



Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee

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Title	Elmcroft Avenue NW11 and neighbouring streets – Informal Parking Consultation Results
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Summary

This report details the results of informal parking consultation carried out in Elmcroft Avenue, Ravenscroft Avenue and Hoop Lane NW11 in the existing Golders Green 'H' Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ). The report considers the results and views from residents and asks the Committee to determine the way forward.

Recommendations

That the Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee considers the feedback to the informal consultation undertaken in Elmcroft Avenue, Ravenscroft Avenue (between Beechcroft Avenue and Wentworth Road) and Hoop Lane (between Golders Green Crescent and Finchley Road) 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 Elmcroft Avenue NW11 and neighbouring roads between 10 December 2019 and 17 January 2020, 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 A Members Item was raised at the Finchley & Golders Green Area Committee meeting on 4th April 2019 asking for review of hours of operation of the Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) applicable to Elmcroft Avenue due to an increase in commercial and private vehicles in the area resulting in increased parking pressure.
- 2.2 In response, the Committee approved funding of £3,000 to undertake an informal consultation of the current hours of operation of the CPZ applicable to Elmcroft Avenue including the relevant adjacent roads.
- 2.3 This report considers the results of the informal parking consultation recently carried out in the area.

Consultation Process

- 2.4 An informal consultation was carried out between 10 December 2019 and 17 January 2020 with the residents and businesses in the consultation area agreed by the Ward Councillors as shown in Appendix A.
- 2.5 152 consultation packs consisting of letters and a plan of the consultation area were hand delivered to properties in Elmcroft Avenue, Ravenscroft Avenue (between Beechcroft Avenue and Wentworth Road) and Hoop Lane (between Golders Green Crescent and Finchley Road). The letter asked the recipients to complete an online questionnaire 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 questionnaire asked a range of questions concerning parking in the area. This included whether the respondent would like their road to be removed from the Golders Green 'H' Controlled Parking Zone 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 Residents were also given the opportunity to suggest alternative days and hours of operation of the CPZ in their road and to make any additional suggestions.
- 2.9 The deadline of the consultation was 17 January 2020.

Consultation results

- 2.10 The consultation resulted in a total of 40 online and paper responses. This represents a response rate of 26.3%. Of this, 9 responses were discounted from the analysis as they originated from respondents residing outside of the consultation area and 1 paper response was incomplete.
- 2.11 The number of responses that were used for consultation analysis reduced to 30 out of 152 residents and businesses that were consulted. This translates to a net response rate of 19.7%. A road by road summary of the response is given in Table 1 below.

Table 1: Summary of consultation response

Road Name	No. of properties	Response	Response Rate
Elmcroft Avenue	30	12	40.0%
Hoop Lane	83	8	9.6%
Ravenscroft Avenue	39	10	25.6%
Total	152	30	19.7%

- 2.12 The questionnaire asked whether the respondent would like their road to be removed from Golders Green 'H' Controlled Parking Zone CPZ and be reintroduced as a separate CPZ. In response 13.3% of respondents said they would like their road to be reintroduced as a different CPZ. The majority (76.7 %) of respondents said they would like to remain in the existing zone while 10.0 % 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	
Elmcroft Avenue	2	16.7%	8	66.7%	2	16.6%
Hoop Lane	1	12.5%	6	75.0%	1	12.5%
Ravenscroft Avenue	1	10.0%	9	90.0%	0	0.0%
Total	4	13.3%	23	76.7%	3	10.0%

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). The majority of respondents (80%) preferred to retain the current hours with only 20 % saying they would like some change.

2.14 Those that indicated they would like changes to the hours of operation were mainly from Elmcroft Avenue suggesting an additional 1 hour restriction in the afternoon. 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	
Elmcroft Avenue	8	66.7%	4	33.3%	0	0.0%
Hoop Lane	8	100.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Ravenscroft Avenue	8	80.0%	2	20.0%	0	0.0%
Total	24	80.0%	6	20.0%	0	0.0%

2.15 Similarly, the questionnaire asked whether the CPZ days of operation should remain the same or not with most respondents (83.3%) indicating they preferred the current arrangement. 10% said they would like some changes and 6.7% were not sure.

2.16 Of those who indicated they would like changes, most preferred a Monday to Sunday restriction. 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	
Elmcroft Avenue	9	75.0%	3	25.0%	0	0.0%
Hoop Lane	8	100.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Ravenscroft Avenue	8	80.0%	0	0.0%	2	20.0%
Total	25	83.3%	3	10.0%	2	6.7%

2.17 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. Most comments were received from Elmcroft Avenue and Ravenscroft Avenue with most frequent stating: -

- It would affect parking for visitors e.g. tradesmen/health visitors (13 mentions).
- No need to make changes/the current parking controls are working well (12 mentions).
- Non-resident parking occurs including commercial vans (6 mentions).
- Waiting restrictions should be introduced in the narrow section of Hoop Lane to improve traffic flow (3 mentions).

Conclusion

2.18 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 from all the three roads consulted generally indicated a preference to retain the current days of operation (i.e. Monday to Friday) and hours of operation (11am to noon) of the CPZ.

2.19 Accordingly, it is considered, based on the consultation responses that there is no substantial support to make changes to the operational hours and days of the existing CPZ, and therefore it is recommended that the CPZ in Elmcroft Avenue, Hoop Lane and Ravenscroft Avenue should remain unchanged.

2.20 In addition, the requests for waiting restrictions in Hoop Lane has been noted. The Council receives many similar requests and therefore applies set criteria for assessing new cases. The request has been added on the list for future assessment, the outcome of which will be known later in the year, where prioritised items will be progressed depending on the budget available.

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 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 April 2019 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 will make recommendations on whether to proceed with making amendments to the operational hours and days of the existing CPZ.

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Minute No. 9 Item 1 Members' Items (if any) Finchley & Golders Green Area Committee Meeting of 4th April 2019.

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