



Traffic and Road Safety Advisory Panel

Minutes

2 March 2021

Present:

Chair: Councillor Jerry Miles

Councillors: Peymana Assad James Lee
John Hinkley Anjana Patel
Ameet Jogia David Perry

Advisers: Dr A Shah Mr A Wood

**In attendance
(Councillors):** Marilyn Ashton

Apologies received:

107. Attendance by Reserve Members

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

108. Declarations of Interest

RESOLVED: To note that the declaration of interests, which had been published on the Council website, be taken as read and that in the course of the meeting.

- (1) The Declarations of Interests published in advance of the meeting on the Council's website were taken as read.
 - (2) Members and Advisers who had declared interests remained in the virtual meeting whilst the matters were considered and voted upon.

109. Minutes

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 11 January 2021 be taken as read and signed as a correct record.

110. Public Questions

Public questions taken were responded to.

111. Petitions

RESOLVED: To note that no petitions were received.

112. Deputations

In accordance with Executive Procedure Rule 48.8, the Panel was permitted to hear more than the usual two deputations per meeting if they related to a matter on the agenda.

RESOLVED: That, in accordance with Executive Procedure Rules 48 the following deputations be received in respect of agenda item 9 and 10:

9. Local Transport Fund Schemes 2021/22
10. Information - Cycle strategy review and cycling programme update

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Title of Deputation	Please join up the gaps in Harrow's cycle network and ensure that the proposed cycle network is incorporated in all future road schemes.
Reason for Deputation [11 Signatories]	Please use the Local Transport Fund to join up the Pinner Road cycle track and proposed George V Avenue cycle lanes. (re: 2 Mar 2021 Agenda Items 9 (LTF Schemes) and 10 (Cycling programme update)).

Full details in relation to the deputations, including questions asked and answers given, are referenced, in brief, at Minute 113 of these minutes

Resolved Items

113. Local Transport Fund Schemes 2021/22

Prior to the consideration of the report of the Corporate Director of Community, the Panel received a Deputation (Minute 112 also refers).

Title of Deputation 1	Please join up the gaps in Harrow's cycle network and ensure that the proposed cycle network is incorporated in all future road schemes.
Reason for Deputation	Please use the Local Transport Fund to join up the Pinner Road cycle track and proposed George V Avenue cycle lanes. (re: 2 Mar 2021 Agenda Items 9 (LTF Schemes) and 10 (Cycling programme update)).

In summary, the two Deputies highlighted that there was a need to have funding and schemes consolidated and for cycle routes to be interconnected, with quality set as the priority. It was emphasised that there was a demand for cycle routes to more direct to key points of interest as well as introducing 'double stop lines' for cyclists.

'Cyclist' safety was raised as a key issue preventing the public from cycling in Harrow, with that said the Deputies supported the review of the George V Avenue and Pinner Road Junction which could help improve pedestrian safety for the nearby school. A cycle lane along George V avenue was also suggested as way to improve cycle networks that would lead to the Centre of Harrow.

It was encouraged that panel set objectives to increase cycle use in Harrow for progress to be measured. This led to the presentation highlighting that there was a need to have suitable cycle infrastructure to match areas that had been recently developed and where parking and driving of cars would likely be impractical

The Chair thanked the Deputies for their presentation and welcomed questions from the Panel, to which the Deputies responded by noting:

- If incorporated and improved signalisation was put in place for that junction to accommodate cyclists and pedestrians as well as the cycle lane being extended for cycle lanes to be better connected.

The Panel showed concern over how cyclists and car users would use the same roads effectively as well as the actual demand of cycling within Harrow.

The Panel received a report from the Corporate Director of Community. An Officer outlined that a provisional funding offer had been made by the Transport For London (TFL) but was still subject to confirmation, the report outlined a list of potential schemes - which met with TFL objectives - that the Council could choose from, with a maximum potential value of up to £100,000.

Cllr Peymana Assad, seconded by Cllr James Lee. proposed the following recommended schemes from the report which included:

Initiative	Description of works
Bus Priority	Roxeth Hill / Lower Road / Shaftesbury Avenue Carry out a review of signalised junction layout and timings to improve bus movement.
Walking And Cycling	Additional funds to provide local cycle facilities to connect the TfL Cycleway from Station Road, Harrow to the Kenton Road in the Greenhill ward.
Vision Zero	Royston Park Road – Speed reduction measures
Bus Priority	Introduce a dial a ride facility in Havelock Road in Harrow Town Centre.

With the addition that if there was any surplus funding a bus review was to be carried out of the Kenton Lane/ Streatfield Road signalised junction to help with the right turn buses at the Kenton Library.

The Panel discussed the report and the potential list of schemes available, with it being highlighted that it was important to consider the type of road hump used in the schemes, as it was suggested that full width speed humps would be much more effective at slowing traffic.

RESOLVED: A recommended list of four schemes was agreed by the Panel, with a scheme to carry out a review of all pelican crossings in the borough and prioritise sites for the inclusion of countdown facilities and implement changes in consultation with Transport for London being the 5th priority.

114. Information - Cycle strategy review and cycling programme update

The Panel received a report which updated the Panel on the progress being made to implement a borough cycle route network. Part of the Transport Local Implementation Plan (LIP) the proposed cycle routes were aimed to be better integrated alongside other transport links.

There was a significant amount of investment from the LIP program as well as Harrow funding through the high street fund which could be used to develop some of the cycle routes and there were also funding options through the TfL cycle programme and the Liveable Neighbourhood programme.

It was highlighted that there was an ambition set out in Council policies to develop whole cycle routes that interconnect, that would ultimately encourage cycling uptake in the Harrow borough.

Members raised a number of questions which were responded to by the representatives as follows:

- There was a plan to put in place a full consultation on the cycle routes proposed. Engagement had been a priority with key stakeholders.

- The Street Space cycle scheme differed to the program found in this report, which dealt with the permanent infrastructure of cycle lanes. It was highlighted that the Street Space program of temporary/experimental schemes was going through a consultation and the results will be reported to the next TARSAP meeting.

A statement from the Harrow Weald Councillors was read out which concerned the northern cycle route and emphasised the importance of a full consultation to have taken place, alongside the need for more traditional cycle lane provisions.

Concern was raised that current road space was being used to accommodate these plans and with the uptake of cycling lower than expected, it was important that public opinion should be considered.

It was raised that an advisor with a motoring background would be welcomed on the Panel, the officer indicated that advice has been provided to the Chair and a suggestion to have a representative from the business community considered due to the importance of revitalising the local economy as a consequence of the pandemic.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted and to suggest introducing a new advisor to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Equalities.

115. Information - Petitions

The Panel received a report which sets out details of the petitions that have been received since the last TARSAP meeting and provides details of the Council's investigations and findings where these have been undertaken.

An officer reported that four petitions were received. This included:

- Chantry Road and West Chantry - Request for controlled parking zone.
- Removal all LTNs
- Fernbrook Drive - Request for parking permit
- Eliot Drive – Request to be included in zone WR

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

116. Parking Management Schemes Programme 2021/22

The Panel received a report which provided information on the information about the identification, prioritisation, development and implementation of parking management schemes in Harrow. It informs Members about requests for parking schemes received by the Council and also recommends a programme of work for 2021/22 based on the councils agreed assessment criteria.

Officers outlined the presentation, which noted that the pandemic had made things difficult for the financial year of 2020/21, which had resulted in a slower delivery of schemes. Therefore, a number of schemes had now been rolled over to the next financial year of 2021/22.

It was raised by the Panel that the consultations should be statutory.

Members raised a number of questions which were responded to by the representatives as follows:

- The safety parking programme would be looked at in relation to the raised issue that safety measures on the corners of roads should be implemented around the Old Lodge Way/ Winscombe Way area.
- Dennis Lane was not a parking scheme request which was why it was not included in this report. The officer explained that confirmation was needed for the release of the NCIL funding. The officer confirmed that this would be taken up with the relevant service manager.
- It was confirmed that September Way was in the programme.

Cllr Ameet Jogia moved an amendment to the work program, regarding Canterbury Road, which requested that scheme 41, the Melrose Road and Kingsley Road scheme replaces scheme 1, the Canterbury Road between Durham Road and Pinner View Parking Review scheme. This was duly seconded, put to the vote and was lost.

RESOLVED: To agree the recommendations.

117. Information - Traffic and Parking Schemes Programme update

The Panel received a report which provided an update on progress with the 2020/21 Parking and Local Implementation Plan Transportation programmes of works.

An officer reported that due to a delay in the funding received the programme was not as big as expected. Four 20 mph zones had been through full consultation and were programmed for construction. The Streatfield Road zebra crossing scheme was also programmed for construction within the next 2-3 weeks.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

The audio recording of this meeting can be found at the following link:

<https://www.harrow.gov.uk/virtualmeeting>

(Note: The meeting, having commenced at 6.30 pm, closed at 8.10 pm).

(Signed) Councillor Jerry Miles
Chair