

TRAFFIC AND ROAD SAFETY ADVISORY PANEL

26 FEBRUARY 2008

Chairman: * Councillor John Nickolay

Councillors: * Mrs Camilla Bath * Jerry Miles
* Robert Benson * David Perry
* Mrinal Choudhury * Yogesh Teli
* Nizam Ismail * Jeremy Zeid
* Manji Kara

Advisers: * Mr A Blann * Mr L Gray
Mr E Diamond * Mr A Wood

* Denotes Member present

[Note: Councillor Bill Stephenson also attended this meeting to speak on the item indicated at Minute 94 below].

PART I - RECOMMENDATIONS**RECOMMENDATION 1 - Controlled Parking Zones/Parking Schemes - Annual Review**

An officer presented a report of the Head of Property and Infrastructure, which reviewed progress and assessed and recommended priorities for the introduction and review of Controlled Parking Zones (CPZs) and associated parking restrictions.

The officer explained that the report suggested changes to the way the CPZ programme was driven to address the situation where CPZ reviews were taking longer and costing more to deliver. The officer confirmed that there was an opportunity to look at the costing of schemes and that the programme was to be managed more flexibly. The officer also explained that it was debatable whether large-scale reviews of CPZs were necessary.

In response to questions by Members, the officer confirmed that:

- when CPZs were being consulted on, a record was kept of all representations made;
- a number of schools had provided parking for members of the public who were travelling from Stanmore to Wembley Stadium for events. However, it was believed there were concerns over insurance and liability issues, security and potential damage that followed such use;
- in relation to the proposed CPZ review in Stanmore, 4,000 leaflets had been distributed to residents and a number of petitions had been received by the Traffic Management department as a result of the consultation;
- local organisations such as the Stanmore Society had been consulted regarding the proposals for Stanmore. A stakeholder meeting had taken place in July 2007 to discuss options and agree a way forward;
- in addition to sport events, attendance at music concerts at Wembley Stadium also caused parking problems in Stanmore;
- it would be significantly more expensive using event day only restrictions and signage instead of permanent restrictions fixtures in Harrow to counter the problems with parking caused by events at Wembley Stadium because this would require a higher capital cost and would require ongoing revenue expenditure;
- when considering the implementation of CPZs, the views of residents generally needed to be considered on a 'road by road' basis;
- the implementation of a CPZ in Burnt Oak Broadway had moved up the list of priorities because Barnet Council were proposing a CPZ in the area surrounding Burnt Oak underground station;

- the problem of parking at Hooking Green was being addressed through utilising money made available from the LCN budget;
- there were separate funds set aside for dealing with 'problem streets' with particular access difficulties. These streets could be addressed by implementing appropriate waiting restrictions and generally double yellow lines would be proposed to address safety and access problems;
- businesses would be included in the consultation as part of the Kenton Station review, including at the stakeholder meetings stage;
- in relation to the proposed Canons Corner 'pay and display' scheme, a petition had been submitted by businesses since the cancellation of the scheme seeking for parking controls to be implemented;

An officer noted the comment by a Member that some of the parking restrictions on Imperial Drive on Saturday were unnecessary. The officer confirmed the reason for the restrictions would be investigated to see if there was justification for a review.

Resolved to RECOMMEND: (to the Portfolio Holder for Planning, Development and Enterprise)

That (1) subject to funding, the priority list as set out in Appendix C of the report - the Controlled Parking Zone programme be adopted;

(2) officers be authorised to carry out consultation and scheme design for formal approval of the Controlled Parking Zone Programme.

[Reason for Recommendation: To prioritise the Controlled Parking Zones Programme.]

PART II - MINUTES

84. **Attendance by Reserve Members:**

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

85. **Declarations of Interest:**

RESOLVED: To note that the following declarations of interest were declared:

- Councillor Robert Benson declared a personal interest arising from the fact that he was a resident of Stanmore. Accordingly, he remained in the room for the discussion of all items.
- Councillor Jeremy Zeid declared a personal interest arising from the fact that he was a Ward Councillor for Kenton West. Accordingly, he remained in the room for the discussion of all items.

86. **Arrangement of Agenda:**

RESOLVED: That all items be considered with the press and public present.

87. **Minutes:**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 28 November 2007, be taken as read and signed as a correct record.

88. **Public Questions:**

RESOLVED: To note that no public questions were received at this meeting under the provisions of Advisory Panel and Consultative Forum Procedure Rule 16 (Part 4E of the Constitution).

89. **Petitions**

- Petitions Received at the Meeting:**

RESOLVED: To note the receipt of the following petition which was referred to the relevant officer for consideration:

- Petition requesting that the Council make the back entrance to Cannon Lane First and Middle Schools on Chestnut Drive, Pinner safer for children entering and leaving the school between the hours of 8.30 - 9.00 and 15.00 - 15.30.

Presented by a member of the public and signed by 108 people.

- (ii) INFORMATION REPORT – Petitions relating to Stanmore CPZ review and Imperial Drive/The Ridgeway – request for pedestrian phase:

An officer presented an information report of the Head of Property and Infrastructure, which set out details of three petitions received in response to consultation on the Stanmore CPZ review, and a petition received requesting a pedestrian phase at the junction of Imperial Drive and the Ridgeway, North Harrow. Details of action taken on the petitions were included in the report.

It was agreed by the Panel that with regards to the petition received in response to consultation on the Stanmore CPZ review, the issues the petition raised would be addressed by officers in a report of the Head of Property and Infrastructure which was to be submitted to the next meeting of the Panel.

An officer explained that a petition had been received containing the signatures of 227 local residents from the Chairs of Governors of Longfield First and Middle Schools. The petition requested that the Council and Transport for London take immediate action to install pedestrian crossing facilities at the junction of Imperial Drive and the Ridgeway.

An officer explained that a written response to the petition had been sent to Longfield School. Another officer explained that the issue was being addressed in the School Travel Plan, which was specific to the junction. The officer confirmed that there were on going difficulties in providing a pedestrian crossing at the junction because of the adverse effect on the signals and the capacity of the junction.

An adviser commented that he was aware of the problems at the junction and that he would like to see the problem addressed by officers. An officer confirmed that measures were being investigated.

RESOLVED: That the report and the above be noted.

90. **Deputations:**

RESOLVED: To note that no deputations were received at this meeting under the provisions of Advisory Panel and Consultative Forum Procedure Rule 15 (Part 4E of the Constitution).

91. **References from Council and other Committees/Panels:**

RESOLVED: To note that no references were received.

92. **Controlled Parking Zones/Parking Schemes – Annual Review:**
(See Recommendation 1)

93. **INFORMATION REPORT – TfL Funding Award and Scheme Programme 2008/09:**

An officer presented an information report of the Head of Property and Infrastructure which outlined the award received from Transport for London (TfL) in order to implement sections of the Mayor's Transport Strategy in Harrow. The report also outlined the programme of works to be implemented in 2008/09.

An officer agreed to provide Members and advisers with a briefing note on the bus priority scheme planned at the junction of Common Road and the High Road in Bushey. In response to the provision of Cycle Lanes, an officer agreed to assist an adviser outside of the meeting with the information he required.

In response to questions, officers confirmed that:

- funding for the width restriction in Headstone Lane was made available through the Bus Priority Schemes budget. There was a CCTV enforcement camera, which monitored vehicle movement at the width restriction;
- generally, Toucan crossings were not time linked;

- the Junior Citizen scheme was aimed at raising awareness of road safety among younger children;
- Harrow was within the top two London Boroughs for the lowest number of personal injury accidents.

An adviser queried whether there were section 106 agreements in relation to the two developments at the junction of Northolt Road and Shaftesbury Avenue. It was agreed to refer the issue to a relevant officer.

An officer confirmed that a report on the Road Safety function would be submitted to the next meeting of the Panel.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

94. **INFORMATION REPORT – Progress Update on Key Traffic Schemes:**

A Member who had made a request to speak at the Panel, which had been formally agreed, expressed concern that a petition that was submitted to Cabinet on the 17 January 2008 had not been addressed in the information report of the Head of Property and Infrastructure. The petition sought the introduction of parking facilities for local shops located in Headstone Drive, Harrow View and Headstone Gardens and had been referred to the Portfolio Holder for Environment Services for consideration. The Chairman stated that he was keen to see progress on the issue. An officer confirmed that the petition was being taken into account in relation to the study of the junction that had been commissioned and apologised that the issue had not been specifically referred to in the information report.

Further queries regarding a number of traffic management projects were raised by Members and dealt with by officers.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

95. **Any Other Urgent Business:**

Elm Park, Stanmore

A Member expressed concern regarding the situation concerning the bollards in Elm Park Stanmore.

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A Member stated that as the meeting was the last of the municipal year, he wished to express his thanks towards the Chairman for the fact that meetings had been conducted in a courteous manner. The Member expressed his best wishes towards the Chairman for the forthcoming municipal year.

RESOLVED: That the above be noted.

96. **Date of Next Meeting:**

RESOLVED: That it be noted that the next meeting of the Panel would be held on Wednesday 18 June 2008 at 7.30 pm.

(Note: The meeting having commenced at 7.31 pm, closed at 9.44 pm)

(Signed) COUNCILLOR JOHN NICKOLAY
Chairman