



## Suburb parking update

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In the last Suburb News, I gave an update on Barnet Council's 2021 'Engagement on Parking' survey, which led to a review of the Suburb's Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) restrictions. Readers will recall that, of the 1791 households surveyed, 397 responses were received (22%), with 27% of respondents in support of a CPZ and 68% against.

As elected ward councillors, Mike Mire and I strongly believe that: firstly, we should be honest with you about what our own position is, even though that may be unpopular with some residents and, secondly, there should be transparency over how the eventual decision is reached, with the reasons made clear and publicly available.

Our position is very clear: we think that CPZs should only be implemented on streets that experience parking pressures and where residents have expressed support for one. In the interests of transparency, our detailed response to the survey and our recommendations can be read here: [www.barnetconservatives.london/response](http://www.barnetconservatives.london/response).

We have now held a number of meetings with the Council's parking officers, from which it is apparent they are leaning towards implementing a large-scale extension of the CPZ so that it would effectively cover most of the south side of the Suburb. This is because the Council wishes to avoid a piecemeal approach to the introduction of CPZs which has historically had the impact of displacing parking pressures into neighbouring streets.

We understand and respect this position, but are also aware that the Council's Administration has recently approved a series of income generation proposals to help meet its funding gap. Included within these proposals is £1.5m relating to 'Parking – A review of services and policies to ensure a consistent, fair approach to improving traffic, highway air quality and road safety. Meeting existing unaddressed needs and demands on the highway.' This information is publicly available on Barnet's website (Policy and Resources Committee, 29 September 2022, Agenda Item 9, Appendix B, Page 4). It has since been confirmed that this item relates to CPZ permits, and that approximately 5,000 extra permits will need to be sold across Barnet to achieve this target (Council 1 November 2022, question number 18 of 'Questions to the Leader').

As to how the eventual decision will be made, discussions are continuing but we understand that the Council's parking officers will ultimately make a formal report and recommendation to the Director of Highways. Mike and I have asked for our own recommendations to be referred to in this report and for the report to be made public. We have also voiced our strong opposition to the large-scale extension of the CPZ to the Chair of the Environment and Climate Change Committee, Cllr Alan Schneiderman – the Administration's political lead for parking, both in private and in the public Council meeting that took place on 24 January 2023 (Council, 24 January 2023, question numbers 22, 34 and 44).

We will continue to fight for residents and keep you updated.

## Litter pickers unite! We have nothing to lose but rubbish



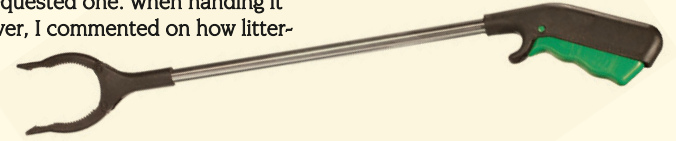
HELENA NAFTALIN

As the new 'litter-picker co-ordinator', I was delivering a litter-picking tool to a Suburb resident who had requested one. When handing it over, I commented on how litter-

free her street seemed. She replied that, since she'd lived in the street, she had always been collecting the litter BY HAND! So she was especially pleased to have the 'lifting stick' to make it easier and more pleasant.

Litter-picking makes a big difference to the lovely overall environment in which we live; it's easy, fun and young children particularly enjoy the challenge of spotting and collecting bits of litter for their bag! (We have child sized litter-picking sticks as well.)

If you're interested in helping your street stay clean, green and tidy, please contact me on [litter@hgsra.uk](mailto:litter@hgsra.uk) with your name, address and phone number. I'll be happy to deliver a litter-picker to your door. Thank you.



## Air Source Heat Pumps an important update

EMMA HOWARD

We have important news for all the HGS residents who are now thinking of installing an air source heat pump, which can dramatically reduce your home's carbon emissions (and may save money too).

We can confirm that consent from Barnet is not required for heat pumps, making the process potentially simpler.

We had previously advised people that consent was required from Barnet and the Trust. However, further research by RA REACH committee members and an approach by our Ward Councillors to LB Barnet has confirmed that Barnet consent is not required in the case of air source heat pumps as their installation is covered by

the Permitted Development Rights Legislation, even in the HGS Conservation area.

Consent from the HGS Trust is still required, however.

Although consent from both bodies would still be needed for ground-source heat pumps. (Not many people are thinking of installing these).

HGS REACH is keen to help residents install heat pumps. Initially, the conversion from gas may seem daunting, but they are commonplace elsewhere in the world and there are successful installations in the Suburb. The Trust is regularly approving applications.

For more information see the REACH section of the RA website ([hgsra.uk](http://hgsra.uk)) and read the article from last year's Suburb News.



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