

	ACTION TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED POWERS BY OFFICER July 2017
Title	Granville Road – N12 – Safety Review Consultation responses June 2017
Report of	Strategic Director of Environment
Wards	Woodhouse
Status	Public
Enclosures	Appendix 1 – Summary of objections to Scheme Proposals
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Summary

Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee requested a safety review of Granville Road, N12 following concerns from local residents that there were footway pedestrian safety issues in the area. Residents were consulted during a site meeting to determine their requirements and a design was produced making use of past collision data, site observations and info gathered.

The feasibility design proposals were distributed for consultation in June 2017 with a letter to local residents and councillors to provide their comments.

Following consultation with residents, objections were received regarding the waiting restriction changes. This report outlines the details of the individual objections and the proposed action to be taken.

Decisions

1. That Officers and Ward Councillors should, having given due consideration to the representation received during the consultation process, proceed with the implementation of waiting restrictions in the following six locations:

Location	Restriction Type
Junction of Bow Lane and Granville Road, N12	New 'at any time' waiting restrictions
Junction of Graywood Court and Granville Road, N12	New 'at any time' waiting restrictions
Opposite No.1 to 8 Spencer Court, Granville Road, N12	New 'at any time' waiting restriction
Opposite Nos. 74 to 78 Granville Road, N12	New 'at any time' waiting restriction
Opposite Nos.28 to 30 Granville Road, N12	10m extension of existing 'at any time' waiting restrictions
Opposite Nos.34 to 36 Granville Road, N12	10m extension of existing 'at any time' waiting restrictions

1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED

- 1.1 The Council originally proposed to resurface the footways on Granville Road, N12 as part of maintenance works between High Road and Ballards Lane during the 2016/17 financial year as part of the Network Recovery Programme. However, residents raised objections to the resurfacing works on the basis that they did not want an all asphalt (Type 2) (surface to replace the existing damaged concrete paving slab surfacing along Granville Road, N12.
- 1.2 A petition was drawn up by local residents against the resurfacing that also listed safety concerns in the road. The November 2016 Environment Committee, in discussion with local Ward Councillors, therefore agreed the footway resurfacing works were to be placed on hold. This decision was taken to allow time for the safety issues to be investigated and addressed to avoid abortive work costs and later changes to the footway. In the interim funding was approved by the Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee to investigate the safety concerns that local residents reported and prepare a feasibility report with options to mitigate these issues. This was supported by Councillors Cooke and Schneiderman. This report is based on the findings of that feasibility investigation.
- 1.3 It is noted that the re-surfacing of the footways in Granville Road, N12 has been reprogrammed as part of the Network Recovery Programme in the 2019/20 financial year. It was agreed at the Environment Committee on 15 March 2017 that an asphalt footway with block crossovers and margins (Type 3) would replace the existing paving slab treatment.

- 1.4 A site visit and initial consultation meeting was held with local residents, Councillors Cooke and Hutton. During the two visits issues on Granville Road, N12 were pointed out and observed.
- 1.5 A Statutory consultation was required to implement waiting restrictions as their implementation requires a Traffic Management Order for the parking restrictions to be enforceable.
- 1.6 Safety improvements were proposed for Granville Road, N12 in the Woodhouse Ward. Where required (i.e. directly affected frontages - 284 locations) letters have been sent to residents and Ward Councillors advising of the safety improvement proposals over the 3week period in June 2017. There were no issues raised with two of the proposed locations and these will proceed to implementation once the remaining proposals have been agreed. The concerns that were raised were with the following 5 locations show in Table 1 below.

Table 1: Waiting Restriction locations with Objections

Location	Restriction Type
Junction of Bow Lane and Granville Road, N12	New 'at any time' waiting restrictions
Junction of Graywood Court and Granville Road, N12	New 'at any time' waiting restrictions
Opposite Nos. 74 to 78 Granville Road, N12	New 'at any time' waiting restriction
Opposite Nos. 34 to 36 Granville Road, N12	10m extension of existing 'at any time' waiting restrictions

- 1.6 The concerns are set out in more detail in Appendix 1 and it recommended that the waiting restriction markings should be progressed at all of these locations. Although a slight loss of parking will result, this does not outweigh the safety benefits and reduction in traffic delays at these locations.

2. REASONS FOR DECISIONS

- 2.1 The proposals are recommended to improve safety and make Granville Road, N12 a more attractive environment for local residents, visitors to the hospital, school and synagogue, who make use of the pedestrian footways.
- 2.2 If approved, the scheme will be implemented in Autumn 2017 due to the planting season for the new trees which can only be planted at specific times of the year.

3. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

- 3.1 Consideration was given to making Granville Road, N12 a possible 20pmh zone as a result of suggestions by residents of perceived vehicles speeding. However following the collision analysis and site observations made on site it

is felt that there is not sufficient justification to implement a scheme of such magnitude at this location.

- 3.2 Residents raised their concerns of insufficient pedestrian crossing points along the Ballards Lane and High Road junctions. The junction of High Road / Summers Lane / Granville Road is signalised but there are currently no pedestrian signals stages provided. Pedestrians are expected to cross between vehicle gaps. To upgrade this junction, signal work and traffic modelling will be required in collaboration with TfL. This scheme has already been identified and is currently on the Local Implementation Plan (LIP) programme for the 2017/18 financial year for feasibility that was agreed by the Environment Committee on 15 March 2017.
- 3.2 The residents pointed out that there were no dropped kerbs to the informal pedestrian islands on High Road near the junctions of Granville Road. This issue has been reported and one of the informal crossings on High Road has been added to the LIP Local Accessibility Scheme list for 17/18 for the locations to be upgraded.
- 3.4 The only other option at this stage is to not proceed with any of the proposed improvements but only carry out the footway resurfacing maintenance works for the scheme. This will however not address the original concern raised by local residents.

4 POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION

- 4.1 If the report's recommendations are approved, the scheme would be progressed to implementation stage in the 2017/18 financial year with Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee funding.
- 4.2 The safety works would be implemented before the footway resurfacing works in the 2019/20 financial year to allow trees to become established on site. The trees will also have to be ordered in advance to ensure planting takes place within the tree planting season. The planting season and purchasing of the trees may affect the delivery timescale of the scheme.

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 and particularly school children to feel confident moving around their local area on foot, and contribute to reduced congestion.

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

- 5.2.1 Barnet CIL funding of £5,000 was agreed from the Finchley and Golders Green Area Budget to carry out the initial review of Granville Road, preliminary design and layout proposals.
- 5.2.2 The estimated implementation cost for the recommendations is £6,500 (based on prices contained in Year 2, Volume 4 Adjusted Rates – London Highways Alliance Contract (LoHAC) Northwest1). The cost to be funded from the 2017/18 Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee Budget.
- 5.2.3 Future two year maintenance costs for the trees have been included into the £600.00 installation cost and will cover pruning and watering (each tree requires 16 rounds of watering over a two year period).
- 5.2.4 The work will be carried out under the existing PFI and LoHAC term maintenance contractual arrangements.

5.3 Legal and Constitutional References

- 5.3.1 The Council has the necessary legal powers to introduce traffic orders to put the proposal into effect under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.
- 5.3.2 The Traffic Order Procedure Regulations 1996 set out the requirements for consultation with regard to making traffic orders.
- 5.3.3 The Constitution section 15 Responsibility for Functions (Annex B – Scheme of Delegated Authority to Officers provides that Chief Officers can take decisions to discharge the functions allocated to them or dealt with by them or their staff, except for matters specifically reserved to, Committees or Council.
- 5.3.4 Section 16 of the Traffic Management Act 2004 places obligations on authorities to ensure the expeditious movement of traffic on their road network. Authorities are required under section 17 to make arrangements as they consider appropriate for planning and carrying out the action to be taken in performing the duty.

5.4 Risk Management

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

5.5 Equalities and Diversity

- 5.5.1 Section 149 of the 2010 Equality Act 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 Consultation and Engagement

- 5.6.1 A consultation has been carried and residents and Ward Councillors will be made aware of the decision to proceed to implementation at the individual sites.

6 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 6.1 Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee 26 October 2016

<https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/g8750/Printed%20minutes%2026th-Oct-2016%2019.00%20Finchley%20Golders%20Green%20Area%20Committee.pdf?T=1>

- 6.2 Finchley and Golders Green Granville Road Report Final 18.04.17

- 6.3 Finchley & Golders Green Area Committee Draft Minutes of meeting held Thursday 27th April, 2017

<https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/g9313/Printed%20minutes%2027th-Apr-2017%2018.30%20Finchley%20Golders%20Green%20Area%20Committee.pdf?T=1>

7 DECISION TAKER'S STATEMENT

- 7.1 *I have the required powers to make the decision documented in this report. I am responsible for the report's content and am satisfied that all relevant advice has been sought in the preparation of this report and that it is compliant with the decision making framework of the organisation which includes Constitution, Scheme of Delegation, Budget and Policy Framework and Legal issues including Equalities obligations.*

8 OFFICER'S DECISION

I authorise the following action

Signed

Date

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14/8/17

Appendix 1:

Summary of objections to Granville Road safety improvements.

LOCATION AFFECTED	WORKS PROPOSED	REQUEST
<p>Junction of Bow Lane and Granville Road, N12 Junction of Graywood Court and Granville Road, N12</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New 'at any time' waiting restriction. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extension of 'at any time' waiting restrictions • Removal of bollards • Raised table
<p>Number of residents complaining: 2 Main Issues: Waiting restrictions / Existing Bollards Consultation period: ended on 30/06/17 Summary Issues 1: <i>The resident requested that the double yellow 'no waiting at any time' restrictions be extended on the northern side of No. 80-92 Granville Road but not on the southern side. Resident also requested the removal of existing concrete bollards outside no. 94 Granville Road.</i></p> <p>Summary Issues 2: <i>Resident objected to double yellow 'no waiting at any time' restrictions at both sides of the junction of Graywood Court as it will result in loss for parking for local residents. Resident also objected to proposed restrictions on the eastern side of Bow Lane as it would result in vehicles speeding up; resident requested a raised table instead at the junction. Resident supported waiting restrictions on western side of Bow Lane.</i></p> <p>Consultation Response: <i>Thank you for your response to the consultation regarding C2016-BC001030-02 Granville Road, N12. Your comments have been noted and we thank you for bringing your concerns to our attention; we will inform you of any subsequent decisions in due course.</i></p> <p>Final Official Response: Dear sir, thank you for your response and comments however we are not proposing any waiting restriction changes on the southern side outside No. 80 to 92 Granville Road. Our proposed waiting restrictions terminate at the boundary of No. 94 and 92 as show on the plan. We will also not be removing the bollards outside number 94 Granville Road as they act as a barrier and a safety guard between vulnerable footway users and vehicles on the bend on Granville Road.</p> <p>Action: Proceed with the original design as proposed. If the waiting restrictions are not sufficient then they can be extended as suggested in future.</p>		

Location	WORKS PROPOSED	Request
<p>Opposite Nos. 34 to 36 Granville Road, N12 Opposite Nos. 74 to 78 Granville Road, N12</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10m extension of existing 'at any time' waiting restrictions. • New 'at any time' waiting restriction. 	<p>Measures to keep personal driveway clear</p>
<p>Number of residents complaining: 1 Main Issues: Waiting restrictions / Driveway Access Consultation period: ended on 30/06/17 Summary Issues 1: <i>Resident was concerned that the provision of double yellow lines along other sections of Granville Road would result in additional vehicles stopping in close proximity to their driveway. Resident requested that their driveway be extended as part of the footway resurfacing works to ensure forward visibility is not impaired outside her property. Resident was concerned that the footway resurfacing works were no longer going ahead which meant they would have to pay full price for an application to widen driveway access.</i></p> <p>Consultation Response: Thank you for your response to the consultation regarding C2016-BC001030-02 Granville Road, N12. Your comments have been noted and we thank you for bringing your concerns to our attention; we will inform you of any subsequent decisions in due course.</p> <p>Final Official Response: Dear Sirs, we would like to ensure you that the footway resurfacing works will still be taking place in future. As you are aware the footway works were postponed and reprogrammed due to the large number of objections as part of the Network Recovery Programme in the 2019/20 financial year. It was agreed at the Environment Committee on 15 March 2017 that Type 3 treatment would replace the Type 4 treatment. You will therefore still have an opportunity in the near future to widen your driveway access at a discounted price. We thank you for your additional letter and making us aware of your concerns.</p> <p>Action: Proceed with the original design as proposed.</p>		

LOCATION AFFECTED	WORKS PROPOSED	REQUEST
Granville Road Outside Finchley Memorial Hospital	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No proposals at moment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New 'at any time' waiting restrictions Additional Way Finder signs Extension of existing hospital footpath.
<p>Number of residents complaining: 1 Main Issues: Waiting restrictions Consultation period: ended on 30/06/17 Summary Issues 1: <i>Resident requested the provision of new waiting restrictions on Granville Road outside the Finchley Memorial Hospital and the provision of additional way finder signs at the junction of Bow Lane with Granville Road. Resident also requested an extension of the existing hospital footpath to provide an additional entrance at the junction of Bow Lane and Granville Road.</i></p> <p>Consultation Response: <i>Thank you for your response to the consultation regarding C2016-BC001030-02 Granville Road, N12. Your comments have been noted and we thank you for bringing your concerns to our attention; we will inform you of any subsequent decisions in due course.</i></p> <p>Final Official Response: Dear sir, thank you for your response and comments however we will not be providing any additional waiting restriction changes on Granville Road outside the Finchley Memorial Hospital. However, the location will be monitored following the proposed works and if it is found that the waiting restrictions are inadequate then we will be considering extensions in future.</p> <p>Action: Proceed with the original design as proposed. If the waiting restrictions are not sufficient then they can be extended as suggested in future.</p>		