

# TRAFFIC AND ROAD SAFETY ADVISORY PANEL MINUTES

## 3 OCTOBER 2012

<b>Chairman:</b>	* Councillor Mrinal Choudhury	
<b>Councillors:</b>	* Susan Hall	* Mrs Vina Mithani
	* Ajay Maru	* John Nickolay
	* Jerry Miles	* David Perry
<b>Advisers:</b>	† Mr A Blann	* Mr A Wood
	* Mr L Gray	
<b>In attendance: (Councillors)</b>	Stephen Greek	Minute 142
	Joyce Nickolay	Minute 139
	Christopher Noyce	Minute 139
	Bill Phillips	Minute 140

- \* Denotes Member present
- † Denotes apologies received

### 132. Attendance by Reserve Members

**RESOLVED:** To note that there were no Reserve Members in attendance.

In accordance with Executive Procedure Rule 40.1-part 4D of the Constitution, the Panel agreed that the following Members could speak at the meeting:

Councillor Stephen Greek, Councillor Joyce Nickolay, Councillor Christopher Noyce and Councillor Bill Phillips.

### 133. Declarations of Interest

**RESOLVED:** To note that the following interests were declared:

Agenda Item 7 and 8 – Petitions Report; Burnt Oak Broadway Controlled Parking Zone Review – Results of Statutory Consultation

Councillor Susan Hall declared a non-pecuniary interest in that she sat on the Board of the London Fire Brigade and was Ward Councillor for Hatch End. She would remain in the room whilst the matter was considered and voted upon.

Agenda Item 8 – Burnt Oak Broadway Controlled Parking Zone Review – Results of Statutory Consultation

Councillor Mrinal Choudhury declared a non-pecuniary interest in that he was a Local Authority appointed governor at Elmgrove Primary and Nursery School and Ward Councillor for Burnt Oak. He would remain in the room whilst the matter was considered and voted upon.

Councillor Mrs Vina Mithani declared a non-pecuniary interest in that she was Ward Councillor for Kenton West. She would remain in the room whilst the matter was considered and voted upon.

Agenda Item 11 – Traffic and Parking Schemes Programme Update

Councillor Stephen Greek declared a non-pecuniary interest in that he was a Local Authority appointed governor at Weald Infant and Junior Schools. He would remain in the room whilst the matter was considered and voted upon.

### 134. Minutes

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the meeting held on 21 June 2012 be taken as read and signed as a correct record.

### 135. Public Questions

**RESOLVED:** To note that the following public questions were received:

1.

**Questioner:** Mr Michael Rosenfeld, Chairman, Gayton Road Management Company

**Asked of:** Councillor Mrinal Choudhury, Chairman of the Traffic and Road Safety Advisory Panel

**Question:** 'In preparing a report for this meeting of the Traffic and Road Safety Advisory Panel on the petition presented to the June meeting of the Panel asking for parking restrictions to be imposed by Harrow Council on the Knowles Court access road, has any officer of the

Council visited the site and seen the parking problem that now exists in order to prepare the report? The tone of the report seems remarkably complacent.'

**Answer  
(provided by the  
Chairman):**

Thank you for your question. I can confirm that the officer has visited the site on several occasions and is aware of the parking problems that exist. The report is designed to bring the facts to this panel so that we are aware of the local concern and therefore the tone may appear business like. I can assure you that the panel does take parking issues very seriously, however, I must point out that unfortunately there are very large number of other roads across the borough with similar problems that also need to be considered. When this panel next considers the priorities for funding in next year's programme of works, officers will take into consideration the very valid concerns that have been raised.

**Supplementary  
Question:**

Are the Panel prepared for the embarrassment and the loss of reputation that will be caused to the Council if a death were to occur as a result of emergency vehicles not being able to gain access to the flats due because of displaced parking caused by the parking restrictions imposed in Gayton Road by the Council?

**Answer  
(provided by the  
Chairman):**

The Council is obliged to follow a set procedure and carry out consultations and ensure funds are available before parking restrictions can be implemented in an area. These streets will be considered for parking controls in early 2013. Please note that further clarification will be provided about this issue by officers under agenda item 7, the petitions report.

2.

**Questioner:** Ann Freeman

**Asked of:** Councillor Mrinal Choudhury, Chairman of the Traffic and Road Safety Advisory Panel

**Question:** 'Concerning Item 2.27 of the Information Report and the decision to allow one side of Devonshire Road to be in the extended Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) and not the other although the majority count was against joining the CPZ, is it legal under Harrow Council rules to change the terms of a consultation after it is closed?'

**Answer  
(provided by the  
Chairman):**

Thank you for your question. In September 2011 officers, Ward Councillors, members of this panel and the Portfolio Holder for Community and Environment considered the results of the public consultation on whether residents supported a CPZ in their road.

The results in the Northern section of Devonshire Road showed strong support for a CPZ on the eastern side but not on the western side. The decision also took into account the supplementary question about whether residents might wish to change their mind if an adjoining road decided to support a CPZ and the comments expressed in consultation responses. At the time of drafting the questionnaire, opposing views on opposite sides of the road could not be foreseen.

The Council wishes to support the majority views of residents and this is why the decision to progress free parking bays to statutory consultation was taken, which means effectively that there is no change on the western side of Devonshire Road.

The terms of the consultation have not changed, however, because a statutory consultation has been advertised, it is not now possible to simply implement different arrangements on the western side of Devonshire Road because residents have changed their views. The Council does not have unlimited funds to keep re-consulting in one area. I am mindful that there are many areas of the borough, some reported to the panel at this meeting, who have yet to have any consultation on parking controls.

To make any changes to the western side of Devonshire Road would require a new statutory consultation. As the officers have stated in paragraph 2.32 of the petitions report to this meeting, this will be taken into account at the November meeting of the panel.

**Supplementary Question:**

The consultation document did not specify Eastern and Western side of Devonshire Road. Did you take into consideration the fact that the majority of those who responded to the consultation, 6 respondees and not 5 as indicated in your consultation results, stated that they were against the Controlled Parking Zone being extended to Devonshire Road?

**Answer (provided by an officer):**

All responses to the consultation, the supplementary consultation question and comments were taken into consideration. In drafting the consultation questionnaire, officers could not have foreseen the polarisation of views of residents of Devonshire Road. Detailed results of the consultation could not be presented to the Panel due to data protection issues. The results were collated and meetings held with the local Ward Councillors, who were in agreement with officers' view that the western side of Devonshire Road not be included in the CPZ. This issue

will be reconsidered at the November meeting of the Panel.

### 136. Petitions

**RESOLVED:** To note the receipt of the following petition which was referred to the Divisional Director of Environmental Services for consideration:

Petition from the residents of Southbourne Close, Pinner, containing 19 signatures, with the following terms of reference:

“We, the residents of Southbourne Close, Pinner, request that the Council provide Parking controls in Southbourne Close to ensure clear access at all times into and to the end of the close. This is required because of inconsiderate parking by non-residents who have often prevented refuse vehicles getting down the close to empty bins and furthermore, potentially more serious, causing an impediment to emergency vehicles when needed.”

### 137. Deputations

**RESOLVED:** To note that no deputations were received at this meeting.

## RECOMMENDED ITEMS

### 138. Burnt Oak Broadway Controlled Parking Zone Review - Results of Statutory Consultation

The Panel received a report of the Interim Corporate Director, Environmental Services, which outlined the proposed changes to the existing Controlled Parking Zones (CPZ) in the Burnt Oak Broadway area. An officer advised that the report provided results of the statutory consultation and the review of the measures implemented in the area in 2011. The proposed recommendations reflected the majority views of the consultation responses. He stated that the key elements of the proposals were as follows:

- CPZ X would now be extended to the remaining section of The Chase;
- double yellow lines would be extended to junctions to alleviate access problems;
- following surveys to monitor traffic flow on the side roads off Burnt Oak Broadway, double yellow lines (DYLs) on one side, parking restrictions to allow loading at busy times, with pay and display (P&D) during the rest of the day are being proposed;
- comments from residents in the vicinity of the Krishna Avanti School (KAS) had been taken into consideration and section 106 monies would be available to review parking in the area surrounding the school. Recently granted planning permission would allow the school to increase its pupil intake annually which was likely to impact on the

volume of traffic in the area. A 20 mph scheme largely following the Burnt Oak CPZ area was currently under consideration funded by TfL.

Following questions and comments from Members of the Panel, an officer advised that:

- the potential impact of large sporting events being held at the Hive Football Centre was being evaluated and proposals were being formulated to deal with this. He added that event day parking schemes such as the one in operation at Wembley Stadium had high ongoing maintenance costs. Although these costs were funded by contributions from Wembley stadium, this would not be possible for the Hive as it was unlikely that it would be commercially viable to do so. Officers were considering options that used a conventional CPZ scheme in the area and discussions about this were ongoing;
- the Canons Park area parking schemes should not be delayed while plans relating to the Hive were being finalised as this would disadvantage residents were seeking relief from parking problems currently. The parking schemes proposed could be extended to include the Hive at a later date. Timescales for implementation would depend on whether the parking schemes or the proposals for funding for The Hive were finalised first;
- A reduction in the number of vehicles parked in the Burnt Oak CPZ had lead to the perception that vehicle speeds in surrounding streets had increased, which was partly the reason for the proposed 20 mph zone in the vicinity of the KAS. This would help lower vehicle speeds and improve pedestrian safety in the area. £60k funding from TfL for this project had been agreed at the June panel meeting and the proposed 20 mph zone and it was noted that this was not a departure from current council policy. The Council was working to promote a modal shift in the borough by encouraging more cycling and walking amongst residents. This policy was also in keeping with the Mayor's transport strategy.

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

That parking schemes be implemented as set out below:

1. The Chase – from Columbia Avenue to Oakleigh Avenue be included in the CPZ as advertised;
2. Columbia Avenue – between Burnt Oak Broadway and Vancouver Road – the two existing south westerly Pay and Display (P&D) parking bays be converted to Shared Use P&D / Resident Permit parking bays, the other two bays remain only P&D as advertised;
3. Oakleigh Avenue and The Highlands – at their junction with Burnt Oak Broadway – the existing loading bays be removed, double yellow lines

be installed and the existing P&D bays opposite be converted to allow morning peak time loading while retaining P&D for shoppers etc as advertised;

4. Axholme Avenue, Broomgrove Gardens, Orchard Grove – the existing double yellow lines be extended by 5 metres on the southwestern side of each road at its junction with Oakleigh Avenue as advertised;
5. Camrose Avenue – the existing double yellow line on southeast side be extended by approximately 10.0m northeast as advertised;
6. residents within the consultation areas be informed of this decision;
7. the Service Manager - Traffic and Highway Network Management be authorised to make minor amendments where required for technical or practical reasons.

**Reason for Recommendation:** To control parking in the existing Burnt Oak Broadway CPZ – Zone X as detailed in the report. The measures are in direct response to resident and business requests for changes to the existing parking arrangements in their area and in order to maintain road safety and accessibility for vehicular traffic.

### **139. Rayners Lane Controlled Parking Zone review (specified roads) - Results of Statutory Consultation**

The Panel received a report of the Interim Corporate Director, Environmental Services which set out how parking concerns raised by local residents and traders in the Rayners Lane area were being addressed. An officer advised that:

- the programme for statutory consultation regarding reviewing sections of some roads had been agreed at a previous meeting of the Panel;
- there was now majority support among the residents of Central Avenue in Rayners Lane for inclusion in the existing Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ);
- following a petition submitted to the Panel in 2011, Alfriston Avenue and Fernbrook Drive had been re-consulted and traffic flow and parking in these streets had been monitored. Subsequently, Alfriston Avenue was now recommended for inclusion in the scheme but Fernbrook Drive had been omitted;
- officers had met with the residents of High Worples, Newlyn Gardens, Raynton Close, Trescoe Gardens and Waverley Road and carried out a statutory consultation. Although the consultation had a low response rate, the results demonstrated that residents were in agreement with the revised proposals;

- residents of Southbourne Close had raised concerns regarding obstructive parking and this issue was dealt with under the Petitions report in agenda item 7.

A Member stated that following site visits by Members and officers to Southbourne Close, residents had indicated that some of them wanted the existing double yellow lines (DYLs) removed and new DYLs implemented in other areas. Refuse vehicles had experienced difficulty in gaining access to Southbourne Close on four separate occasions this year, and on several other occasions had only managed to gain access on the second or third attempt during the same day. He added that he had concerns about access for emergency vehicles and proposed an amendment to the officer recommendation. This motion was seconded and unanimously agreed by the Panel as set out in paragraphs (g) and (h) below:

‘(g) the officers are instructed to review the yellow lining for Southbourne Close to enable refuse and emergency vehicles to gain access;

(h) the officers reconsider the double yellow lines around the two islands in Waverley Road to allow for some parking to be reinstated without affecting road safety.’

A Member, who was not a member of the Panel, stated that he had previously been Ward Councillor for Southbourne Close and knew it to be a very narrow road. He was in agreement with the recommendations in the report and was pleased that DYLs would be implemented in the five Closes in question.

Another Member, who was not a member of the Panel, thanked officers for taking on board comments and feedback from residents. The roads in question were access roads with little through traffic. The Member asked for double yellow lines around an island at the junction of Waverley Road with Yeading Avenue to be considered for modification along the lines applied to another island at the junction of Lynton Road with Newquay Crescent.

A Member of the Panel stated that there was a second island in Waverley Road at the junction with Spinnells Road, and asked for similar action to be taken there as well.

An officer stated that with regard to the proposed amendment in paragraph (h), officers would take into consideration the geometry, width, access, sightlines in Waverley Road when reaching a decision about the double yellow lines around the two islands.

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

That

1. an extension to the existing CPZ – Zone L be introduced in the roads and extents as shown in **Appendix E**, as set out in the report of the Divisional Director Environmental Services:



- Central Avenue - Junction with Hillcroft Avenue to junction with Church Avenue
  - Alfriston Avenue – 55 Alfriston Avenue to the junction with Fernbrook Drive
2. residents and businesses within the new CPZ be informed of the details of how to obtain resident, business or visitor permits;
  3. double yellow lines be introduced at junctions, bends and pinch points as shown in **Appendix F**, as set out in the report of the Divisional Director Environmental Services:
    - Raynton Close
    - Trescoe Gardens
    - Waverley Road
    - Newlyn Gardens
    - High Worple
  4. the proposed extension of the controlled parking zone in Fernbrook Drive **not** be included within the extension as detailed in **Appendix A**, as set out in the report of the Divisional Director Environmental Services;
  5. the Service Manager – Traffic & Highway Network Management be authorised to take all necessary steps to implement the scheme shown in **Appendix E** and **F**, as set out in the report of the Divisional Director Environmental Services, subject to all recommendations of the Panel;
  6. all objectors, residents and businesses at addresses within the consultation area be informed of the final decision;
  7. the officers be instructed to review the yellow lining for Southbourne Close to enable refuse and emergency vehicles to gain access;
  8. the officers reconsider the double yellow lines around the two islands in Waverley Road to allow for some parking to be reinstated without affecting road safety.

**Reason for Recommendation:** To control parking on the periphery of the existing Rayners Lane CPZ – Zone L as detailed in the report.

## **RESOLVED ITEMS**

- 140. Information Report - Petitions relating to: 1.Cyberline Court, Knowles Court, Line Court, Charville Court Gayton Road Harrow - Request for double yellow lines 2.Westfield Park, Hatch End - Concern about parking 3.Dudley Gardens - Request for road widening and parking review 4.Whitchurch Gardens DYL- Objection (Canons Park Station Parking review) 5.Pinner Road and County Roads - Western side of Devonshire**

## **Road to be included in the CPZ extension. 6.Pinner Road and County Roads - Objection to the**

The Panel received a report of the Interim Corporate Director, Environmental Services which set out details of the petitions that had been received since the last meeting of the Panel and provided details of the Council's investigations and findings where these had been undertaken.

Officers made the following points about the petitions listed below:

### **Cymbeline Court, Knowles Court, Line Court, Charville Court Gayton Road Harrow**

- residents had requested that parking controls be introduced in the above streets, which were adjacent to the existing zone E CPZ;
- officers had carried out a thorough investigation as to why Gayton Road had been omitted from the existing zone E CPZ, but had been unable to identify any reasons for this omission;
- local Ward Councillors had been contacted and discussions had focused on the possibility of funds from the Neighbourhood Investment Scheme (NIS), where £10k was allocated to each ward. This could be used to fund the extension of the existing CPZ to this road and the feasibility of doing this would be confirmed shortly.

A Member stated that if Gayton Road had been omitted from the CPZ due to an oversight by the Council, then it was the Council's responsibility to rectify the situation and requested that this issue be considered at the November meeting of the Panel. Another Member agreed with this, and added that she was concerned about lack of access for emergency vehicles.

A Member, who was not a member of the Panel, made the following points:

- meter parking in the streets adjacent to Gayton Road cost 50 pence for 10 minutes. This led to motorists to park in the access road off Gayton Road, which was currently free of any parking controls;
- Gayton Road, which provided access to 4 blocks of flats, was a narrow access road;
- the residents of the last block of flats were mainly over 60 years of age and there was a higher incidence of emergency vehicles being called to this block. When there was a high volume of cars parked on this road, the only way for emergency vehicles to gain access to this block would be by mounting the pavement;
- if this road had been omitted from the existing CPZ due to an error by the Council, then the Council should take prompt measures to rectify the situation;

- he hoped that it would be possible to allocate NIS funds to deal with this.

An officer stated that this road was not part of the current programme of works, however, it may be possible to fund this with NIS funds. Officers would need to meet residents and other local stakeholders and agree draft proposals and timescales before progressing to the statutory consultation stage.

Following questions and comments from Members of the Panel, an officer stated that NIS funds could only be used for capital expenditure. Streets and highways were considered assets and any improvements to assets were considered capital expenditure. This would include the associated costs of the consultation process. Therefore, the cost of extending the scheme to Gayton Road would be deemed a capital expenditure.

### **Westfield Park Hatch End – Petition regarding concerns about parking**

- the Panel, in agreement with the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Enterprise, had agreed to carry out further consultation on proposals to introduce parking charges in the Grimsdyke Car Park and the service roads along Uxbridge Road;
- traffic officers would meet with the relevant Ward Councillors, residents, traders later in the week and report back at the November meeting of the Panel.

Following questions and comments from Members of the Panel, an officer advised that all parking projects were agreed annually at the February meeting of the Panel, when Members recommended how much money should be allocated to each project.

### **Dudley Gardens – Request for road widening and parking review**

- the petition stated that the carriageway of Dudley Gardens be widened to allow refuse and emergency vehicles to get through;
- parking restrictions were introduced mainly on one side of the road in a bid to make the road accessible to refuse collection vehicles and to discourage non-resident parking.

### **Whitchurch Gardens Canons Park - objection to double yellow lines**

- the petition objected to the double yellow lines as this would reduce parking spaces;
- analysis of objections and comments raised by residents and in the public consultation would be presented to the November Panel meeting for consideration.

### **Devonshire Road off Pinner Road - Objection to statutory consultation for exclusion from CPZ in western section of road**

- the petition from residents of the western side of Devonshire Road requested that their side of the road now be included in the CPZ;
- following receipt of the petition, a public consultation was carried out during the summer of 2012;
- the results of the statutory consultation would be presented to the November meeting of the Panel.

### **Devonshire Road off Pinner Road - Objection to statutory consultation for introducing passing places in CPZ**

- a second petition from 37 households in Devonshire Road objected to the 5 passing places in Devonshire Road due to the proposed extension of the Pinner Road CPZ and the associated loss of parking spaces;
- the results of the statutory consultation would be presented to the November meeting of the Panel.

**RESOLVED:** That the report be noted.

#### **141. Information Report: Network Management Duty 2011/12**

The Panel received a report of the Interim Corporate Director, Environmental Services which set out the performance of the highway network since the introduction of additional regulatory powers under the Traffic Management Act (TMA), which aimed to control street works and other activities such as Fixed Penalty Notices (FPNs).

An officer reported that the Council had been successfully managing its Network Management Duty as set out under the TMA. He advised that:

- there had been significant improvement in average journey times, particularly in bus journey times during peak periods, which were a good indicator of congestion and traffic flow;
- there had been a slight drop in the performance of the Council's works in comparison to works carried out by utility companies, but this was not a significant cause for concern as this coincided with the highways contract renewal process, which had resulted in a drop in performance;
- there had been an initial increase in the use of FPNs against contractors who had not complied with their permits and a subsequent decline as compliance improved, showing that the use of FPNs was proving successful;

- the Council operated a systematic inspection regime after utilities works had been completed by contractors to ensure that the quality of reinstatements was satisfactory.

Following feedback from a Member of the Panel regarding the poor condition of Christchurch Avenue after completion of recent works, an officer undertook to look into this.

**RESOLVED:** That the report be noted.

#### **142. Information Report: Traffic and Parking Schemes Programme update**

The Panel received a report of the Interim Corporate Director, Environmental Services which provided an update on the progress with delivering the 2012/13 programme of traffic and parking schemes, including schemes funded by Transport for London (TfL).

An officer made the following points about the schemes listed below:

##### Stanmore - linking of traffic signals in Stanmore Hill / the Broadway / Elm Park / Marsh Lane / pelican crossing outside Sainsbury's

- the scheme was progressing well and TfL had begun installing new signalling equipment which would enable the linking of signal controllers. Once this was operational, officers would evaluate the feasibility of introducing an all red pedestrian phase without adversely affecting traffic flow in the area.

##### 20mph zone programme 2012/13

- the aim of this was to improve walking and cycling and create a safer environment by reducing congestion, accidents and vehicle speeds, particularly around local schools.

- Elmgrove School, Bacon Lane (Krishna Avanti School) & Weald School - 20mph zone

##### Elmgrove School

- consultation results showed that 89% of respondents were in favour of the scheme and the scheme would move forward to implementation.

##### Bacon Lane (Krishna Avanti School)

- consultation results showed that 89% of respondents were in favour of the scheme and the scheme would move forward to implementation.

##### Weald School

- a petition from 72 households in Chestnut Drive and Weald Rise objecting to speed cushions and the proposed one-way section in

Robin Hood Drive had been received. The cushions were deemed to increase traffic noise. Proposals to make the road one-way had not been supported. Officers had discussed the petition with the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Safety and agreed that the 20 mph scheme would advance to statutory consultation;

- a majority of residents of The Avenue had been in favour of being included within the proposed 20 mph zone and officers would be liaising with residents about including the Avenue within the zone during the statutory consultation process.
- there was majority support for the double yellow line proposals in Elms Road, Wilsmere Drive, White Gate Gardens and Wynchgate and these would be taken forward to statutory consultation.

A Member, who was not a member of the Panel, made the following points:

- he was pleased that the petition had been considered and hoped that officers and the Panel would take its contents into consideration along with the consultation results for Chestnut Drive and Weald Rise, as these roads were directly affected by the proposals;
- 80% of the residents in these streets had been in touch with local Ward Councillors and given feedback about local traffic and parking related issues;
- some residents felt that speeding was not currently an issue and therefore residents did not feel speed cushions were necessary. The current arrangements worked well and should be maintained;
- 15 residents of The Avenue were in favour of being included in the proposed 20 mph zone. The statutory consultation should separate out questions regarding the speed limit and the introduction of speed cushions;
- there was a strong feeling amongst residents and the school that there should be targeted enforcement of existing parking restrictions at peak times and residents had requested that officers monitor this;
- he thanked officers for engaging with residents and taking their views on board.

Following questions and comments from Panel Members, an officer stated that:

- officers had raised concerns about enforcement at a recent traffic liaison meeting and parking enforcement officers had been made aware of the issues;
- the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Safety had been informed that not every signatory to the petition had been opposed to the 20 mph scheme;

- officers hoped to minimise the impact of speed cushions and the consultation documents had clearly set out the advantages and disadvantages of implementing these;
- speed surveys had been carried out in the area by an independent consultant and the value of introducing either speed humps, speed cushions or platforms had been evaluated;
- residents of The Avenue would be consulted about being included within a 20 mph zone and the petition would be reported at the next meeting of the Panel;
- with regard to the proposed Old Redding LSS the possibility of both horizontal and vertical deflections being introduced would be considered within the design;
- officers would not advocate the use of rumble strips in these areas, as these were more effective in rural areas;
- officers would look carefully at the siting of any vertical deflections as part of this scheme.
- a proposed pedestrian and cycle safety campaign would be consulted on shortly and the campaign would target teenagers. The artwork for the poster campaign was being finalised;
- the promotion of adult and child cycle training was being publicised on the council's website and posters had been circulated to schools, libraries and community notice boards;

With regard to the remaining schemes, an officer reported that:

- the St Ann's Road town centre projects is currently at design stage and expected to begin implementation in early 2013. This project would see the continuation of the granite paving from Station Road along the length of St Ann's Road together with new lighting, trees and benches and removal of excess street clutter.
- the Kymberley Road project is also at design stage. The aim was to increase capacity at the bus station by creating additional bus standing spaces on street and better pedestrian and cycle routes between the west of town to St Ann's Road and the stations.;
- car park indicator signs in the town centre, which would give motorists real-time information about parking spaces available in the town centre car parks, was under discussion as was the introduction of Legible London signs.

- these projects were being funded through Harrow's Capital programme, Transport for London's outer London Fund and some Section 106 monies from the Neptune Point development if approved.

**RESOLVED:** That the report be noted.

#### **143. Any Other Urgent Business**

In accordance with the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985, the following items were included late on the agenda due to concerns relating to the health and safety of motorists, pedestrians and public transport users:

An adviser to the Panel stated that:

- the double yellow lines outside the Old Etonian restaurant on the High Street on Harrow on the Hill allowed loading. This meant that there could be no disabled parking during loading times. He had recently witnessed buses having to either try to manoeuvre through a narrow gap or having to reverse due to loading outside the restaurant. This section of DYs should be designated no loading and be implemented as a matter of urgency to ensure free flow of traffic and access to emergency vehicles;
- many street signs in Harrow were obscured by foliage, which should be trimmed back.

Members of the Panel stated that:

- officers had informed a panel member that some signs had been reduced to reduce street clutter. There was a sign 100 yards along High Worples, off Alexandra Avenue, which referred to parking restrictions between 6.30-8.30 pm. However, the Rayners Lane Controlled Parking Zone operated between 10.00-11.00 am. This was causing confusion amongst motorists. Additionally, the cycle lanes in this area were clearly visible and the signs referring to these could be removed;
- there were a number of redundant signs on Petts Hill which caused confusion to motorists and should also be removed.

Officers undertook to look into the above issues.

**RESOLVED:** That the comments be noted.

(Note: The meeting, having commenced at 7.30 pm, closed at 9.37 pm).

(Signed) COUNCILLOR MRINAL CHOUDHURY  
Chairman