



East Area Committee

24 October 2022

Title	Petition(s)
Report of	Head of Governance
Wards	Brunswick Park, Friern Barnet, Woodhouse, West Finchley, Finchley Church End, Golders Green, East Finchley, Garden Suburb
Status	Public
Urgent	No
Key	No
Enclosures	None
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Summary

This report informs the East 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: Improvements to the Underpass between Trinity and Manor Park Road

Lead Petitioner: James Masters - Grange Big Local resident group

Ward: East Finchley

Number of signatures: 377

Details:

The Underpass under the Northern Line between Trinity Road and Manor Park Road is dark, dirty, overgrown and damp. It is a vital link between the Thomas More, Grange and Font Hill communities. Barnet Council is responsible for maintenance and Transport for London is responsible for the tube track.

We want improvements to maintenance, lighting, paving and drainage and we support Grange Big Local's project for a new play path, community artworks and planting to make the walk through the underpass interesting, safer and more enjoyable for everyone.

Petition: Request for Applications for Parking Permits if within a 0.25mile radius

Lead Petitioner: Radhika Shah

Ward: West Finchley

Number of signatures: 32

Details:

We the undersigned petition the council to To consider Residents requests for Controlled Parking Zone Permits within a 0.25mile radius of a zone.

Having an option to purchase a resident CPZ (Controlled Zone) Parking Permit if the address falls within a 0.25mile radius of a zone.

As residents just out of an area of a newly established CPZ in Etchingam Park Road and Victoria Park we have been unable to purchase passes for parking in the zones.

The ability to park in these areas would lift some of the traffic congestion in traffic heavy areas. Vehicle Parking from non-residents is also pushed onto the streets without CPZ - leading to more traffic, poor parking and increased risk of accidents and traffic chaos.

It will also ease personal safety - not being able to park close to residences can lead to more distance between the vehicle and residence especially late at night where personal safety can be at risk.

Petition: CPZ Long Lane extension request (Between Etchingham Park Road / Oakfield Road and Squires Lane)

Lead Petitioner: Radhika Shah

Ward: West Finchley

Number of signatures: 27

Details:

We the undersigned petition the council to Consider an Extension of the CPZ (Controlled Parking Zone) from Long Lane (Junction of the new CPZ Etchingham Park Road / Oakfield Road to Squires Lane

The new CPZ (Etchingham Park Road / Victoria Park)has placed pressure on vehicle parking and traffic flow on Long Lane.

There is now less available space for areas to park for residents , visitors and tradesmen on this stretch of Long Lane. Lack of provision of parking has also led to personal safety concerns.

This stretch of long lane is part of 2 bus routes - 143 and 382. Often there is only room for single lane of traffic.

Better flow of traffic could also reduce the air pollution levels on this stretch (less idling of engines)which is a common route for primary school children to Manorside and Tudor schools.

Less congestion on the roads will also reduce noise levels for residents
A CPZ could discourage other cars to drive through these roads(eg when looking for parking for commuting.

Streets will be safer because CPZs designate where it's safe to park and where it's not, creating better visibility at junctions. And there will be better access for emergency and utility vehicles and other large vehicles like rubbish and recycling trucks and delivery or removals vans. This stretch is also a major route for Fire Engines and Ambulances.

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1.2 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.

2. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND NOT RECOMMENDED

2.1 Not applicable.

3. POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION

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

4. IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION

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

4.1.1 N/A

4.2 Social Value

4.2.1 N/A

4.3 Legal and Constitutional References

4.3.1 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.

4.3.2 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:

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4.4 Risk Management

4.4.1 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 Petition submitted via email to Governance Service, prior to deadline for petitions to the Area Committee.