

TRAFFIC AND ROAD SAFETY ADVISORY PANEL

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PUBLIC QUESTIONS ACCEPTED

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AGENDA PART I

PUBLIC QUESTIONS RECEIVED (ITEM 4)

1.

Questioner: The Friends of Northumberland Road

Asked of: Councillor Barry Kendler, Chair of TARSAP

Question: Following on from your reply to our (largely unanswered) previous Question from a year ago now clearly there is a widespread Road Safety and Speeding problem right across the Borough. Could you please advise specifically what you have done about this?

2.

Questioner: Jeremy Swerner, Resident

Asked of: Councillor Barry Kendler, Chair of TARSAP

Question: Event days at Wembley are having an increasingly negative impact on Pangbourne Drive with increased congestion making it impossible to drive down our road. The health and safety of residents and pedestrians should be paramount, and we hope that there won't be a major accident. Does the panel agree that event day restrictions are now necessary to mitigate these risks, and if so what steps will the council be taking to introduce event day restrictions?

3.

Questioner: Mrs Linch, Resident

Asked of: Councillor Barry Kendler, Chair of TARSAP

Question: Can anything be done, as a matter of urgency, before a serious accident occurs or an incident of Road-Rage, to alleviate the Evening and Week-End parking problem in Howberry Road (Whitchurch Lane end).

As soon as the Parking Restrictions finish at 3.0 p.m. cars and commercial vehicles start to double-park along Howberry Road for the night and for the duration of the week-end. This reduces the available space along the central corridor of the road to one lane and does not allow for two cars, travelling in opposite directions along Howberry Road, to pass each other. Invariably, no-one wishes to give way or back up, so there ensues a period of hooting, shouting and possible road-rage. If a Fire Engine or Ambulance were on an Emergency Call, the situation would be extremely dangerous. It seems that the vehicles being parked are from the HITCHIN LANE estate. The houses in Howberry Road have their own drives for off-street parking.

Might we suggest that Double Yellow Lines along one side of Howberry Road up to Howberry Close might be a solution and cost effective.

4.

Questioner: Fiona Prussia, Resident

Asked of: Councillor Barry Kendler, Chair of TARSAP

Question: Have the panel considered the impact that the parking restrictions have had on the viability of our nursery (Honeypot Pre-school)? The fact remains that parents have a choice of nursery, and are choosing ones with a car park or convenient parking nearby and this decision is effecting the sustainability of our charity and will result in the eventual closure of this Ofsted rated outstanding early years provision, that has been in Harrow since 1966.