



Cabinet

Title	Petition – Remove the Golders Green Crescent Road Closure
Date of meeting	18 October 2023
Report of	Head of Governance
Wards	Golders Green
Status	Public
Key	Non-key
Urgent	No
Appendices	None
Lead Officer	Salar Rida – Governance Manager
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Summary

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

Recommendations

1. That Cabinet notes the petition detailed in section 1.
2. That Cabinet decides whether to:
 - (a) Take no action
 - (b) Refer the matter to the relevant Cabinet Member or Committee Chair to provide a written respond to the Lead Petitioner within 20 working days; or
 - (c) Instruct an officer to prepare a report for a future meeting of Cabinet on the issue(s) raised with a recommended course of action.

1. Reasons for the Recommendations

1.1 A petition was submitted to the Head of Governance on 5th October 2023 titled “Remove the Golders Green Crescent Road Closure – Petition to remove the Golders Green Crescent planters.” The petition has received more than 500 signatures from Barnet citizens. In accordance with the Petition Scheme, the petition is required to be reported to Cabinet for consideration.

1.2

Petition:	Petition to remove the Golders Green Crescent planters
Details:	We the undersigned petition the Labour-run Barnet Council to remove the wooden planter boxes and seating at the junction of Golders Green Rd and Golders Green Crescent. The planters are a magnet for anti-social behaviour and other problems and were installed against the advice of those responsible for community safety. Many local residents and shopkeepers have expressed concern about the planters. The planters must be removed as soon as possible. Any future scheme for the area must be subject to local consultation and consent before any such scheme is implemented.
Ward:	Golders Green
Lead Petitioner:	Shimon Ryde
Signatures:	570

2. Alternative Options Considered and Not Recommended

2.1 Not applicable.

3. Post Decision Implementation

3.1 Cabinet will decide on the appropriate action to be taken (if any) which will be referred to the relevant parties by the Governance Team.

4. Corporate Priorities, Performance and Other Considerations

Corporate Plan

4.1 Consideration of the item aligns with the Council’s Corporate Plan (2023-2026) priorities:

- To encourage participation in our policymaking and democracy.
- To actively listen to and consider different perspectives and needs in policymaking and service design
- To act on concerns of local residents and involve them in decision making.

Corporate Performance / Outcome Measures

4.2 N/A.

Sustainability

4.3 N/A.

Corporate Parenting

4.4	Not applicable. Risk Management
4.5	Not applicable. Social Value
4.6	Not applicable.
5.	Resource Implications (Finance and Value for Money, Procurement, Staffing, IT and Property)
5.1	Not applicable.
6.	Legal Implications and Constitution References
6.1	Under the Council’s Constitution, Part 3F Petition Scheme, Petitions with signatories between 501-3,000 will be reported to Cabinet (or other/ Area Committee). The Lead Petitioner will be given 3 minutes to present the petition to Cabinet or committee. Following the presentation, the Leader and Cabinet Members, will have an opportunity to ask the Lead Petitioner questions. After the debate Cabinet or the committee will decide the petition in accordance with the options set out in the recommendations above.
6.2	Part 2D (Terms of Reference and Delegation of Duties to the Cabinet) of the Constitution states that Cabinet is responsible for the following functions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Development of proposals for the budget (including the capital and revenue budgets, the fixing of the Council Tax Base, and the level of Council Tax) and the financial strategy for the Council; - Monitoring the implementation of the budget and financial strategy; - Recommending major new policies (and amendments to existing policies) to the Council for approval as part of the Council’s Policy Framework and implementing those approved by Council; - Approving policies that are not part of the policy framework; - Management of the Council’s Capital Programme.
6.3	Part 3B, Executive Procedure Rules, Section 13.2 (Petitions) states that “The Council has a petition scheme and this will be followed.”
7.	Consultation
7.1	Not applicable in the context of this report.
8.	Equalities and Diversity
8.1	None specifically in relation to this report.
9.	Background Papers

9.1 The petition submitted in hard copy to Governance Service on 5 October 2023.

[petition - To Remove the Golders Green Crescent Planters \(moderngov.co.uk\)](https://www.moderngov.co.uk/petition-to-remove-the-golders-green-crescent-planters)