

TRAFFIC AND ROAD SAFETY ADVISORY PANEL

17 SEPTEMBER 2008

Chairman: * Councillor Susan Hall

Councillors: * Mrinal Choudhury * Jerry Miles
 * Nizam Ismail * David Perry
 * Manji Kara * Yogesh Teli
 * Mrs Kinnear * Jeremy Zeid
 * Julia Merison (1)

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

* Denotes Member present
 † Denotes apologies received

Following the approval of a Non-Executive Action, Councillor Robert Benson was replaced by Councillor Julia Merison on the Committee.

PART I - RECOMMENDATIONS - NIL**PART II - MINUTES**112. **Attendance by Reserve Members:**

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

113. **Declarations of Interest:**

RESOLVED: To note that the following interests were declared:

<u>Agenda Item</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Nature of Interest</u>
8. Wealdstone Controlled Parking Zone review – Consultation results and objections.	Councillor Bill Stephenson	The Member who was not a member of the Committee declared a personal interest arising from the fact that he was a resident of the Marlborough ward. Accordingly, he remained in the room for the discussion and decision-making on the item.
	Alan Blann	The Adviser to the Panel declared a personal interest arising from the fact that he is a resident of Wealdstone. Accordingly, he remained in the room for the discussion of the item.

114. **Arrangement of Agenda:**

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

115. **Minutes:**

RESOLVED: That subject to the following amendment, the minutes of the meeting held on 18 June 2008 be taken as read and signed as a correct record of the meeting:-

Minute 110 to read:

Roxeth Hill, Harrow-on-the-Hill

A Panel Member commented that the junction at the bottom of Roxeth Hill was unsafe for children to cross because traffic controls for pedestrians had not been implemented. The Chairman confirmed that this area would be looked into for the next meeting.

116. **Public Questions:**

RESOLVED: To note that the following public question had been received:

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Questioner: Andrew McPhail

Asked of: Councillor Susan Hall, Chairman of Traffic and Road Safety Advisory Panel.

Question: As a resident of 59 Vaughan Road I am only too aware of the parking problems on this road (due to commuter and shopper parking), and I wondered when the consultation for CPZ would begin, as the Traffic and Road Safety Advisory Panel meeting of Feb 2008 suggested it would be 2008/2009?

Answer: The matter is covered in the information report for Agenda item 10. The Chairman of the meeting advised the Panel that a written response to the questioner would be provided by the Portfolio Holder for Environment Services.

117. **Petitions:**

Petition from residents requesting action on illegal U- turns, speeding traffic and vibration on High Road, Harrow Weald

An officer reported to the Panel that a petition was submitted to the Cabinet meeting on 19 June 2008 from Councillor Paul Scott on behalf of residents on High Road, Harrow Weald. The petition with 8 signatures from residents sought immediate action to resolve concerns about illegal u-turns, speeding traffic and vibration.

The officer explained that the Portfolio holder for Environment and Community Safety had sent a response to the lead petitioner advising that no effective measures could be taken to deal with the problems and concerns raised by the petition.

Petition from businesses requesting the amendment of waiting restrictions on High Road, Harrow Weald

Members of the Panel were advised by officers that the Council meeting on 10 July 2008 had received a petition from businesses between 207-227 High Road, Harrow Weald. The petition contained 13 signatures from local businesses and was on the same terms as the one reported to the Panel meeting on 18 June 2008.

An officer confirmed that a letter had been written to the lead petitioner explaining that the council was unable to agree to their request for changes to the parking restrictions and that the council was seeking written confirmation of Transport for London (TfL) position concerning the parking restrictions.

Petition from the parents and carers of children attending Marlborough School regarding road safety issues in the area outside the school

An officer reported that a petition had been forwarded from the Headteacher of Marlborough School on behalf of parents and carers. The petition contained 91 signatures and outlined a number of proposals to address road safety issues in the area outside Marlborough School.

The officer advised the Panel that the school and peripheral roads had been included in traffic orders (published in July 2008) outlining the extension of the Wealdstone Zone C parking scheme and that the objections received, including the one from the school, were the subject of a separate report to this meeting of the Panel.

The officer confirmed that they would continue to liaise with the Headteacher to formulate an acceptable and practicable solution to the issues raised.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

118. **Deputations:**

RESOLVED: That, in accordance with Advisory Panel and Consultative Forum Procedure Rule 15 (Part 4E of the Constitution), a deputation be received in respect of Agenda Item 8 outlining concerns about the proposed extension of Wealdstone Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ).

(See Minute Item 119).

119. **Wealdstone Controlled Parking Zone Review - Consultation Results and Objections:**

The Panel received a deputation on this item from teachers and staff at Marlborough School, objecting to the proposed extension of the existing Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) in Wealdstone. It was stated that:

- potential issues with parking had not been addressed during the earlier consultation process;
- staff and visitors to the school on official business would find it difficult to park near to the school;
- parking restrictions would compromise health and safety because clear access to the school for emergency vehicles and deliveries would be difficult to maintain;
- the proposed scheme would disadvantage the school and surrounding community as parking spaces would become more limited;
- a travel plan that encouraged pupils to walk to school and teachers to share car journeys had been successfully implemented.

An officer introduced the report into the results of statutory consultation of the draft traffic orders. The seven objections received had resulted from the advertisement of the scheme proposals. These included:

- Three objections concerning proposals in Masons Avenue. The officer advised that the concerns raised had been addressed and responded to and that one of the objectors subsequently confirmed he was satisfied with the response.
- Two objectors expressed concern about proposals for double yellow lines in:
 - a) Dobbin Close
Whilst the majority of residents in a previous consultation had supported these restrictions, a reduction to the extent of the proposed restrictions at one place had been recommended. This would potentially provide more parking near to the objectors' property whilst not significantly compromising the objectives of the proposed restriction.
 - b) Junction between Kenmore Avenue and Beaufort Avenue
The necessity and the extent of the proposals had been re-checked on site. The Panel were advised that the restricted road width and the angle between the roads at the junction the full 10 metres from the junction as proposed, is recommended to cater for large vehicle access.
- Two objections concerning the proposed extension of the controlled parking zone C were received:
 - c) From a resident of Walton Road
The objection was due to:
 - the cost to residents of having to buy a permit. The majority of responses from the area and from Walton Road in an earlier consultation supported the scheme whilst aware of the permit costs;
 - concern that a reduced number of parked vehicles could lead to more speeding traffic. Despite potential reduction in parking within the road, parking would still remain on both sides of the road even during the one hour of the restrictions so traffic speeds are unlikely to be significantly affected.

d) From the Headteacher of Marlborough School

Members were advised of consideration of the various points raised by the Headteacher in his letter of objection which are laid out in Appendix B of the officer report. These grounds of objection had been further explained by the deputation by members of staff from the school.

Officers confirmed that:

- the majority of responses received on the all the issues covered by these proposals had been in support. In particular the double yellow lines and extension of the CPZ had majority support;
- the introduction of double yellow lines would address obstructive parking near junctions improving visibility and helping access for larger emergency and refuse collection vehicles. The double yellow lines in the vicinity of Marlborough School had the support of the school;
- ward councillors had been consulted during the review period and were advised of the proposed traffic orders;
- the areas included in the Wealdstone CPZ Zone C would be revisited approximately 6-12 months after the scheme had been implemented.

Officers requested that the Panel agree that the objections had been adequately addressed and that these objections should be set aside for the reasons stated in Section 2.2 and Appendix B of the officer report.

It was proposed and seconded that the decision on the extension of the Wealdstone CPZ should be postponed until the Portfolio holder for Environment and Community Safety had met with the Headteacher of Marlborough School and officers, to consider the objections and deputations received.

RESOLVED: That the item be deferred until the next ordinary meeting of the Panel.

120. **Information Report - George V Avenue / Pinner Road / Headstone Lane junction:**
An officer presented an information report that updated Members on the progress of the George V Avenue/Pinner Road/Headstone Lane junction. Residents living nearby the junction had expressed concern about the frequency of road traffic accidents and the lack of pedestrian facilities at the junction.

Officers confirmed that they had been working with Transport for London (TfL) and the Director of Traffic Operations (DTO) to review the signal timings at the junction. The DTO would also review the modelling data and provide officers with an update on the result of their findings so that a way forward could be agreed.

A Member asked if the Programmable Read-Only Memory (PROM), a computer chip used in the signal controller that held all the settings was tested against mains power surges. An officer confirmed that they are tested off site before they are installed in the controller but would check this specific point with TfL at a forthcoming meeting.

Officers agreed that they would provide the Panel with an update on TfL and the DTOs findings at the Panel meeting in November.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

121. **Information Report - Progress update on Controlled Parking Zone programmes:**
The Panel received an information report from the Head of Property and Infrastructure that provided an update on the progress made on a number of controlled parking zone (CPZ) reviews and studies. Officers presented the Panel with results of a re-consultation of a number of roads in Stanmore on whether they wished to be included in the CPZ. The findings of the re-consultation confirmed that the majority of residents in these roads did not support the proposal to include them in the CPZ.

Officers advised Members that the results of the re-consultation would form the basis of their report to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Safety.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

122. **Information Report - Progress update on key traffic schemes:**

An officer presented an information report of the Head of Property and Infrastructure which provided the Panel with an update on the progress of key traffic schemes.

Following the Panel meeting in June, a meeting with ward councillors had been organised to discuss the council's proposals and the consultation process for Pinner Road. An officer confirmed that the results of the public consultation would be reported at the next Panel meeting in November.

An officer advised the Panel that Rumblewave surfacing, which had been planned to slow down vehicles on the approach to bends in Old Redding had been withdrawn by the manufacturer. He confirmed that the scheme had been revised with anti-skid surfacing to be used as an alternative material.

The Panel were advised by officers that traffic orders for the implementation of a 20 mph zone around Grimsdyke School had been advertised. The Portfolio Holder for Environment Services and Community Safety confirmed that she would respond to a number of objections raised by residents' and other interested parties regarding the proposed 20 mph zone.

Details on the results of the consultation regarding proposals to introduce a 20 mph zone around Aylward School were provided by officers at the meeting. Officers confirmed that the majority of residents' supported the implementation of the zone. However, the Panel noted that residents' of Dovercourt Gardens had not supported the proposals. Officers also provided the Panel with results of the consultation for the extension of Kenmore Park 20 mph zone to Kenmore School. The results of the consultation indicated a clear majority in favour of the scheme. Officers confirmed that they had made progress with both proposals.

An update on progress made regarding the Goodwill to All junction was provided by officers. The Panel were advised that regular signal liaison meeting with TfL scheduled for the end of September would discuss the proposals made at the TARSAP meeting in June. Officers confirmed that the Panel would be provided with an update at the TARSAP meeting in November.

An update on the development of bus priority schemes was given to Panel members. The Panel received confirmation that civil works at the junction of Cannon Lane and Whittington Way with parking bays outside the shops had been completed. Members also received confirmation that the scheme for a northbound left turning lane at Common Road, Stanmore would be completed by the end of January 2009. The Panel was informed that the public consultation for the Honeypot Lane northbound bus lane would be issued in September. Proposals for the roundabout at Honeypot Lane and Streatfield roundabout would be discussed at a meeting with Ward Members. Officers advised that plans to implement both schemes at the same time had been discussed. In response to a Members query on the proposed scheme to provide two way buses in Station Road at Harrow Town Centre, officers confirmed that ward councillors would be provided with draft plans before the next meeting in November.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

123. **Date of Next Meeting:**

RESOLVED: That the date of the next meeting of the Panel would be held on Wednesday 26 November 2008 at 7.30 pm.

(Note: The meeting having commenced at 7.30 pm, closed at 8.55 pm)

(Signed) COUNCILLOR SUSAN HALL
Chairman