



## Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee

17 October 2019

<b>Title</b>	<b>Referrals from Finchley &amp; Golders Green Residents Forum</b>
<b>Report of</b>	Head of Governance
<b>Wards</b>	Woodhouse, Oakleigh
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### Summary

At the meeting of Finchley and Golders Green Residents Forum, 5 September 2019, two issues were referred to this Committee for consideration.

### Officers Recommendations

1. That the Area Committee considers the issues 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:

1.	<p><b>Submitted by:</b> Jordan Neville <b>Received:</b> 6 August 2019</p> <p>Residents on Castle Road (North Finchley) are concerned by the speed of motorists driving down the road, in many cases travelling at over 50 MPH. This is happening more frequently and I genuinely believe it is only a matter of time before a fatality occurs. Many residents have young children and are worried about their safety.</p> <p>We wish to request that the Council takes the following action: Speed bumps on Castle Road. Perhaps two at selected positions would quickly and cheaply solve the problem.</p> <p><b>Response from the Residents Forum:</b></p> <p>Officers are working on developing an assessment and prioritisation process in relation to the many requests to introduce traffic calming measures that the Council receives, which would entail periodic progression of the highest priority locations, subject to the level of available funding.</p> <p>This would be referred up to the next meeting of the Finchley &amp; Golders Green Area Committee for consideration.</p>
2.	<p><b>Submitted by:</b> Duncan Parsons <b>Received:</b> 13 August</p> <p>Resident Parking, Eversleigh Rd, Finchley Central</p> <p>Resident parking is already a major issue for many people in our area. Currently, there is no parking restriction on our road (Eversleigh Road) or neighbouring roads meaning we struggle to park near our house every day. The issue comes in part, as a result of commuters parking and then walking to Finchley Central (not to mention the littering), another major issue is work vans where we have businesses (resident or otherwise) parking their fleet of vehicles on the road. For context, one particular gardening company has over 5 vans often on the road (their employees drive in and park in the space as they take the van for the day), another lightning protection firm has around 4 vans. Equally, there is currently a large vehicle transporter which has been there for</p>

minimum 4 weeks without moving.

In mine and many other residents opinion, this problem could be significantly reduced by certain parking measures that are already in force in neighbouring areas.

The response I received from the Barnet Council initial on-line concerns system is below and I believe when reading between the lines it says the council is not planning to investigate this but they will keep a record of my concern. I do not believe this to be very constructive nor very reactionary and certainly won't help the various young and elderly residents who are currently being affected by the situation:

*'As it stands your road is primarily uncontrolled, and although there may be various demands for kerbside space from residents and other users of the area, motorists are able park anywhere within reason.*

*In order to deter non-residents from parking in residential streets all day, whilst reserving kerbside space for residents, in many areas of the borough the Council has introduced Controlled Parking Zones (CPZs).*

*Unfortunately, the council currently has no plans to investigate the possible introduction of a CPZ in your road/area as the investigation/consultation of such a scheme is not on our current programme of work.*

*However, your request will be held on file for assessment and prioritisation, which will take place later this year, where all unresolved CPZ requests will be assessed to determine whether or not a more detailed investigation will be included in future years' work programmes.'*

I then re-raised via Mike Freer more recently and have dropped the response from the Regional Enterprise Members Case Officer below:

*Your constituent's concerns about commuter-type parking taking place in Eversleigh Road has been noted. Please note that the usual process is that each request that the Council receives would be assessed and then prioritised and then progressed through Local Implementation Plan (LIP) funding. However it should be noted that for the 2019/20 period, and possibly future years, there is no LIP funding available to undertake such work.*

*Officers will consider as the year progresses whether there is any available funding to progress such items. This request is on the list for future assessment. However if your constituent feels that this location requires immediate attention, then there is the option of your constituent arranging for the matter to be raised at the Finchley & Golders Green Residents Forum, which could in turn refer the matter up to the Finchley & Golders Green Area Committee, where funding to progress scheme investigation could be granted, if the Committee considers it appropriate to do so.*

Again, it's not very clear but it sounds like there is no budget. I appreciate things cost money in terms of administration, signage and resource to enforce but I'm sure a CPZ approach would generate revenue from penalties/resident permits that would cover any costs and it would have a really positive impact on the local residents.

**Response from the Residents Forum:**

	<p>Officers are working on developing an assessment and prioritisation process in relation to the many requests to introduce parking controls that the Council receives, which would entail periodic progression of the highest priority locations, subject to the level of available funding. This request will be put on the list for future assessment.</p> <p>However, if the Forum consider that this location requires immediate attention, then there is the option of the issue being referred to the Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee, where funding to progress items could be granted.</p> <p>The response was noted at the Forum and it was decided that due to issues faced by the residents of Eversleigh Road this would be referred up to 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.