	Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee 30 November 2016
Title	Progress update on Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee Actions October 2016
Report of	Commissioning Director for Environment
Wards	Golders Green, Finchley Church End, West Finchley, Woodhouse, East Finchley, Garden Suburb, Childs Hill
Status	Public
Urgent	No
Key	No
Enclosures	Appendix 1 – Progress update report on actions requested by Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee Appendix 2 - Friary Road/Valley Way – Parking Review Appendix 3 - Lesile Road/Leopold Road, N2 – Parking Review Appendix 4 - Golders Gardens, NW11 – Parking Review
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Summary

This report provides Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee with an update on the actions agreed by the Committee, on-going Committee approved schemes and new requests that were approved at the July 2016 Committee.

Appendix 1 of this report provides a summary of the actions requested by the Committee, progress made to date, action required by officers and recommendations to be considered by Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee.

Recommendations

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| 1. That the Committee notes the update and actions set out in Appendix 1 of this report. |
| 2. In the matter of Friary Road/Valley Way – Parking Review
i. That the Committee note the update provided in this report on Friary Road/Valley Way and that a full report on the analysis of the consultation results with recommendation on proposed actions will be reported to the January Finchley and Golders Green Area committee. |
| 3. In the matter of Lesile Road/Leopold Road, N2 – Parking Review
i. That the Committee note the update provided in this report on Lesile Road/Leopold Road and that a full report on the analysis of the consultation results with recommendation on proposed actions will be reported to the January Finchley and Golders Green Area committee. |
| 4. In the matter of Golders Gardens, NW11 – Parking Review
i. That the Committee note the update provided in this report on Golders Gardens and that a full report on the analysis of the consultation results with recommendation on proposed actions will be reported to the January Finchley and Golders Green Area committee. |
| 5. In the matter of Fallow Court Avenue – School Keep Clear Marking – Parking Review
i. That the Committee note the update provided in this report on objection received to the proposed School Keep Clear Marking on Fallow Court Avenue, and having considered the objections and the officer comments, instruct the Commissioning Director for Environment to commission Officers to proceed with the implementation of the markings with the reduced operational hours. |
| 6. In the matter of Crescent Road – Traffic Improvement Scheme
i. That the Committee note the update provided in this report and confirm that the correct junction for the improvement for Site 2 is Dollis Park with Dollis Avenue. |
| 7. In the matter of Summerside School – Mesh Parking on the Green (Woodhouse Open Space)
i. That the Committee note the update provided in this report and confirm if they agree to fund the Mesh Parking on the Green at a cost of £25,000 from the Area Committee Budget. |

1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED

- 1.1 This report provides a progress update and recommended actions of the actions requested by the Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee. These are referenced for the purpose of tracking progress and reporting back to future Committee meetings.

2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 The recommendations provide an update on progress and action following 6 July 2016 F&GG Area Committee.
- 2.2 Appendix 1 provides a progress update on these progress update on all action/schemes previously approved for progression by the F&GG Area Committee. It should be noted that not all of these schemes are Area Committee funded but some are funded using alternative funding such as Local Implementation Plan (LIP) funding 16/17 and/or the 16/17 Capital allocation for Pavement Work.

Friary Road/Valley, - Parking Review

- 2.3 With reference to the item on Friary Road/Valley Way, parking review an informal consultation was carried out on 22 September until 14 October 2016. The initial findings are set out in Appendix 2.

Leslie Road, N2, - Parking Review

- 2.4 With reference to the item on Leslie Road (and Leopold Road), parking review an informal consultation was carried out on 22 September until 14 October 2016. The initial findings are set out in Appendix 3.

Golders Gardens, NW11, - Parking Review

- 2.5 With reference to the item on Leslie Road (and Leopold Road), parking review an informal consultation was carried out on 22 September until 14 October 2016. The initial findings are set out in Appendix 4.

Fallow Court Avenue N12 – Objections to the proposed School Keep Clear Markings.

- 2.6 The statutory consultation for the proposed school keep clear “no stopping” restrictions commenced on 26 May 2016 and fifteen objections were received during the consultation period.
- 2.7 A summary of the objections is as follows:

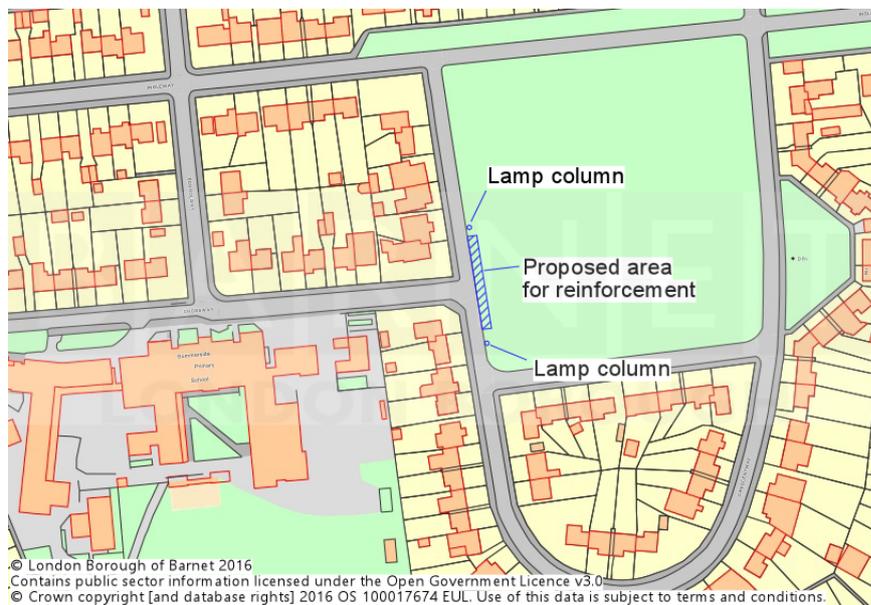
- That there is no school at the location and therefore the proposed restrictions are not necessary;
 - That the proposed restrictions are unnecessarily too long;
 - That the proposed restrictions would make it more difficult to park in the road;
 - That the restrictions are proposed to operate for longer than required as the kindergarten starts at 8.15am and closes at 3pm.
- 2.8 Additional comments were made about the use of the Synagogue building and the lack of parking enforcement of existing double yellow lines in the road. Furthermore the Synagogue requested additional periods for the restrictions to apply based on the usage of their building.
- 2.9 Having considered the objections received it is acknowledged that the implementation of school keep clear “no stopping” restrictions would reduce the amount of available kerbside space used by motorists to park their vehicles, and although it is considered by some members of the community that the proposed restrictions are too long, Officers have sought to keep the extent of restrictions to a minimum although legislation dictates the minimum lengths of this type of restrictions.
- 2.10 Although the proposal is for a “School Keep Clear” restriction, the restriction can be used at other locations where children can be expected to be picked up and dropped off, including nurseries and kindergartens.
- 2.11 The proposed operational hours of 7.45am to 6.30pm was determined having considered local representations regarding the parking issues associated with the Synagogue, however, Officers do concede that that the proposal was designed to address more than the Kindergarten parking issues. The Synagogue itself has requested additional restrictions to assist other activities.
- 2.12 It is considered that the provision of a school keep clear “no stopping” restriction has merit, however it is also considered that, in light of the local concern, that the proposal should be amended to seek to alleviate residents’ concerns about parking near their homes. It is therefore recommended that the proposal be amended so the restriction operates between 8am and 3.15pm, Monday to Friday.
- 2.13 Funding for the implementation of the school keep clear restrictions has previously been approved and no additional funding is required to implement them.

Crescent Road – Traffic Improvement Scheme

- 2.14 A report was submitted to the 13 January 2016 F&GG Area Committee concerning Crescent Road – Issue concerning illegal turns from Nether Street and Dollis Park. Although the minutes of the decision have been approved it has been noted that there was an error on the report and the for Site 2 the incorrect junction was referred to.
- 2.15 It is requested that the minutes can be amended to change the location of Site 2 from at the junction of Dollis Park and Lyndhurst Gardens to the correct location of the at the junction of Dollis Park with Dollis Avenue.

Summerside School – Mesh Parking on the Green (Woodhouse Open Space)

- 2.16 The plan shows the approximate area of grass reinforcement parking mesh that could be provided with £25,000 (approximately 90 square metres (30m x 3m) This length would allow parking for 5/6 vehicles.



- 2.17 The parking area has been located between to lamp columns to try to reduce any overspill parking remaining section of the Green, however, it is noted that parking does currently occur outside this area which could continue to damage the grass verge.



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- 2.18 The Committee area requested to confirm if they agree to fund the Mesh Parking on the Green at a cost of £25,000 from the Area Committee Budget.

3. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND NOT RECOMMENDED

- 3.1 Officers have assessed the appropriate actions needed to progress the requests of the F&GG Area Committee and have set out the appropriate recommendations. There are no alternative options to consider. However, the Committee could decide not to proceed with the recommended options or commission further feasibility studies or detailed design.

4. POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION

- 4.1 Following the decision of the committee, actions listed in the progress report (Appendix 1) will be followed up, commissioned and tracked. Reports will be provided to a future Committee where stated. The Commissioning Director for Environment is responsible for maintaining a log of actions arising from area committees and commissioning the works. The Commissioning Director for Environment will ensure that items are progressed to committees for decisions and/or updates as and when required.

5. IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION

5.1 Corporate Priorities and Performance

- 5.1.1 The Area Committee Budgets contribute to the objectives as set out in the Council's 2015-2020 Corporate Plan:

That Barnet's local environment will be clean and attractive, with well-maintained roads and pavements, flowing traffic, increased recycling and less waste sent to landfill.

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

- 5.2.1 The cost implications of the actions requested by the Committee for the individual schemes were agreed at previous F&GG Area Committees. These will be funded from the budget for the area committee or the 2016/17 Capital

allocation for Pavement Work.

- 5.2.2 The Committee should note that there are possible further cost implications to the council relating to the individual schemes. These costs will be detailed in the proposed update reports or specific scheme reports presented at future Committee meetings for Members to consider and authorise, reject or refer to the Environment Committee.
- 5.2.3 Scheme funded using The LIP funding 'Corridors, Neighbourhoods and Supporting Measures Programmes 2015/16 and 2016/17' are detailed in Appendix 1. For the LIP 2016/17 Programme and of the £3,4013,000 allocation £1,300,000 has been identified for the following generic areas, Traffic Management and Road Safety Programme (£500,000), School Travel Schemes Programme (£500,000), Parking Review Programme (£100,000) and 20mph Schemes programme (£200,000).

5.3 Social Value

- 5.3.1 Not relevant to this report

5.4 Legal and Constitutional References

- 5.4.1 Under the Council's Constitution, 15A Responsibility for Functions, Annex A – the terms of reference of the Area Committees includes to:
- Discharge any functions, within the budget and policy framework agreed by Policy and Resources Committee, of the theme committees that they agree are more properly delegated to a local level including but not limited to local highways and safety schemes;
 - Administer any local budget delegated from Policy and Resources Committee for these committees in accordance with the framework set by the Policy and Resources Committee.”
 - Powers to deal with small public works.
- 5.4.2 The Traffic Management Act 2004 places obligation 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.
- 5.4.3 The Council as the Highway Authority has the necessary legal powers to introduce or amend Traffic Management Orders through the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

5.5 Risk Management

- 5.5.1 If the Council did not carry out due diligence in conducting the proposed approach to interventions requested by the Committee for example consultation and feasibility studies there would be a risk that resources would not be used effectively or that the full cost implications of implementing the actions of the committee are not identified. Therefore the approach recommended in this report mitigates this risk and ensures that the Committee are able to make informed decisions on actions which are supported by an assessment of the works required, full cost implications and realistic time scales for completion. This approach also ensures the management of

expectation of members and residents and promotes transparency.

5.5.2 Schemes address issues such as road safety, schemes will improve the safety and would also help to reduce potential accidents. Schemes will also be beneficial in reducing congestion and where traffic is kept moving the emissions from vehicles are reduced, thereby reducing air pollution.

5.5.3 However, schemes also include construction elements with inherent hazards.

5.6 Equalities and Diversity

5.6.1 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.

5.6.2 With regard to the council's public sector equality duty under section 149 of the Equality Act 2010, it is not considered that the proposals in this report will disproportionately disadvantage or benefit members of any protected group.

5.6.3 Individual proposals have been or will be subject to further consideration of equalities impacts as they are developed and approved.

5.6.4 LB Barnet Council owes a duty of care to all road users and endeavours to ensure a safe environment for vulnerable user groups.

5.7 Consultation and Engagement

5.7.1 Consultation and engagement required for each action is set out in the progress report – Appendices 1- 4.

5.8 Insight

5.8.1 Not relevant to this report.

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 6.1 The report of 27 January 2015 Environment Committee Highways Planned Maintenance 2015-16.
<https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s20549/Highways%20Planned%20Improvement%20Programme%20201516.pdf>
- 6.2 The report to Environment Committee, 11 June 2015.
<https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s23705/Review%20of%20Area%20Committees%20their%20relationship%20with%20the%20Environment%20Committee.pdf>
- 6.3 Minutes of previous minutes that are relevant to Annex 1 and 2 can be found here: <http://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?Committeed=712>
- 6.4 An update on the review of Area Committee Actions (2015-2016) Report to Finchley and Golders Green Committee 21 October 2015.
<http://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s26609/An%20update%20on%20the%20review%20of%20Area%20Committee%20Actions%202015-2016.pdf>
- 6.5 Progress update on Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee Actions on 13 January 2016.
<http://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s28631/Progress%20update%20on%20actions.pdf>
- 6.6 Minutes of the previous meeting of the Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee, 13 January 2016.
<http://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/g8266/Printed%20minutes%2013th-Jan-016%2019.00%20Finchley%20Golders%20Green%20Area%20Committee.pdf?T=1>
- 6.7 Minutes of the previous meeting of the Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee, 30 March 2016.
<http://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=712&MId=8267&Ver=4>
- 6.8 Minutes of the previous meeting of the Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee, 6 July 2016.
<https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/g8749/Printed%20minutes%2006th-Jul-2016%2019.00%20Finchley%20Golders%20Green%20Area%20Committee.pdf?T=1>