the renovation work undertaken by the leaseholder. Furthermore, the building has been left in an extremely unsafe condition, with totally inadequate fencing around the site. It has become an urgent health and safety issue. In addition the dilapidated building has been attracting anti-social behaviour, and now there has been serious crime in the wood. Previously the area was extremely safe.</p> <p>Barnet Council urgently need to liaise with the current leaseholder to resolve this issue before there is another serious incident. Cherry Tree Wood has a high number of visitors on a daily basis (including use of the recreational facilities, school trips and school sports day events). The derelict building has totally changed the feel of the wood and the feel of surrounding area.</p>	308

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. The actions available to the Committee are set out at section 5.4.1.

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 Finchley and Golders Green 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.