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1/23/20-21	Cllr Guney Dogan (Cabinet Member for Environment & Sustainability)	Monday 9 November 2020	Part 1	Three Emergency Access Camera Sites	Non-Key	Bush Hill Park, Edmonton Green, Town	Yes Friday 6 November 2020	1-2
DECISIONS								
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LIST REFERENCE: 1/23/20-21

SUBJECT TITLE OF THE REPORT:							
THREE EMERGENCY ACCESS CAMERA SITES							
Part 1 or 2 (relevant exempt Paragraph)	Wards affected by decision	Decision taken by	Date Decision comes into effect	Interest declared in respect of the Decision	Category of decision (i.e. Key, Non-Key, Council, Urgent)	Contact Details	Eligible for Call-in & Date to be called in by
Part 1	Bush Hill Park, Edmonton Green, Town	Cllr Guney Dogan (Cabinet Member for Environment & Sustainability)	Monday 9 November 2020	None	Non-Key	Jonathan Goodson jonathan.goodson@enfield.gov.uk 0208 132 0988	Yes Friday 6 November 2020
DECISION							
<p>AGREED subject to no call in being received:</p> <p>1 To assist with emergency service response times:</p> <p>a) In Firs Park Avenue to proceed with the replacement of the existing emergency gate at the width restriction with a gap controlled by a No Motor Vehicle restriction enforced by camera.</p> <p>b) In Montagu Gardens to amend the existing road closure to create an emergency vehicle bypass route with a No Motor Vehicle Restriction enforced by camera.</p> <p>c) In Ladysmith Road in view of the lack of sufficient evidence of the benefits to the emergency services, to retain the existing locked barrier without modification.</p>							
ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED							
<p>1. The suggestion was made, for the Ladysmith Road site, that the lockable barrier be replaced with an electronic system that raised the barrier automatically - or remotely from a control centre - when emergency access was needed. The community felt some form of physical barrier offered greater reassurance than the psychological deterrent of the camera. LAS stated having no objections to such a system if workable.</p> <p>2. One submission from the community included an estimate of below £10,000 for such a product; as might be seen controlling access to a car park. However, even if this were deemed a robust enough model for placing in the public road, the costs attributed are not likely to account for preparatory work within the road construction – cabling and footings – nor for an electricity board connection. Concerns over the tendency for such products to fail under the action of vandals or poor drivers and then be costly to have repaired or replaced by specialist providers explain the Council not having installed any such mechanisms on its highway network hitherto.</p>							

3. More fundamentally, a physical barrier with electronic controls shares the same drawbacks as a conventional barrier. It will tend to accrue maintenance costs across each year of service that must be met via public funds, unlike a camera that will pay for itself from even small numbers of PCNs issued to contravening drivers. Moreover, a camera that is temporarily out of service poses no unexpected delay to an emergency crew but retains the potential for deterrent in the mind of the driver seeking a short-cut. By contrast, a barrier that is found jammed shut when needed could send an emergency crew back around a long detour; while one that is jammed open is both a hazard and an invitation for misuse.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

1. It is recommended the Council proceed with the proposals at Firs Park Avenue to hasten access by fire and ambulance crews, notably the latter which face a lengthy detour when seeking access into the large estate due to the array of restriction points enclosing it. The case for Firs Park Avenue being the most strategic entry point of the four in question for ambulance crews is clear. The Council can be confident that few drivers of domestic vehicles will breach the camera-controlled gap when they retain a legitimate facility to continue using the width-restricted lanes adjacent. Occasional abuse by drivers of commercial vehicles could be followed up, in each case, with targeted investigation into their operations in addition to the issue of the PCN.
2. It is recommended the Council proceed with the proposals at Montagu Gardens, which are unopposed and where presently no emergency access is possible to or from Montagu Road.
3. It is recommended the Council discontinue proposals for the Ladysmith Road site as there is an imbalance between the strength of community opposition relative to the degree of evidence offered hitherto to set out the benefits of this specific proposal. That could be revisited if further evidence, especially having a numerical basis, became available.

BACKGROUND

Please note that a copy of the Part 1 report is available on the Council's democracy pages.