



Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee

4 February 2019

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| Title | Referrals from Finchley & Golders Green Residents Forum |
| Report of | Head of Governance |
| Wards | Childs Hill |
| Status | Public |
| Urgent | No |
| Key | No |
| Enclosures | None |
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Summary

At the meetings of Finchley and Golders Green Residents Forum, 16 September 2018 and 9 January 2019, two petitions and one issue were referred to this Committee for consideration.

Officers Recommendations

1. That the Area Committee considers the petitions and issue referred by the Finchley and Golders Green Residents' Forum.

1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED

1.1 The Council’s Constitution permits the referral of petitions and issues to Area Committees. The following petitions and issues have been referred by the Chairman, Finchley and Golders Green Residents’ Forum, to the Area Committee:

Petition: speeding on West Heath Drive
Lead Petitioner: Mr J Fryer
Received: 12 December 2018
Signatures: 58

Cars are regularly observed driving at speeds in excess of 30mph on West Heath Drive, and at times significantly above this. As well as being a narrow residential road, it is a common thoroughfare between Golders Green centre and Golders Hill Park, and we are concerned that these speeds pose a risk to both residents and the many pedestrians passing through, especially children.

There is also a private nursery for toddlers in the newly refurbished Golders Green Hall and garden on West Heath Drive which itself will generate extra traffic to the road, and increase the number of pedestrians vulnerable to unsafe driving.

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| 1. | <p>Submitted by: Gary Shaw on behalf of Hampstead Garden Suburb Residents Association</p> <p>Received: 15 June 2018</p> <p>Road and Traffic Committee Issue: Volume and speed of traffic on Addison Way</p> <p>Residents in the vicinity of Addison Way NW11 are concerned about the volume and speed of traffic using that road as a link between the A1 at Falloden Way and Finchley Road. Residents have suggested a number of possible measures which might ease the pressure. We are anxious though that any scheme installed at Addison Way should not displace the problem to other roads in the area.</p> <p><i>What action would you like the Council to take?</i></p> <p>To replace damaged width restrictors at eastern end of Addison Way with ones of more robust design. To consider also whether priority should be given to eastbound traffic at the width restrictor (or at other points along the road) so as</p> |
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| | <p>to discourage the use of Addison Way as a relief route.</p> <p>Response from Residents Forum:</p> <p>Councillors and officers from Re met Mr Shaw and members of the resident’s association earlier in the year and discussed the type of proposals suggested above.</p> <p>Concerns were expressed on site about whether this might result in increased queueing, with vehicles tailing back onto Addison Way. Historic traffic surveys for Addison Way are too old to give a reliable indication of whether this might be an issue.</p> <p>It was agreed at the Forum to explore this further. The Area Committee is requested to fund surveys and a study into what alternative designs would be feasible and the traffic management implications of these.</p> |
| <p>2.</p> | <p>Petition: Speeding on West Heath Drive Lead Petitioner: Mr J Fryer Received: 12 December 2018 Signatures: 58</p> <p>Cars are regularly observed driving at speeds in excess of 30mph on West Heath Drive, and at times significantly above this. As well as being a narrow residential road, it is a common thoroughfare between Golders Green centre and Golders Hill Park, and we are concerned that these speeds pose a risk to both residents and the many pedestrians passing through, especially children.</p> <p>There is also a private nursery for toddlers in the newly refurbished Golders Green Hall and garden on West Heath Drive which itself will generate extra traffic to the road, and increase the number of pedestrians vulnerable to unsafe driving.</p> <p>West Heath Drive appears to be increasingly used by drivers as a shortcut to avoid the Golders Green central roundabout and lights at all times of day especially rush hours, resulting in a high proportion of through traffic driving in a manner more suited to main roads.</p> <p>We the undersigned, living on West Heath Drive, request a speed survey on our road.</p> <p>Response from Residents Forum:</p> <p>This would be referred up to the next meeting of the Area Committee for consideration.</p> |

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| 3. | <p>Petition: Proposed Controlled Parking Zone in Leopold and Leslie Roads</p> <p>Lead petitioner: Delory Lowndes</p> <p>Received: 14 December – paper petition</p> <p>Signatures: 144</p> <p>Two years ago the Council ran a consultation on a CPZ in both roads. It was not implemented because although a majority of residents in both roads were in favour, the close result in Leslie Road led the Council to consider that it was not a big enough mandate to merit action. Since then, as you are all aware there has been ongoing debate about other traffic, parking and safety measures.</p> <p>As support for CPZ has been growing significantly, as demonstrated both at recent residents’ meetings and in Brian Milsom’s survey, we met out local Councillors Arjun Mittra and Claire Farrier on Saturday 2 June to discuss the way forward.</p> <p>The Council has advised us that action on a single issue is more likely to succeed than on multiple competing issues, hence the question concerning only the CPZ at this stage.</p> <p>It was agreed that we would carry out this survey of residents in Leslie and Leopold Roads to ascertain that there is now a clear majority in favour of CPZ, thus convincing the Council to reconsider.</p> <p>Response from Residents Forum:</p> <p>This would be referred up to the next meeting of the Area Committee for consideration.</p> |
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2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 The above has been referred by the Chairman Finchley and Golders Green Residents’ Forum to the Area Committee.

3. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND NOT RECOMMENDED

3.1 N/A

4. POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION

4.1 N/A

5. IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION

5.1 Corporate Priorities and Performance

5.1.1 None in the context of this report.

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 None in the context of this report.

5.4 Legal and Constitutional References

5.4.1 The Council's Constitution – Article 3, Residents and the Council states that Residents Forums may: *“decide that the issue be referred to the next meeting of an Area Committee for consideration, subject to the issue being within the terms of reference of an Area Committee”*

5.5 Risk Management

5.5.1 None in the context of this report.

5.6 Equalities and Diversity

5.6.1 None in the context of this report.

5.7 Corporate Parenting

5.7.1 None in the context of this report.

5.8 Consultation and Engagement

5.8.1 None in the context of this report.

5.8 Insight

5.8.1 None in the context of this report.

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

6.1 None.