



Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee

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Title	Crewys Road NW2 and neighbouring streets – Informal Parking Consultation Results
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Wards	Childs Hill
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Summary

This report sets out the results of the recent informal parking consultation carried out in Crewys Road NW2 and neighbouring streets in the existing Golders Green 'H' Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ). The report considers the results and views from the community and asks the Committee to determine way forward.

Recommendations

That the Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee considers the feedback to the informal consultation undertaken in Crewys Road, Nant Road, Llanvanor Road, Llanelly Road and Granville Road located in the Golders Green 'H' Controlled Parking Zone CPZ as outlined in this report and :-

1. Notes the results of the consultation.
2. Agrees not to proceed with any amendments to the existing operational hours and days for the roads.
3. Agrees to retain the roads in the Golders Green 'H' Controlled Parking Zone.

1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED

- 1.1 This report presents the Committee with the outcome of the informal consultation carried out with the residents and businesses of Crewys Road NW2 and neighbouring streets between 18 November 2019 and 9 December 2019, seeking their views on the current parking situation in the area.
- 1.2 The report asks the Committee to consider the consultation results and the recommendations and seeks a decision of the Committee on how to proceed.

2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

Background

- 2.1 At the Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee meeting on 17 October 2018 concerns were raised during a Members Item regarding high levels of non-resident parking in Crewys Road and neighbouring streets, which in turn was making it difficult for residents to find available kerbside space.
- 2.2 In response, the Committee approved funding of £3,000 to undertake an informal parking consultation in the area.
- 2.3 This report considers the results of the informal parking consultation carried out in the area.

Consultation Process

- 2.4 An informal consultation was carried out between 18 November 2019 and 9 December 2019 with the residents and businesses in the consultation area agreed by the Ward Councillors as shown in Appendix A.
- 2.5 Consultation packs consisting of letters and a plan of the consultation area were hand delivered to 855 residential and business properties in Crewys Road, Nant Road, Llanvanor Road, Llanelly Road and Granville Road. The letters asked the recipients to complete the online questionnaires accessed via the Council's Engage Portal. It also gave the opportunity for the recipient to request a paper copy of the questionnaire.
- 2.6 The local Ward Members were sent copies of the consultation documentation prior to consulting the residents and businesses.
- 2.7 The questionnaires asked a range of questions concerning parking in their area. This included whether the respondent would like their road to be removed from the existing Golders Green 'H' CPZ and re-introduced as a separate CPZ. The questionnaire also asked if the respondent would like the operational hours and days to remain the same or to be changed.

- 2.8 The community was also given the opportunity to suggest alternative days and hours of operation in their road and make any additional suggestions on the proposals.
- 2.9 The closing date of the consultation was 9 December 2019.

Consultation results

2.10 A total of 62 online and paper responses were received from residents and businesses within the consultation area by the closing date. This represents a response rate of 7.2%. After removing the incomplete responses, this number reduced to 57 which translates to an overall response of 6.7%. A road by road summary of the consultation response is given in Table 1 below.

Table 1: Overall summary of consultation response

Road Name	No. of properties	Response	Response Rate
Crewys Road	164	26	15.9%
Nant Road	64	8	12.5%
Llanvanor Road	120	9	7.5%
Granville Road	507	14	2.8%
Total	855	57	6.7%

- 2.11 The response rates are much lower than would be expected of this type of consultation.
- 2.12 The questionnaire asked whether the respondent would like their road to be removed from Golders Green 'H' CPZ and be reintroduced as a separate CPZ. In response, 21.1% of respondents said they would prefer their road to be reintroduced as a different CPZ. The majority (59.6 %) of respondents said they would like to remain in the existing CPZ and 19.3 % were unsure. The results are summarised in Table 2 below.

Table 2: Do you wish for your road to be removed from the Golders Green 'H' Controlled Parking Zone CPZ and re-introduced as a separate CPZ?

Road Name	Do you wish for your road to be removed from the Golders Green 'H' Controlled Parking Zone CPZ and re-introduced as a separate CPZ?					
	Yes		No		Not Sure	
Crewys Road	8	30.8%	14	53.8%	4	15.4%
Nant Road	0	0.0%	7	87.5%	1	12.5%
Llanvanor Road	2	22.2%	6	66.7%	1	11.1%
Granville Road	2	14.3%	7	50.0%	5	35.7%
Total	12	21.1%	34	59.6%	11	19.3%

2.13 The questionnaire then asked whether the respondent would like the CPZ hours of operation to remain the same (i.e. 11am to 12 noon). Of the responses received, 52.6 % said they would prefer the existing operational hours to be retained, 38.6% indicated they would like some changes while 8.8% were not sure. The response summary is given in Table 3 below.

Table 3: Would you like the hours of operation of the CPZ to remain the same (11am to 12 noon)?

Road Name	Would you like the hours of operation of the CPZ to remain the same (11am to 12 noon)?					
	Yes		No		Not Sure	
Crewys Road	11	42.4%	14	53.8%	1	3.8%
Nant Road	7	87.5%	1	12.5%	0	0.0%
Llanvanor Road	6	66.7%	1	11.1%	2	22.2%
Granville Road	6	42.9%	6	42.9%	2	14.2%
Total	30	52.6%	22	38.6%	5	8.8%

2.14 Crewys Road, where it is understood the initial concern about the current parking restrictions originated, had a slightly higher proportion of respondents that indicated they would like some change to the hours of operation. There were 10 respondents preferring all-day parking restrictions on the road. The suggested hours of operational included 8am-6pm, 9am-5pm, 9am-7pm, 10am-4pm, 10am-5pm and 11am-4.30pm. Two other respondents of Crewys Road preferred extending the current restrictions by one or two hours suggesting 10.30am – 12.30pm and 11am – 2pm. Similarly, the questionnaire asked whether the CPZ days of operation should remain the same or not with most (84.2%) respondents indicating they would prefer not to have changes.

2.15 Of those who indicated they would like changes, most preferred a Monday to Saturday restriction and were mainly from Granville Road (4 mentions from Granville Road and 1 each from Crewys Road and Llanvanor Road). The response summary is given in Table 4 below.

Table 4: Would you like the days of operation of the CPZ to remain the same (Monday to Friday)?

Road Name	Would you like the days of operation of the CPZ to remain the same (Monday to Friday)?					
	Yes		No		Not Sure	
Crewys Road	23	88.5%	3	11.5%	0	0.0%
Nant Road	8	100.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Llanvanor Road	8	88.9%	1	11.1%	0	0.0%
Granville Road	9	64.3%	5	35.7%	0	0.0%
Total	48	84.2%	9	15.8%	0	0.0%

2.16 The questionnaire also asked the respondent to make suggestions/comments regarding parking in their road and any parking issues in the area relating to the questionnaire. The most frequent comments are summarised below.

- There is no need for change/there are no parking problems in the area
- (18 mentions).
- Increase CPZ operational hours to help residents in Crewys Road.
- (5 mentions)
- Increase enforcement of existing controls in Granville Road. (6 mentions).
- Replace vandalised/defaced signs in Granville Road (7 mentions).
- Indiscriminate parking is a road safety risk in Granville Road (4 mentions).

Conclusion

2.17 Although the consultation was carried out following a Members Item raised at the Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee by a local Ward Councillor, following concern they received from members of the local community about parking in the relevant roads, the responses to this consultation generally indicate an overall preference to retain the current days and hours of operation of the CPZ.

2.18 It is noted that the response rate for the consultation was particularly low, which may indicate a lack of interest in the consultation by the community.

2.19 It is also noted that most respondents from Crewys Road indicated they would like changes to the existing hours of operation of the CPZ whilst still remaining part of the existing Golders Green 'H' CPZ.

2.20 Although it is possible to have different parking restrictions in different parts of a CPZ, to do so needs to be carefully considered beforehand, as this could result in motorist confusion, and a fragmented CPZ regime, and potentially displaced parking to neighbouring roads.

2.21 It is considered that as the consultation covered a relatively small area, the overall response rate, as well as the overall response from the area consulted should be considered, where in this case, based on a low response, that there is an overall majority to retain the status quo.

2.22 Accordingly, it is considered, based on the consultation responses that there is an overall majority for no changes to be made to the operational hours and days of the existing CPZ, and therefore it is recommended that the CPZ in Crewys Road, Llanvanor Road, Nant Road and Granville Road should remain unchanged.

2.23 In addition, the concern expressed by the respondents of Granville Road regarding vandalism of traffic signs and the subsequent lack of adequate enforcement of parking controls, is noted.

2.24 Officers are already aware of this issue and are considering the best way to resolve this particular situation.

2.25 It is noted that it would not be advisable for the Civil Enforcement Officers to issue Penalty Charge Notices on vehicles parked at the locations where there are no signage. It is however possible for enforcement action to take place on restrictions where signage is not needed, such as on double yellow lines, which could address road safety concerns.

3. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND NOT RECOMMENDED

3.1 The Council could consider proposing changes to the CPZ in the relevant area. However, to do so, given the overall support for no changes to be made it is considered changes would not be viable, and would contradict the response from the local community.

4. POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION

4.1 Those previously consulted will be advised of the Council's decision, and the Council's Engage Portal updated.

5. IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION

5.1 Corporate Priorities and Performance

5.1.1 The consultation sought to establish whether measures are required to particularly help to address the Corporate Plan delivery objectives of "a clean and attractive environment, with well-maintained roads and pavements, inclusive of the free flow of traffic."

5.1.2 Effective management of the network is required to ensure the free flow of traffic. Collaborative working across the service area makes this achievable and supports the objectives of the Council.

5.1.3 In turn improving safety for all road users, including pedestrians. Additionally, traffic free flow reduces driver frustrations and conflict, making it a pleasant and safer environment.

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

5.2.1 £3,000 was originally committed in October 2018 from the Area Committee CIL budget in respect of carrying out a consultation, and it is not envisaged that any further funding will be necessary, as the recommendation is to take no further action.

5.3 Social Value

5.3.1 None in relation to this report.

5.4 Legal and Constitutional References

- 5.4.1 The Traffic Management Act 2004 places an 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.
- 5.4.2 The Council as the Highway Authority has the necessary legal powers to introduce or amend Traffic Management Orders under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and subsidiary regulations made under that Act.
- 5.4.3 The terms of reference for the Area Committees under Article 7 of the Council's Constitution includes responsibility for all constituency specific matters relating to the street scene including parking, road safety, transport, allotments, parks and trees

5.5 Risk Management

- 5.5.1 It is not considered that the issues involved are likely to give rise to policy considerations and it is considered that adequate consultation across a sufficient area has ensured that members of the public have had the opportunity to comment, to the informal consultation, the feedback of which has been considered within this report.

5.6 Equalities and Diversity

- 5.6.1 Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 outlines the provisions of the public-sector equalities duty which requires public bodies to have due regard to the need to:
- (i) Eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Equality Act 2010
 - (ii) Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it;
 - (iii) Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.
- 5.6.2. The relevant protected characteristics are: age; disability; gender reassignment; pregnancy and maternity; race; religion or belief; sex; sexual orientation.
- 5.6.3 The proposal is not expected to be of disproportionate benefit or dis-benefit to members of any particular protected group.

5.7 Corporate Parenting

- 5.7.1 Not applicable in the context of this report

5.8 Consultation and Engagement

- 5.8.1 An informal consultation (or a preliminary consultation) has been carried out with the local community.

5.8.2 The acceptance to changes to the existing CPZ operational hours and days and other parking proposals relies on the support of the local community. The questions are designed to establish whether there are issues or parking pressures encountered by the community.

5.8.3 Barnet Council's policy is to primarily offer online questionnaires as opposed to paper copy questionnaires, although paper copies are made available upon request.

5.8.4 Letters outlining the details of the consultation and of how to access online questionnaires were distributed to the properties in the consultation area.

5.8.5 The relevant details of the consultation were published on the Council's Engage Portal.

5.9 **Insight**

5.9.1 Based on the consultation feedback, officers have made recommendations on whether to proceed with making amendments to the operational hours and days of the existing CPZ.

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Minute Item No. 22 Members' Items (if any) Finchley & Golders Green Area Committee Meeting of 17 October 2018.

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