

	<p><u>Finchley and Golders Green</u> <u>Area Committee</u></p> <p>26 October 2016</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Title</p>	<p>Petition for the Committee’s Consideration (Granville Road)</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>None</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
Granville Road	Ms Maimaris	<p>The overwhelming majority of people we spoke to do not want a cheaper tarmac surface on the pavements if this is indeed the proposal. There are many concerns about how it will look, that it will bring down the appearance of the road, that it will be uneven, that it won't last and will crack, that it will become sticky in the summer, that it will encourage even more vehicle drivers to mount the pavement.</p> <p>We also asked residents whether they were consulted about this in any way by Barnet Council and no resident we spoke to had been consulted in any way. The letter gives only 2 weeks advance notice of the works and when you ring the number given in tiny print at the bottom, you are given a ref no but no one from the actual team calls back. i have called five times and had no response. I call this very poor practice from Barnet Council, a Council which purports to listen to its residents. Most local authorities have a policy of getting back to residents within 2 working days. We would like to know why we have not been consulted. If indeed the proposal is tarmac, why has Granville Road been singled out in this way?</p> <p>I attach signatures from the 31 Granville Road residents who object to tarmac. Of these, while the works are being done, 21 would like to see measures put in place to make Granville Road safer for residents, to prevent vehicles from mounting the pavements, driving down the pavements and speeding down the road. Walking down the road,</p>	31

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		<p>especially the end near to the Conservative Offices, one feels vulnerable. When you are walking with a child you are at risk of being hit by something mounting the pavement while driving and indeed this nearly happened to my husband.</p> <p>Residents would like a consultation on this. We'd like to feel as Council Tax payers we have a say in what happens to the road we live on.</p> <p>We were unable to talk to every resident on the street and ask people living in flats due to time but I imagine for many of these residents it would be the same - that they had not heard and that they were unclear from the letter as to what the Council is proposing.</p>	

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.

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6. **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

6.1 The submitted petitions to the Council.