

TRAFFIC AND ROAD SAFETY ADVISORY PANEL

11 FEBRUARY 2009

Chairman: * Councillor Susan Hall

Councillors: * Nizam Ismail * David Perry
* Manji Kara * Raj Ray (3)
* Mrs Kinnear * Yogesh Teli
* Julia Merison * Jeremy Zeid
* Jerry Miles

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

* Denotes Member present

(3) Denotes category of Reserve Member

[Note: Councillor Marilyn Ashton also attended this meeting to speak on the item indicated at Minute 145 below. Councillors Sasikala Suresh and Asad Omar also attended this meeting to speak on the item indicated at Minute 144 below].

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

An officer tabled an amendment to Appendices C and D in the report. He explained that the tabled amendment listed a number of controlled parking zones (CPZ) and parking schemes programmed for the 2009/10 financial year. He explained that this should have been included in the priority list in Appendix C of the report. These schemes included:

- Wealdstone Zone C Extension Review and possible further extension;
- Kenton station – possible CPZ to replace yellow lines;
- Harrow Weald (including Fontwell Close area review) Extension or possible new CPZ, was amended from 9 to 11 in the priority order;
- Pinner Road area Stage 2;
- Canons Park Station area;
- North Harrow review and possible CPZ;
- Kingsbury Circle review and possible CPZ.

The Panel unanimously agreed to the circulation of the tabled amendment.

The officer explained that the report addressed results of the annual review and progress of schemes during 2008-09. The report also assessed and recommended priorities for the introduction and review of CPZs and associated parking restrictions for 2009/10 financial year to March 2012. The officer explained that the Transport Local Implementation Plan (LIP) established the framework of measures outlined in the report. The review included assessments of existing zones and considered requests received in petitions within the last 12 months for new CPZs.

The officer reported that:

- the programme of CPZs was established subject to demand and considered the financial position, resources and capital programme of the Council;
- the Panel would be updated on the progress of the programme at future meetings;
- the review process allowed the programme of works and resource planning to be more achievable;

- work to create a more robust process to estimate costs would allow the Panel and Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Safety to be more informed on cost variations within the programme;
- the revised methodology outlined in Appendix E of the report had considered the recommendations made by the Sustainable Development and Enterprise Scrutiny Sub-Committee, reported to the Panel in 2007;
- implementing smaller scale parking restrictions and CPZs alongside the problem Streets Initiative would ensure that schemes would be more focussed and responsive to the needs of residents in the area;
- the new approach would allow smaller schemes and issues with displaced parking to be reviewed and resolved more quickly;
- officers had introduced a number of new measures to enhance the consultation process and keep residents updated on the progress of schemes within their local area. These measures included the production of information leaflets and arrangement of public meetings;
- consultation material would make it clear that the introduction of double yellow lines at junctions and bends was necessary to prevent obstructive parking and address access and road safety issues;
- residents' comments on the extent of proposed double yellow lines would be considered by officers when parking schemes within the borough were finalised.

Councillor Marilyn Ashton requested for the Panel to defer implementing the double yellow lines on the two bends in Cherry Tree Way so that residents had the opportunity to resolve parking issues themselves. The Chairman commented that parking problems may not be caused by residents. She advised that double yellow lines were essential to prevent obstruction and to ensure access for refuse vehicles and emergency service vehicles. The Chairman invited comments from the Panel who concurred with the Chairman's views above.

In response to questions by Members of the Panel regarding the reviews outlined in the report, officers confirmed that:

- they would consult with Network Rail regarding the possibility of using the car park alongside Harrow and Wealdstone station exclusively for commuter use to alleviate parking problems on residential roads nearby;
- they would look into improving facilities for car drivers to pick up and drop off patrons who use Harrow and Wealdstone station for travelling. Findings from officers' investigations would be reported to a future meeting of the Panel.

Resolved to RECOMMEND: (to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Safety)

That (1) subject to funding, the adoption of the priority list as shown in the amended Appendix C as the controlled parking zone programme be approved; and

(2) officers be authorised to carry out consultation and scheme design for subsequent formal approval by the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Safety.

Reason for Recommendation: To prioritise the Controlled Parking Zones and Parking Schemes programme.

PART II - MINUTES

140. **Attendance by Reserve Members:**

RESOLVED: To note the attendance at this meeting of the following duly appointed Reserve Member:-

Ordinary Member

Councillor Mrinal Choudhury

Reserve Member

Councillor Raj Ray

141. **Declarations of Interest:**

RESOLVED: To note that the following interest was declared:

| <u>Agenda Item</u> | <u>Member</u> | <u>Nature of Interest</u> |
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| 9. Controlled Parking Zones and Parking Schemes – Annual Review | Councillor Eileen Kinnear | Personal interest in that Councillor Kinnear lived within the Harrow Town Centre Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) and held a resident's parking permit. Councillor Kinnear remained in the room and took part in the discussion and decision making on the item. |

142. **Right of Members to Speak:**

RESOLVED: That, in accordance with Committee Procedure Rule 4.1, the following Councillors, who were not Members of the Committee, be allowed to speak on the agenda items indicated:

| <u>Councillor</u> | <u>Agenda Item</u> |
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| Sasikala Suresh | Item 8 - Information report on Petitions |
| Asad Omar | Item 8 - Information report on Petitions |
| Marilyn Ashton | Item 9 – Controlled Parking Zones and Parking Schemes – Annual Review |

143. **Minutes:**

RESOLVED: That subject to the following amendments, the minutes of the meeting held on 26 November 2008 be read and signed as a correct record of the meeting:-

Amend resolution (2) of Recommendation 2 – Pinner Road Area Parking Review and Possible Controlled Parking Zone to read:

- (2) objections to the finalised traffic orders would be referred back for consideration at a future meeting of the Panel before determination by the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Safety;

144. **Public Questions, Petitions and Deputations:**

RESOLVED: To note that no public questions, petitions or deputations were received at this meeting under the provisions of Advisory Panel and Consultative Forum Procedure Rules 16, 14 and 15 (Part 4E of the Constitution).

145. **INFORMATION REPORT- Petitions relating to: (1) Dennis Gardens, Stanmore (2) Harrow on the Hill, (3) Bedford Road, Harrow, (4) Rutland Road, Harrow, (5) Oxford Road, Harrow, (6) Devonshire Road, Harrow, (7) Sussex Road, Harrow:**

An officer presented a report on the petitions received since the last Panel meeting on 26 November 2008. The petitions related to:

- Residents in Dennis Gardens, Stanmore objecting to the proposed Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ). The officer reported that the petition received followed a formal complaint and statutory objection by a separate resident to the parking proposals arising from the area wide consultation conducted in January 2008. The petition with 11 signatories outlined residents concerns about the proposed extension to the existing CPZ around Stanmore station and the introduction of double yellow lines opposite permit bays on one section of Dennis Gardens.

The officer explained that responses to the consultation received from residents did not provide a consensus view on the time for which parking restrictions should apply. He added that a written response to all the points raised in the petition had been sent to the lead petitioner.

- Residents on Harrow on the Hill requesting a Controlled Parking Zone in the area. The Panel received a petition presented by Councillor Eileen Kinnear at the last Panel meeting on 26 November 2008. The petition with 33 signatures represented residents on Harrow on the Hill requesting that the Council consider the possibility of introducing a CPZ to alleviate difficulties that residents encountered when trying to park near their homes.

An officer advised that in response to the petition, funding from the 2009/10 programme of CPZs had been allocated to allow an initial investigation and assessment to be carried out. The officer added that the lead petitioner would be contacted after the Panel meeting to advise them of the next course of action.

- Residents in Bedford Road, Rutland Road, Oxford Road, Devonshire Road and Sussex Road regarding CPZ proposals in the relevant areas.

An officer reported to the Panel that a petition representing residents living on Bedford Road with 19 signatures had been received at the last Panel meeting on 26 November 2008. The petition requested that the Council discuss the parking and traffic issues with residents to reach a mutually acceptable solution. The officer advised that the revised boundary for the CPZ included only the southern section of Bedford Road.

The Panel were advised by an officer that Councillor Bill Stephenson had presented a petition with 5 signatures on behalf of residents in Rutland Road objecting the current CPZ proposals at the last Panel meeting on 26 November 2008.

A petition submitted at the Panel meeting on 26 November 2008 by Councillor Stephenson containing 26 signatures on behalf of residents living on Oxford Road had been received. The terms of petition stated that the proposed restrictions would impact heavily on the quality of life of residents of Oxford Road. The officer explained that as the majority of residents supported being included in the CPZ, the whole length of the road would be included in the proposals.

An officer reported on the petition presented to the Panel in November 2008 by Councillor Bill Stephenson on behalf of 30 residents living on Devonshire Road who were objecting to the implementation of the proposed CPZ. The officer confirmed that the whole length of Devonshire Road would be included in the scheme following the results of the public consultation and that the removal of passing places in the scheme would be considered.

A report on a petition that had been submitted by Councillor Bill Stephenson at the TARSAP meeting in November on behalf of residents on Sussex Road was provided to the Panel. The petition containing 6 signatures stated that the quality of life of residents living in Sussex Road would be affected if the current proposals were introduced. An officer advised that the boundary had been revised in response to the public consultation. A 100 metre section at the western end of the road would also be included in the CPZ.

An officer confirmed that a public meeting at St. George's Church on 22 January 2009 with the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Safety, two Ward Councillors and residents had taken place. The extent of the double yellow lines that formed part of the proposals were discussed. He added that residents would have a further opportunity to object to the proposals as part of the statutory consultation process.

In response to a number of comments raised by Councillor Sasikala Suresh and Councillor Asad Omar, the Chairman advised the Panel that resident's views on the proposed CPZ would be considered. She added that displaced parking caused by the scheme would be reviewed after a scheme had been implemented.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

147. **INFORMATION REPORT - Transport for London Funding Award and Scheme Programme Details 2009/10:**

An officer presented an information report of the Divisional Director of Environmental Services which outlined the award received from Transport for London (TfL) for officers to implement relevant sections of the Mayor's Transport Strategy in Harrow. The officer reported that TfL funding had increased by 19% and advised that a large proportion of the funding received had been for improvements to Petts Hill Bridge and Harrow Town Centre.

Referring to the report, the officer confirmed that:

- Harrow had received a funding award of £5,054,000 to implement the comprehensive programme of works identified for 2009/10;
- the Local Cycle Network award of £300,000 for 2009/10, had been a significant reduction on the previous year's award, but was consistent with awards given to other London boroughs;
- the 2009/10 funding award for cycling on greenways throughout the borough, including, Newton Ecology Park and the Belmont Trail was yet to be finalised;
- £30,000 had been allocated for additional improvements to the bus priority scheme on Honeypot Lane and Streatfield Road roundabout.

In response to a number of questions about the £100,000 allocated for local transport schemes of our choice, the Chairman advised the Panel that she welcomed suggestions on how to utilise this fund and the Panel could discuss and consider these and other local schemes at its next meeting. In response to a question an officer confirmed that the schemes would have to support the London Mayor's Transport Strategy.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

148. **INFORMATION REPORT - Progress Update on Key Traffic Schemes:**

An officer presented an information report of the Divisional Director of Environmental Services, which provided an update on the progress of a number of local safety and bus priority schemes within the borough.

The officer advised that:

- the Camrose Avenue/ Taunton Way local safety scheme had been completed;
- works on the Pinner Road local safety scheme had been coordinated alongside public utility works in the area;
- following the success of a similar project in Old Redding, a traffic safety scheme planned for Wood Lane, Stanmore to reduce vehicle speeds and personal injury accidents and would be implemented in the 2008/09 financial year;
- physical measures to enforce a 20 mph scheme near to Grimsdyke School in Hatch End would commence shortly;
- speed cushions and platforms would be installed on the 20 mph scheme near to Kenmore Park School in Queensbury shortly;
- the results of the consultation on a revised scheme to introduce a local cycle scheme, pedestrian refuge and bay parking in Eastcote Road close to Ellement Close would be subject to a Portfolio Holder report shortly;
- the zebra crossing recently installed in Pinner Road near to Nower Hill School and close to the George V Avenue/ Pinner Road/ Headstone Lane junction had been well received by the public. Proposals to adjust signal timings to reduce personal injury accidents at the junction were being progressed by the Director of Traffic Operations (DTO) signals unit at TfL. Officers would provide an update at a future Panel meeting;
- officers were awaiting a response from TfL to proposals submitted for a revised junction configuration at the Goodwill to All junction;

- a meeting to discuss the annual Junior Citizen event with local Police would be planned for later this year.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

149. **Vote of Thanks:**

A Member noted that as this was the last meeting of the current Municipal Year he wished to express his appreciation towards the Chairman for her work over that period and good wishes for the forthcoming Municipal Year. In response, the Chairman expressed her appreciation for the hard work and effort of officers and the Panel in their contribution to meetings.

RESOLVED: That the above be noted.

150. **Date of Next Meeting:**

RESOLVED: That the date of the next meeting of the Panel would be held on Wednesday 17 June 2009 at 7.30 pm.

(Note: The meeting having commenced at 7.30 pm, closed at 8.45 pm)

(Signed) COUNCILLOR SUSAN HALL
Chairman