

	<p>Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee</p> <p>26 October 2016</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Title</p>	<p>Proposed Parking Review of the North Finchley Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) - Cost Estimate</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Report of</p>	<p>Commissioning Director - Environment</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Wards</p>	<p>Woodhouse, Totteridge and West Finchley</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Status</p>	<p>Public</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Urgent</p>	<p>No</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Key</p>	<p>No</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Enclosures</p>	<p>Drawing no. 20493.29c Existing North Finchley CPZ Plan</p>
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Summary

This report sets out the requirements of a review of parking in North Finchley Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) and the cost estimates for carrying out the review including an informal consultation. This report does not detail the cost of the implementation any changes that come out of the review as the scope of the amendments is not yet known.

Recommendations

1. That the Area Committee notes the content of the report in relation to a review of parking in North Finchley CPZ.
2. That the Area Committee decides whether a parking review should be undertaken in the North Finchley CPZ by way of an informal consultation with all those living and operating in properties in the North Finchley CPZ.

3. That, subject to the decision made in 2. above, the Area Committee agreed funding of £8,000 from their Area Committee Budget for the informal consultation.
4. That subject to the decision made in 2. above, and the funding being made available as referred to in 3. above, the outcome of any informal consultation in reported back to a future meeting of the Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee for a decision on how to proceed.

1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED

- 1.1 A petition was reported to the 30 March 2016 Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee requesting a review if the all-day 9am – 5pm parking restrictions in the NF zone of the North Finchley Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ). The petition was signed by 62 signatories. The petition stated:

'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.

Over the last few years many requests have been made for a 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.'

- 1.2 At the Committee the matter was escalated to the 10 May Environment Committee for consideration. Ward Member Cllr Alan Schneiderman introduced the item and requested that the North Finchley CPZ be considered and included in a CPZ review.
- 1.3 The Chairman suggested that a full report is produced and reported to the Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee which includes all cost implications.
- 1.4 While the petition contained 62 signatures, records indicate that there are more than 6,000 properties which fall within the North Finchley CPZ, the extent of which is shown on Drawing no. 20493.29c.
- 1.4 Consequently Officers consider that the petition in itself is not necessarily a mandate that further action should be taken, and the Committee is asked, having considered the content of the petition and this report, to decide whether a review of the North Finchley CPZ should be undertaken.
- 1.5 If it is decided that a review should be undertaken, Officers consider that this should entail an informal consultation (letter and questionnaire) as this would give every household and business in the CPZ the opportunity to give their views.

- 1.6 Depending on the response rate and content of responses, this should then give the council a clearer understanding of whether there are any parking issues across the area, and subsequently help determine whether there is sufficient demand for any changes to be made to the CPZ.
- 1.7 The cost carrying out an informal consultation, including analysis of the responses, liaising with Ward Councillors regarding the findings, and reporting the findings to the relevant Committee will be approximately £8,000.
- 1.9 For information, an approximate cost of the signage changes a wholesale reduction in hours of the Monday to Saturday 9am to 5pm CPZ would entail would be in the region of £50,000, plus advertising costs and all Officer time in any future statutory consultation and implementation processes.

2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 As the petition was only received from a small percentage of the residents within the existing CPZ, Officers consider that this is not necessarily a reflection of others that further action should be taken. As such the Committee is asked to decide whether a wider informal consultation should be undertaken. This would give the council a clearer understanding of the parking issues in the area and help determine whether any changes should be made in the area.

3. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND NOT RECOMMENDED

- 3.4 In considering the petition and costs, the Committee may consider not to review parking in the North Finchley CPZ area and the controls should remain unchanged.

4. POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION

- 4.1 That should it be decided that the North Finchley CPZ should be reviews, the results of the informal consultation are reported back to a future meeting of the Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee for consideration and a recommendation for future action.

5. IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION

5.1 Corporate Priorities and Performance

- 5.1.1 Improving parking and traffic conditions in the North Finchley CPZ and effectively managing the traffic movement throughout the local road network contributes to the Corporate Plan priority "A Successful London Suburb" and contribute to strategic objectives of "keeping Barnet moving through the efficient management of the roads and pavements network" by improving the quality of life for residents through affording them better parking protection and by improving the traffic and parking conditions, contributing to "The Sustainable Community Strategy for Barnet 2010-2020.

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

5.2.1 The estimated costs of carrying out a review of the North Finchley CPZ, are estimated to be £8,000. These costs could be met from the Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee Budgets.

5.3 Social Value

The Public Services (Social Value) Act 2013 requires people who commission public services to think about how they can also secure wider social, economic and environmental benefits. This report does not relate to procurement of services contracts.

5.4 Legal and Constitutional References

5.4.1 The Traffic Management Act 2004 places obligations on authorities to ensure the expeditious movement of traffic on their road network. Authorities are required to make arrangements as they consider appropriate for planning and carrying out the action to be taken in performing the duty.

5.4.2 The Council's Constitution (Responsibility for Functions, Annex A) provides that in the area covered by the committee and within the budget and policy framework the Area Committees can discharge functions including those related to local highways and safety schemes.

5.5 Risk Management

5.5.1 It is not considered the issues involved are likely to give rise to policy considerations as any amendments to the CPZ would improve parking provision for residents and improve the traffic flow by helping to disperse local traffic into the wider network of local roads.

5.5.2 It is considered the issues involved amending a CPZ may lead to some level of public concern from local residents who feel do not wish for the CPZ to be amended, or from residents of other roads in the area concerned about commuter parking being displaced into their road or network of roads. However, for both issues, it is considered that adequate consultation across a sufficient area will ensure that members of the public have the opportunity to comment in any informal consultation exercise or to any statutory consultation on any proposed CPZ, which will then be assessed and incorporated into this report and design if necessary.

5.6 Equalities and Diversity

- 5.6.1 Street design should be inclusive, providing for all people regardless of age or ability. There is a general duty for public authorities to promote equality under the 2010 Equality Act. There is also a specific obligation for those who design, manage and maintain buildings and public spaces to ensure that disabled people play a full part in benefiting from, and shaping, an inclusive built environment.
- 5.6.2 Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 requires a decision-maker to have 'due regard' to achieving a number of equality goals: (i) to eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by the Act; (ii) to advance equality of opportunity between those with protected characteristics and those without; and (iii) to foster good relations between persons with a relevant protected characteristic and those without. The relevant protected characteristics are age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation. It also covers marriage and civil partnership with regard to eliminating discrimination.
- 5.6.3 The safety elements incorporated into the CPZ design and resultant traffic movements benefit all road users equally as they would improve safety and traffic flow at those locations.

5.7 Consultation and Engagement

- 5.7.1 Subject to review being agreed, an informal consultation in the North Finchley CPZ will be undertaken and details of the consultation will be outlined on the council's website.

5.8 Insight

- 5.8.1 None in relation to this report.

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 6.1 30 March 2016 Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee
<https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s30844/Petitions.pdf>

- 6.2 12 May 2016 Environment Committee Report.

<https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s31759/Referred%20from%20Finchley%20and%20Golders%20Green%20Area%20Committee.pdf>