

# **Traffic and Road Safety Advisory Panel**

## **Minutes**

### **13 November 2024**

**Present:**

**Chair:** Councillor Ameet Jogia MBE

**Councillors:** Shahania Choudhury Jerry Miles  
Asif Hussain Vipin Mithani  
Thaya Idaikkadar

**Advisers:** Ms V Chamberlain Mr A Wood (Virtual)  
Mr J Hinkley

**In attendance  
(Councillors):** Nitin Parekh For Minute 83 & 84

**Absent:** Councillor Nicola Blackman Mr S Voloseniuc

**77. Attendance by Reserve Members**

**RESOLVED:** To note that there were no Reserve Members in attendance at this meeting.

**78. Declarations of Interest**

**RESOLVED:** To note that no declaration of interests were made at the meeting.

## **79. Minutes**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the meeting held on 10 July 2024 be taken as read and signed as a correct record.

## **80. Public Questions**

**RESOLVED:** To note that one public question had been received and responded to.

## **81. Petitions**

A petition, containing 90 signatures, had been referred by Cabinet (25 July 2024) regarding road safety measures on Devonshire Road and Sussex Road.

The terms of the petition were as follows:

“We the undersigned support the reintroduction of the 20mph limit in Devonshire Road and Sussex Road, HAI, along with speed humps to address the persistent issues with “rat-running” and speeding traffic. We also support road safety measures to assist younger and older residents crossing Pinner View at the junction with Sussex Road where traffic speeds are frequently unsafe due to “rat-running”. We urge Harrow Council to bring forward proposals to implement these changes as soon as possible.”

**RESOLVED:** That the petition be received and referred to the Acting Strategic Director of Environment, Culture and Economy for consideration.

## **82. Deputations**

**RESOLVED:** To note that there were none.

## **Resolved Items**

### **83. Information Report - Petitions**

The Panel received the Petitions Report, which set out details of the petitions that had been received since the last Panel meeting on 10 July 2024. The report provided details of the Council’s investigations and findings where these had been undertaken.

In accordance with Rule 4.1.1 of the Constitution, the Panel agreed that Councillor Nitin Parekh speaks on this item.

**RESOLVED:** That the report be noted.

### **84. Information Report - 2024/25 Traffic and Parking Schemes Programme Update**

The Panel received the Traffic and Parking Schemes Programme Update 2024-25, which provided an update on progress with the 2024/25 traffic and parking management programme of works.

In accordance with Rule 4.1.1 of the Constitution, the Panel agreed that Councillor Nitin Parekh speaks on this item.

Officers presented two scheme options earmarked for funding on the recommendation of the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Highways. There were: a proposed footway extension on Common Road; or a zebra crossing on Potlock Avenue. The Panel supported the latter.

The Cycling Adviser asked a number of questions, to which the Chair advised would be responded to by officers at a later date. In particular, the Cycling Adviser was concerned that the selection of locations for the Healthy School Streets Programme should not exclude independent schools.

Furthermore, the Adviser expressed concern that back routes for cyclists were being promoted by the Council, and her association was not supportive of that. She also commented that a broken white line painted on a road did not protect cyclists from motor traffic. Drivers could park there, meaning that cyclists using the lane had to come out into the overtaking traffic. This was a manoeuvre only for skilled and confident cyclists.

**RESOLVED:** That the report be noted.

## **Recommended Items**

### **85. Appointment of Adviser 2024-25**

The Panel received a report on the appointment of a non-voting Adviser to the Traffic and Road Safety Advisory Panel 2024/25.

The report had been prepared as Mr Anthony Wood, who had represented the Harrow Public Transport Users Advisory Association on the Panel, had indicated that he was going to retire.

The Chair, and the Panel, thanked Mr Wood for his dedication and professionalism over many years, and wished him well for the future.

**Resolved to RECOMMEND:** (to the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Highways)

That Mr Keith Maurice Nason be appointed as Adviser to the Panel representing the Harrow Public Transport Users Advisory Association.

(Note: The meeting, having commenced at 6.30 pm, closed at 7.35 pm).

(Signed) Councillor Ameet Jogia MBE  
Chair