



East Area Committee

28 March 2023

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 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.

1.	<p>Petition: Additional controlled parking restrictions on Sat and Sun betw. 6-8PM St Georges Road</p> <p>Lead Petitioner: Michael Joubert</p> <p>Ward: Golders Green</p> <p>Number of signatures: 40</p> <p>Details:</p> <p>We the undersigned petition the council to Petition to introduce additional controlled parking on Saturday and Sunday evenings between 6pm and 8pm on St Georges Road.</p> <p>We request that Barnet Council introduce additional controlled parking restrictions in the existing controlled parking zone (CPZ “H” zone) in the early evening at weekends to enable residents to park on St Georges Road and surrounding roads more easily.</p> <p>The “party venue” at the old Sorting Office has resulted in a significant problem for residents trying to park on the road and we believe that adding additional CPZ times will ensure residents can park more easily.</p> <p>The suggested additional zone would apply on Saturday and Sunday evenings between 6pm and 8pm which appear to be the peak days / times for party guests parking and when residents struggle to find parking.</p> <p>The additional zone should then be reviewed at a later date to assess the effectiveness of the change.</p> <p>The congestion caused by the party events at the Old Sorting Office St Georges Road, in the area between Finchley Road and Templars Avenue are an additional safety concern. We request that the Council review the cross-road junctions where St Georges Road meets Temple Gardens and Templars Avenue (close to the party venue) as the constant cars reversing / cars turning / cars parked illegally at the junctions / cars speeding creates a dangerous situation for both pedestrians and drivers.</p>
2.	<p>Petition: Increase the Residents CPZ Hours on Temple Fortune Lane NW11</p> <p>Lead Petitioner: Rebecca Sudwarts</p>

	<p>Ward: Golders Green</p> <p>Number of signatures: 40</p> <p>Details:</p> <p>We the undersigned petition the council to increase the Residents parking hours to ensure that residents can park easier and safer.</p> <p>The road is extremely busy and it is often impossible to be able to park outside our houses due to heavy parking traffic. Most of the properties on this road do not have driveways. During the 1-2pm residents only hours it is extremely easy to park, proving that people are using this road to park for the Doctors surgery and Temple Fortune Highstreet. The re development of the Medical Centre we anticipate will make this parking issue even worse. We propose for the Residents CPZ hours to be increased to solve this issue. It will also match the neighbouring roads around the area who have longer Residents only hours.</p>
<p>3.</p>	<p>Petition: Church Hill Road Pedestrian Crossing</p> <p>Lead Petitioner: Aideen Dunne</p> <p>Ward: East Barnet</p> <p>Number of signatures: 30</p> <p>Details:</p> <p>We the undersigned petition the council to Install a new pedestrian crossing on Church Hill Road at or close to the junction of Cedar Avenue.</p> <p>An additional safe crossing point is required on Church Hill Road at the junction of Cedar Avenue for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - to facilitate the safe crossing of pedestrians both to and from Oak Hill Park, where there is already an existing desire line - the nearest alternative safe crossing points are outside St Mary's School, or at the top of the hill close to Church Hill School. Both are too far for the use of the significant numbers of school children, commuters and park users at this location. - an additional crossing will also serve as a further incentive to drivers to manage their speed (30mph) as they travel down Church Hill Road into East Barnet Village. This particular part of the road frequently experiences excessive speed limits and is increasingly unsafe for pedestrians to use. The resulting cost of a potential collision here will far outweigh the cost of installing a crossing, so it is a preventative measure - an additional crossing and safer route to school will further incentivise sustainable choices for school children and parents.
<p>4.</p>	<p>Petition: Support School Streets Around St John's CE Primary School, Friern Barnet School and Holly Park Primary School</p> <p>Lead Petitioner: Isabelle Spencer</p>

	<p>Ward: Friern Barnet</p> <p>Number of signatures: 74</p> <p>Details:</p> <p>We the undersigned petition the council to Implement School Streets schemes around the areas of St John's CE Primary School, Friern Barnet School and Holly Park Primary School in the N11 area to allow children to walk safely and reduce disruption for local residents</p> <p>The streets around these schools currently attract a dangerous and disruptive amount of traffic at school pick up and drop off times.</p> <p>School Streets are temporary restrictions on short stretches of road, that prevent non-residents from driving into the restricted areas at specified times. This applies to both school traffic and through traffic. These time slots are typically one hour at school drop off and pick up, Monday to Friday, during term time only.</p> <p>This reduces traffic in the area at those times. This means:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Children can walk to school safely with reduced risk of traffic accidents from vehicles driving and manoeuvring outside schools. 2. Pollution is reduced and air quality is improved for everyone in the area. 3. Traffic disruption for residents during these busy times is reduced. <p>Emergency services and residents can continue to come and go at any time without restriction. Exemptions are allowed for blue badge holders.</p> <p>No further restrictions exist outside the specified times.</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Petition: Road safety review Moss Hall School</p> <p>Lead Petitioner: Lauren Farber</p> <p>Ward: West Finchley</p> <p>Number of signatures: 52</p> <p>Details:</p> <p>We the undersigned petition the council to review road safety surrounding Moss Hall School. Issue around double parking and parking on double yellow lines leading to unsafe road crossing conditions.</p> <p>To consider road calming measures on Nether Street and to consider other road safety measures on roads surrounding Moss Hall School (both on Moss Hall Grove and Essex Park/Wentworth).</p> <p>Concern over speed of cars down Nether Street and parking on both sides of Nether Street after junction with Moss Hall Grove.</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>Petition: Fight for the right to build your driveway</p>

Lead Petitioner: Cindy Wong Shankaya

Ward: Brunswick Park

Number of signatures: 49

Details:

We the undersigned petition the council to Review the policy restricting us as homeowners of Hampden Way to obtains drop kerb outside our own homes so that we can safely park our cars on our driveways.

We live at Hampden Way. We are looking for support from people who believe in our cause, which is to fight for the right to build driveways outside our homes and most importantly access it though a dropped kerb which is paid for by us through the council.

At this point in time, those who have applied for a drop kerb after 2017 have had to applications rejected due to a new policy in relation to the grass verge between the pavement and the road.

This change in policy has resulted in many homeowners unable to park their cars on driveways and risk their personal safety and cars as they park on Hamden Way. This road is not only very busy but it is very tight as cars/ buses/ large vehicles pass by in both directions at speed- there has been 2-3 serious accidents in the past few months! We have paid good money to live here, it should be our right get a drop kerb outside our houses. Many of us are already enjoying ours as we applied before 2017- this is unjust!

We would like to get the homeowners of Hampden Way to support us in requesting the council to change this policy.
Let's enjoy our home

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.