

TRAFFIC AND ROAD SAFETY ADVISORY PANEL – 12 July 2022

PUBLIC QUESTIONS (ITEM 4)

Under Rule 49 of the Executive Procedure Rules, members of the public may question the Chair of the Panel at meetings relating to matters within the terms of reference of the Panel. There is a time limit of 15 minutes for the asking and answering of public questions.

1.

Questioner: Daljit Matharu

Asked of: Councillor Ameet Jogia, Chair of Traffic and Road Safety Advisory Panel

Question: “Following the construction of the above Traffic Calming Measure in March 2020 32 residents (12 households) have continued to suffer almost 18 hours of disruption each and every day in the form of earthquake like vibrations reverberating through their houses when the H12 Bus passes this junction. Having exhausted all avenues we are at this petition stage to try to get some resolve to this issue. When is the council going to do the right thing and come and listen to the voices of the residents and hopefully move towards implementing some other less intrusive traffic calming measure at this junction please?”

2.

Questioner: Barbara Poluck

Asked of: Councillor Ameet Jogia, Chair of Traffic and Road Safety Advisory Panel

Question: “The roundabout replaced a raised island which actively calmed the traffic and acted as a safe crossing point. The roundabout has resulted in the traffic going faster and the extended pavement has created an unnecessary bend. Why can't we have the island reinstated and 20 mph markings on the road?”

3.

Questioner: Minesh Joshi

Asked of: Councillor Ameet Jogia, Chair of Traffic and Road Safety Advisory Panel

Question: "It is increasingly unsafe for pedestrians, including dog walkers and parents with young children, to cross over from the spinney into the park.

As you know there was significant support for introducing speed calming measures in the area, and urgent steps must be taken to address the increasing flow of traffic, perhaps even considering options such as no left/right turn, no entry, one way to try and reduce vehicle traffic across the local roads.

Given the rising number of incidents along Howberry Road, including a bad accident 10 days ago outside No. 52, what plans does Harrow Council have to secure funding for a speed bump table outside the Canons Park entrance on Howberry Road, as part of the 20mph proposed scheme for the area?"

4.

Questioner: Sumit Jani

Asked of: Councillor Ameet Jogia, Chair of Traffic and Road Safety Advisory Panel

Question: "The Government, local government and schools are all encouraging us to reduce Co2 and walking to school is one way locals communities can help to do this, it also helps reduce traffic in the area in question. Residents and in particular parents are very concerned about road safety around North London Colligate School and Alyward School, particularly for young children, if often impossible to cross the road. Given the increase in congestion what plans does Harrow Council have to implement a pedestrian crossing near the school or including the area in a school streets scheme?"

5.

Questioner: Hugh Brown

Asked of: Councillor Ameet Jogia, Chair of Traffic and Road Safety Advisory Panel

Question: “This is the third time Melrose Road and Kingsley Road have been included for consideration on the parking scheme list, since a CPZ was initially requested by one of my neighbours. As you may know, St John Fisher Primary School is located at the end of Melrose Road, and we witness dangerous and inconsiderate parking on a daily basis. Parents routinely drive down Melrose Road to collect their children from school, parking on the the zig-zags, on the double-yellow lines around the junction with Kingsley Road, and carry out dangerous turning maneuvers. The residents are concerned that this poses a serious risk to the safety of the school children and other pedestrians and also has a big impact on residents being able to access their properties. The situation has got steadily worse of the years, largely due to the school expansion, but also because parents are coming earlier and earlier, routinely parking and waiting from 2:30pm or earlier. We see grid-lock on a road not suited to this much traffic, meaning residents cannot go about their daily lives.

Residents believe a CPZ would discourage parents from parking on Melrose Road and Kingsley Road.

Our request is ranked 17th on the scheme, but I do not believe this takes enough consideration of the impact of this dangerous and inconsiderate behaviour. Please could you review our request and perhaps come to meet the residents and consider re-prioritising our request?”