



## East Area Committee

26 January 2023

<b>Title</b>	<b>Petition(s)</b>
<b>Report of</b>	Head of Governance
<b>Wards</b>	Brunswick Park, Friern Barnet, Woodhouse, West Finchley, Finchley Church End, Golders Green, East Finchley, Garden Suburb
<b>Status</b>	Public
<b>Urgent</b>	No
<b>Key</b>	No
<b>Enclosures</b>	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 in relation to each petition 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: Parking in Neville Drive**

**Lead Petitioner: Sandra Teacher**

**Ward: Garden Suburb**

**Number of signatures: 25**

#### **Details:**

We the undersigned petition the council to We the undersigned petition the council to Put in parking restrictions and for the residents to have parking permits. at peak times of the day from 7.30am to 9.30am and from 3pm to 5.00pm in Neville Drive , Hampstead Garden Suburb.

Parking on Neville Drive has always been an issue with parents from Annemount school parking outside our house and along Neville Drive, but since the restrictions in Holne Chase and Winnington Road, all cars now park on Neville Drive. They often block the driveways and park so close to the edge of the driveways that the residents of the road have extreme difficulty in manoeuvring their cars out into the road.

It is extremely difficult and dangerous as it is impossible to see any oncoming traffic, plus because cars are parked on both sides of the road, it is very difficult to drive in or out of the driveways, plus lorries and the dustbin vehicles have difficulty driving down the road.

This is a real health and safety issue, particularly for the children going and coming to school. It is an accident waiting to happen and I would please ask that you give this your full consideration.

### **Petition: Stop proposed perimeter path on Lyttleton Playing Fields**

**Lead Petitioner: Nicole Balint**

**Ward: Garden Suburb**

**Number of signatures: 26**

#### **Details:**

We the undersigned petition the council to Stop the plans to build a pathway around the perimeter of Lyttleton Playing Fields that will link into the Linden Lea entrance.

A perimeter path will create both privacy and security issues for the residents who back onto the park - most of the residents have only hedge borders separating their gardens from the park, and burglaries in the area have been on the increase in recent years.

**Petition: Include Ravensdale Avenue and Friern Watch Avenue in Friary Park traffic plans**

**Lead Petitioner: Tony Allaway**

**Ward: Woodhouse**

**Number of signatures: 45**

**Details:**

We the undersigned petition the council to We the undersigned petition the council to add Ravensdale Avenue and Friern Watch Avenue to the investigation currently underway into measures to reduce the speed and volume of traffic on Torrington Park, Friary Road, Friary Way and Ashurst Road.

We refer to the epetition already raised with the council concerning those roads (epetition "Road Safety around Friary Park, N12, to protect Pedestrians and Cyclists" completed 31/12/2021, presented to the Finchley and Golders Green residents forum on January 10 2022, and subsequently put before Barnet Council's East Area Committee.)

We strongly endorse most of the points of that petition.

We note that as a result of the epetition traffic and pedestrian surveys were carried out on the affected roads, plus Mayfield Avenue and, later, Ashurst Road. We are perplexed by the apparent failure of this survey to include Ravensdale Avenue and Friern Watch Avenue in the surveys, despite us requesting this from the council. These two roads would undoubtedly be significantly affected by any changes to the already surveyed roads.

As on example, if a 20mph speed limit was to be enforced on the roads mentioned in the epetition, the 'Google Maps' effect would undoubtedly cause increased traffic, most of it non-local, down our roads, as the various traffic navigation apps encourage drivers along the faster roads (ie our 30 mph roads).

We would also like to see traffic calming measures in our roads, specifically a 20mph speed limit. We are constantly observing drivers speeding along the roads and there is a recent example of a vehicle traveling too fast along Ravensdale Avenue and, on exiting, colliding with a garden wall in Friary Road.

## **adjoining roads**

**Lead Petitioner: Sarah Thomas**

**Ward: Brunswick Park**

**Number of signatures: 27**

### **Details:**

We the undersigned petition the council to seriously consider the introduction of a Residential Controlled Parking Zone in the area between Betstyle Circus and Falkland Avenue N11. Inconsiderate parking by businesses on the Brunswick Industrial Estate, users of a local gym and commuters using Arnos Grove and New Southgate station make parking very difficult for residents at all times of day. The imminent proposed closure of both car parks at Arnos Grove Station will only make matters worse as Enfield Council operate a CPZ on the roads between the station and Betstyle Circus.

Discussion among local residents, and a meeting with local Councillors and members of Barnet Council staff to look at the issues on our roads have led to this petition. Residents often have to drive round and round in circles to find a space to park their vehicle, when the streets are full of cars parked by users of a local gym and businesses who park multiple large vans for days on end, often in dangerous spots on the corners of roads.

## **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.

