

	Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee 14 November 2017
Title	East Finchley CPZ – Proposed sub-zone
Report of	Strategic Director for Environment
Wards	East Finchley and Garden Suburb
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Urgent	No
Key	No
Enclosures	Appendix A – Drawing of proposed East Finchley CPZ sub-zone <i>(to follow)</i>
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Summary

The purpose of this report is to outline a proposed way forward in respect of a proposed sub-zone in the East Finchley Controlled parking Zone (CPZ) to reflect the issues that emerged from a previous parking consultation in the East Finchley area where residents cited the need for a sub zone, and asks the Committee to decide on the way forward.

Recommendations

1. That the Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee authorises the Strategic Director for Environment to instruct Officers to carry out an informal consultation in respect of a sub-zone in the East Finchley CPZ, in the roads outlined in Appendix A to this report.
2. That the Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee, give instruction to the

Strategic Director for Environment to report back the findings of the consultation referred to in 1. above to a future meeting of this Committee, for a decision to be made on the way forward.

1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED

- 1.1 The Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee on 21 October 2015 resolved, as part of a range of issues that they consider to be outstanding, that a feasibility study should take place in respect of parking in the East Finchley Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) near Cherry Tree Wood, N2.
- 1.2 Following Officer and Ward Councillor liaison, it was agreed that a consultation should take place in the area of the East Finchley CPZ to establish the local community's views on the current hours of operation of the CPZ in their road/area.
- 1.3 The Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee on 16 February 2017 considered the findings of the consultation and noted the results of the East Finchley CPZ review of the hours of operation in roads in the vicinity of Cherry Tree Wood, N2 parking consultation. The Committee instructed the then Commissioning Director, Environment, to prepare a scheme for a potential sub-zone to reflect the issues that emerged in the consultation where residents cited the need for a sub zone, and noted that a report will be brought back to a future meeting of the committee for consideration.

2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 An informal consultation was carried out in June 2016 with residents and businesses in the Bancroft Avenue, Baronsmere Road, Cherry Tree Road, Deansway, Diploma Avenue, Edmunds Walk, Fairlawn Avenue, Fortis Green, Great North Road, Ingram Road, Park Hall Road, Summerlee Avenue, Summerlee Gardens and The Bishops Avenue. A letter was hand delivered to all residential properties within the consultation area, asking the recipient to complete an on-line "SurveyMonkey" questionnaire. The questionnaire asked specifically whether the recipient was happy with the current days and hours of operation of the CPZ in their road, and whether they would like it changed.
- 2.2 Approximately 920 letters were hand delivered to all properties in the area. A web page was also set up on the Council's Engage Portal containing details of the informal consultation. Paper or emailed copies of the questionnaire were also made available to residents on request if they were having difficulties or were unwilling to complete the questionnaire online.
- 2.3 A total of 176 valid responses were considered as part of the analysis, a response rate of 19%.
- 2.4 The response rate of 19% made it difficult for Officers to determine whether the responses were a good representation of residents of the roads consulted and as a consequence, Officers recommended to the Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee on 16 February 2017 that there should be no further

action taken in respect of reviewing the days and hours of the CPZ in Bancroft Avenue, Baronsmere Road, Cherry Tree Road, Deansway, Diploma Avenue, Edmunds Walk, Fairlawn Avenue, Fortis Green, Great North Road, Ingram Road, Park Hall Road, Summerlee Avenue, Summerlee Gardens and The Bishops Avenue at that time.

- 2.5 In making the decision, the Committee on 16 February 2017 considered the findings and noted the results of the parking consultation, and instructed Officers to prepare a scheme for a potential sub-zone to reflect the issues that emerged in the consultation and noted that a report will be brought back to a future meeting of the committee for consideration.
- 2.6 The decision was borne from the issue of intra-CPZ commuting and requests received from respondents for their roads to be a separate CPZ code from the remainder of the 'M' CPZ, being raised as a particular issue during the consultation.
- 2.7 Despite there being no specific question in the questionnaire about the permit code, this was the most prevalent issue raised during the "free text" aspect of the questionnaire. The number of mentions about this issue from respondents amounted to 14% (26) of those who responded.
- 2.8 It was noted that 10 of the 26 mentions about this commuter issue were from residents of Edmunds Walk which is one of the closest streets to the station, accessible via The Causeway footpath. A further 5 mentions were from residents of Ingram Road, which is one of a group of roads opposite the Station, off High Road N2. Additional mentions were made from other roads, although in insufficient numbers and density to consider action.
- 2.9 Although there appeared to be insufficient demand for a change of CPZ designation across the entire consultation area, it was noteworthy that the majority of Edmunds Walk respondents mentioned the permit holding commuters, or requested that Edmunds Walk have its own CPZ (10 out of 15 responses from residents of Edmunds Walk).
- 2.10 Despite this, it was considered that out of the 39 households in Edmunds Walk, it only equates to approximately 25% which is not considered to be a mandate for this request to be automatically agreed, and for a proposal to be drawn up to be subject to a statutory consultation.
- 2.11 However, the Committee's desire to address this issue is noted and it is considered that, based on the consultation, Edmunds Walk is where the main demand for change had originated.
- 2.12 Accordingly, Officers consider that an informal questionnaire-based consultation should take place with residents of Edmunds Walk place on whether they wish for their road to have a separate CPZ to the rest of the East Finchley 'M' CPZ.

- 2.13 It should be noted that any future change in Edmunds Walk may not deter permit holders residing further away from seeking to drive as close to East Finchley Underground Station as possible, and therefore the issues raised by Edmunds Walk residents may be displaced onto nearby local streets such as Deansway and Cedar Drive and The Causeway.
- 2.14 Officers are particularly concerned about Cedar Drive and The Causeway, as the Underground Station is easily accessible via The Causeway footpath, and due to their layout, if their roads are parked up, residents would have no reasonable alternative to park.
- 2.15 It is therefore considered that the consultation referred to in paragraph 2.12 should include Cedar Drive and The Causeway as well as Edmunds Walk. Such a consultation will outline the implications of these roads being their own CPZ, including pointing out that residents would no longer be able to use their permits in the surrounding 'M' CPZ.
- 2.16 It is considered that the responses received should be reported back to the Committee for a decision to be made on whether or not to formally propose to change the CPZ permit designation in Edmunds Walk, Cedar Drive and The Causeway.

3. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND NOT RECOMMENDED

- 3.1 None, as the Committee instructed the Officers to prepare a scheme for a potential sub-zone to reflect the issues that emerged in the consultation where residents cited the need for a sub zone, and noted that a report will be brought back to a future meeting of the committee for consideration.

4. POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION

- 4.1 Officers would carry out an informal consultation within the agreed roads.

5. IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION

5.1 Corporate Priorities and Performance

- 5.1.1 The Council's Corporate Plan states in its strategic objectives that it will work with local partners to create the right environment to promote responsible growth, development and success across the Borough. In particular the Council will maintain a well-designed, attractive and accessible place, with sustainable infrastructure across the borough. The plan also acknowledges that the future success of the Borough depends on effective transport networks.

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

- 5.2.1 There is £10,000 already committed from the Area Committee budget CIL (approved at the 21 October 2015 Finchley and Golders Green Area

Committee) and it is not envisaged that any further funding will be required for the informal consultation to take place.

5.3 Social Value

Not applicable in the context of this report.

5.4 Legal and Constitutional References

5.4.1 The Council's Constitution, in Article 7, states that that Area Committees: "In relation to the area covered have responsibility for all constituency specific matters relating to the street scene including parking, road safety, transport, allotments" parks and trees.

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 It is not considered the issues involved are likely to give rise to policy considerations as any additional measures would improve safety and improve loading and parking facilities in the Town Centre to the benefit of all motorists

5.5.2 It is considered the issues involved proposing or introducing new parking restrictions may lead to some level of public concern from local residents who do not wish for additional restrictions, or from residents of other roads in the area concerned about parking being displaced into their road or network of roads. However, for both issues, it is considered that adequate consultation will be undertaken with members of the public so they can have the opportunity to comment to any statutory consultation on any future proposals.

5.6 Equalities and Diversity

5.6.1 The public sector equality duty (PEQD) under Section 149(1) of the Equalities Act 2010, requires the authority, in the exercise of its functions, to have regard to the need to advance equality of opportunity between persons who share relevant protected characteristics and person who do not share it.

5.6.2 Having due regards means the need to (a) remove or minimise disadvantage suffered by persons who share a relevant protected characteristics that are connected to that characteristics (b) take steps to meet the needs of persons who share a relevant protected characteristics that are different from the needs of person who do not share (c) encourage persons who share a relevant protected characteristics to participate in public life in any other activity in which participation by such persons is disproportionately low.

5.6.3 The relevant protected characteristics are age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or beliefs, sex and sexual orientation.

5.6.4 Full analysis of the responses and comments to the consultation has not indicated that there are any particular negative equalities/diversity impacts on vulnerable residents in the area.

5.7 **Consultation and Engagement**

5.7.1 Consultation was undertaken as described elsewhere in this report.

5.8 **Insight**

5.8.1 None in relation to this report

6. **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

6.1.1 Item 14 of the Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee meeting of 16th February 2017 - East Finchley CPZ review of the hours of operation in roads in the vicinity of Cherry Tree Wood, N2

<https://barnetintranet.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=712&MId=9126&Ver=4>

6.1.2 Item 11 of the Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee meeting of 6 July 2016 – East Finchley CPZ review of the hours of operation in roads in the vicinity of Cherry Tree Wood N2

<http://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=712&MId=8749&Ver=4>

6.1.3 Item 11 of the Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee meeting of 21 October 2015 – An update on the review of Area Committee Actions (2015-2016)

<http://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=712&MId=8265&Ver=4>