



North Area Committee

22 September 2022

Title	Petition(s)
Report of	Head of Governance
Wards	East Barnet Barnet Vale High Barnet Underhill Totteridge and Woodside Mill Hill Edgwarebury Whetstone
Status	Public
Urgent	No
Key	No
Enclosures	None
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Summary

This report informs the North Area Committee of the petition(s) received. The Committee is requested to consider the petition(s) and make a determination on its desired course of action in accordance with its powers.

Officers Recommendations

1. That the Area Committee notes the petition(s) detailed in section 1.

2. That the Area Committee decides whether it wishes to:

- a) Take no action
- b) Refer the matter to a chief officer to provide a written response to the Lead Petitioner within 20 working days; or
- c) Instruct an officer to prepare a report for a future meeting of the Committee on the issue(s) raised with a recommended course of action

1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED

1.1 The following petitions from Barnet residents have been received prior to the deadline for submission of petitions.

Petition: Buckingham Avenue - speed in our street to 20 miles an hour

Lead Petitioner: Edina Zsembery

Ward: Barnet Vale

Number of signatures 27

Details: Request for 20mph restriction on the road to slow down the cars and vans to reduce the chances of any serious accidents.

We undersigned are residents of **Buckingham Avenue N20**, and have witnessed for some years now that some cars and vans have been driven at a high speed on this narrow street. Cars parked on both sides of the street putting our children, our cats, and dogs in danger. It is an accident waiting to happen to our children. So far some of our cats and dogs have been hit by cars but we can not prove which car or van hit them.

We would like the council put a **20 miles restriction** on this road to slow down the cars and vans to reduce the chances of any serious accidents.

Petition: Extra Parking Space on the Sutton Cressent Bend (EN5 2SS)

Lead Petitioner:

Ward: Barnet Vale

Number of signatures 26

Details:

As residents living in the maisonettes on Sutton crescent, we **STRONGLY OPPOSE** the taking away of the extra designated parking spaces around the bend.

Currently, these parking spaces around the bend are in full use. Taking them away will highly inconvenience the people in the maisonettes with cars, who mostly are senior citizens or parents with school going children.

Fewer spaces will lead to the residents going to look for parking elsewhere in nearby roads, inconveniencing them having to walk back every day.

The petition to take away the spaces around the bend **DID NOT** include the views of any residents in the maisonettes, and yet they are the ones who use this parking space as they do not have driveways on their private properties and therefore will be most affected by this decision.

We **STRONGLY OBJECT** to removing the parking spaces around the bend as petitioned below by the affected residents.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 The Committee is requested to make a determination in respect of the petition(s) received in accordance with its powers as set out in the Council's Constitution.

3 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND NOT RECOMMENDED

3.1 Not applicable.

4 POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION

4.1.1 Post decision implementation depends on the decision taken by the Committee.

5 IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION

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

5.1.1 N/A

5.2 Social Value

5.2.1 N/A

5.3 Legal and Constitutional References

- 5.3.1 Council Constitution, Article 7, Section 7.5 Responsibility for Functions details that the Area Committee has responsibility for all constituency specific matters relating to the street scene including parking, road safety, transport, allotments, parks and trees.
- 5.3.2 Article 3 of the Council's Constitution, section 3.6 states that where the petition relates to the functions and responsibilities of an Area Committee it will be reported to the relevant Area Committee. The Lead Petitioner will be given three minutes to present the petition to the committee for petitions with 25-1,999 signatures. For Petitions with over 1,999 signatures the speaker will be given five minutes to present the petition. Following the presentation the Chair and Committee Members have an opportunity to ask the Lead Petitioner questions. After the debate the Committee will decide to:
 - 5.3.2.1 Take no action
 - 5.3.2.2 Refer the matter to a chief officer to provide a written respond to Lead Petitioner within 20 working days; or
 - 5.3.2.3 Instruct an officer to prepare a report for a future meeting of the Committee on the issue(s) raised with a recommended course of action

5.4 Risk Management

- 5.4.1 None in the context of this report.

4.6 Equalities and Diversity

- 4.6.1 N/A in the context of this report.

4.7 Corporate Parenting

- 4.7.1 None in the context of this report.

4.8 Consultation and Engagement

- 4.8.1 N/A

4.9 Environmental Impact

- 4.9.1 N/A

5 Insight

- 5.1 N/A

6 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 6.1 Petitions submitted via email to Governance Service, prior to deadline for petitions to the Area Committee.