

**REPORT FOR: Traffic And Road Safety
Advisory Panel**

Date of Meeting: 15 July 2014

Subject: **INFORMATION REPORT**
Traffic and Parking Schemes
Programme update 2014/15

**Responsible
Officer:** Caroline Bruce - Corporate Director,
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Exempt: No

Enclosures:

Appendix A - Parking management
programme 2014/15

Appendix B -Transport for London
programme 2014/15

Section 1 – Summary

This information report is presented to members to provide an update on progress with the 2014/15 traffic and parking schemes programme of works. This includes schemes funded by Transport for London (TfL) and schemes included in Harrow's Capital Programme. The information contained in this report reflects the latest position at the time of writing this report.

FOR INFORMATION

Section 2 – Report

General

- 2.1 This information report provides members with an update on the current programme of transport schemes and initiatives funded in the 2014/15 programme. This includes schemes funded by Transport for London grant and the Harrow capital programme. **Appendices A** and **B** provides a summary of progress with all the schemes within the current programme.
- 2.2 More detail on certain schemes is provided below in the body of the report where they have reached the public consultation, statutory consultation or implementation stages and any other specific issues of interest to members.

Harrow Capital 2014/15

Parking management programme

- 2.3 All the controlled parking area schemes in the 2014/15 programme have been through the initial public consultation stage during 2013/14 and are now programmed for statutory consultation and implementation. The areas are Canons Park, Pinner, North Harrow, Queensbury, Belmont and Welbeck Road area.
- 2.4 Since the last panel meeting in February the second phase of the controlled parking scheme in Hatch End, in residential roads surrounding Hatch End Station, became operational on 1st May 2014. The Southbourne Close changes to the Rayners Lane Controlled parking scheme became operational on the 1st March.

Localised Safety Parking Schemes Programme

- 2.5 This programme is concerned with with isolated and localised sites where parking problems and issues occur. Typically remedial measures consist of proposals for single or/ double yellow lines at junctions, bends and narrow sections of road in order to improve vehicular access or improve road safety. These measures also reinforce the well-established principles in The Highway

Code. This is an on-going rolling programme of works and members will be advised of the locations included in the programme during the course of the year.

Transport for London – Local implementation Plan Programme 2014/15

20mph zones

- 2.6 There are currently twenty six 20 mph zones in Harrow which are concentrated mainly around schools. In the last three years nine new zones have been introduced as part of our on going programme of 20 mph zones. Implementing these zones is set out in the council's Transport Local Implementation Plan in order to improve road safety and reduce accidents and traffic speeds.
- 2.7 All 20 mph zones need to be self-enforcing without relying on police enforcement and so most schemes include traffic calming measures, such as road humps, in order to ensure a majority of motorists comply with the 20 mph speed limit.
- 2.8 For the 2014/15 programme there are two proposed 20 mph zones in the area around Marlborough Hill School, Wealdstone and St Bernadette's School, Kenton. Initial traffic surveys and scheme development work has commenced and consultation with the local community should start toward the end of June.

Local Safety Schemes

- 2.9 This programme of work is focussed on reducing killed and seriously injured accidents throughout the borough and supports the objectives of the Mayor for London's Road Safety Plan to reduce Killed and Seriously Injured accidents by 40% by 2020.
- 2.10 The 2014/15 programme will focus on two main corridors as follows:
- High Street, Pinner
 - High Road, Harrow Weald

Bus Priority - Mollison Way – Phase 2 Lawrence Crescent to Stag Lane

- 2.11 Bus routes 114, 606, 614 and 644 serve Mollison Way and provide a direct access to Harrow-on-the Hill, Mill Hill Broadway, Wembley Park, The Totteridge Academy, Hatfield and various other key destinations. These bus routes are subject to delays and unreliability due to parked vehicles between Turner Road roundabout and its junction with Stag Lane.
- 2.12 Phase 1 was introduced last financial year along the western section of Mollison Way between Turner Road / Cotman Gardens.
- 2.13 Whilst proposals are mainly targeted at addressing the traffic congestion issue along Mollison Way, care has been taken to address traffic and pedestrian safety with minimum loss of on-street parking space for local residents. The proposals include the following measures:

- **Inset parking bays:** To widen the effective driving lane allow two large vehicles simultaneously pass each other, inset parking bays are proposed, wherever feasible on both sides of the road. These bays will allow parking whilst maintaining the two way traffic.
- **Double yellow line waiting restrictions:** Double yellow line waiting restrictions are proposed at key locations to prevent obstructive parking and ensure that adequate road space is available for refuse and emergency vehicles. These waiting restrictions are proposed at locations where traffic congestion occurs on a regular basis when two buses or large vehicles pass each other simultaneously. The restrictions will prevent parking and provide road space to allow continuous and unobstructed traffic flow.
- **Trees, Lamp columns and other street furniture:** In order to facilitate provision of inset bays, it is required to remove some of the existing trees along Mollison Way. Wherever possible, smaller trees will be relocated to nearby locations. Any trees removed will be replaced with new trees. Lamp columns and other street furniture affected by the proposals will be relocated to suitable locations.

Note: During implementation stage, the extent of inset parking bays may change due to the presence of underground utilities and tree roots in the area.

Bus Priority - The Common / Common Road junction improvement

- 2.14 This scheme involves widening the carriageway to improve junction capacity by incorporating a new left turn approach lane at the junction which will allow left turning vehicles including the 258 bus to avoid waiting behind the straight ahead traffic. It is also an opportunity to review the signal timings and this appears to have the potential to increase the overall capacity at the junction.
- 2.15 The scheme is jointly funded thorough the councils Local Implementation Plan and a section 106 funding developer contribution made available from the Bentley Priory development site.
- 2.16 The Council is working with the TfL signals unit to upgrade the signal equipment and review the signal timings to minimise delay at the junction as part of this project.

Bus Stop Accessibility

- 2.17 The bus stop accessibility programme is recognised as a crucial element in the drive to improve the quality of bus services. The 2014/15 programme will include reviews of the following bus stop locations :
- Kenton Lane - outside the Duck in the Pond public house
 - Stanmore Broadway - westbound only.
 - Whitmore Road - westbound bus stop (WA)
 - High Road, Harrow Weald – northbound outside bus garage
 - The Ridgeway, North Harrow – bus stops (NL, NN and NP)

- Kenton Road – eastbound between Hawthorne Rd and Elmwood Avenue and eastbound between Carlton Road and Mayfield Avenue.

Freight Strategy

- 2.18 The next phase of the project is consider “lorry enforcement points” using weight limit restrictions over short sections of road at strategic locations on the highway network where it is not desirable for HGV traffic to use through routes off the designated freight route network.
- 2.19 The “lorry enforcement points” will consist of regulatory signs at either end of the restricted section of road and warning signs placed in advance. Enforcement will be via a CCTV camera in order to enforce the lorry ban.

Legible London

- 2.20 Legible London is a pedestrian signage system designed by TfL and helps people to find destinations which are within a short walking distance. TfL worked with the council last year to introduce the scheme in Harrow and Wealdstone town centres and are aiming to expand the scheme further to other town centres over the next few years. The scheme included new pedestrian route plinths and signs incorporating local maps with key designations in Harrow and Wealdstone town centres.
- 2.21 The 2014/15 programme will be investigating other sites for Legible London signage in the areas outside London underground stations including Sudbury Hill, Rayners Lane, Canons Park and Stanmore Stations and supports our on-going programme of walking improvements.

Walking Projects

- 2.22 The 2014/15 programme will include the following projects:
- Camrose Avenue – new zebra crossing close to the junction with Merlin Crescent opposite the park. Consultation exercise to be undertaken shortly.
 - Marsh Lane, Stanmore – new zebra crossing proposed near to Pembroke Lodge close to Du Cros Drive.
 - Parkside Way – widening of existing pedestrian refuse to accommodate larger groups of pedestrians especially school children at peaks time. Pedestrian surveys are complete and outline design complete.

Station Road (A409 Corridor) – Highway improvements

- 2.23 The objective of the scheme is to create an attractive and safe environment along the Station Road (A409 corridor) for all highway users with a focus on pedestrians, buses and cyclists. The street scene will be improved to better serve local residents and businesses and the wider community which will support economic growth, investment and improve the social infrastructure.

2.24 Detailed proposals are being prepared by a transport consultant engaged by the Council

Cycling schemes

2.25 The status of the 2013/14 projects is as follows:

- The existing path linking Vernon Drive to Honister Place has now been upgraded across the northern end of the Belmont trail in Stanmore. The improvements will facilitate improved access for pedestrians and cyclists as well as people with disabilities.
- The existing path in Yeading Brook Open space, North Harrow is being converted to shared use to enable pedestrians and cyclists to use this facility in the park providing a new north south link. This will involve the widening of the path leading to the existing bridge over Yeading Brook, which will be replaced and upgraded. This work is ongoing.
- The existing path between Sherwood Road and Northolt Road is being converted to a segregated cycle path. This work is ongoing.

2.26 The 2014/15 programme will continue with similar initiatives and includes:

- Roxbourne / Cannon Lane – route linking Yeading Walk to Hillingdon via Roxbourne Park,
- Yeading Walk east / west link linking Northumberland Road / Whittington Way.

Mayor for London's cycling vision – Harrow bid for cycle routes

2.27 In May officers met with representatives of Sustrans, a charitable cycling organisation, who are assisting the Mayor for London to identify a “quiet way” network across London. Sustrans have been meeting all the London boroughs in recent months to discuss their “quiet way” bids and how they can be joined up across London to form an extensive network of cycle ways.

2.28 It is anticipated that the “quiet way” routes will be prioritised and boroughs informed as to whether they have been successful in the second round of funding in September.

Section 3 – Further Information

3.1 A regular update is provided at every meeting on progress with the annual programme of traffic and parking schemes. Future reports will provide information to members about any consultations, statutory consultations, portfolio holder decisions and implementation issues since the previous meeting.

Section 4 – Financial Implications

4.1 Any schemes and works programmes mentioned in this report are being taken forward using identified resources and funding from TfL Grant, S106 contributions from developers and Harrow Capital in 2014/15.

Section 5 - Equalities implications

- 5.1 Was an Equality Impact Assessment carried out? Yes.
- 5.2 All major schemes included in this report, depending on what stage they are at, have been or will be subject to an equality impact assessment (EqIA).
- 5.3 Small to medium sized schemes, depending on what stage they are at, have been or will be subject to a review of equality issues as a part of the design risk assessment stage of the scheme.
- 5.4 In general terms there have been no adverse impacts on any of the specified equality groups from any of the schemes or initiatives mentioned in this report. There are positive impacts on some equalities groups, particularly disability and age.

Section 6 – Corporate Priorities

- 6.1 The funds allocated by TfL and Harrow for transport improvements will contribute to achieving the corporate priorities:
 - Making a difference for the vulnerable
 - Making a difference for communities
 - Making a difference for local businesses
 - Making a difference for families

Ward Councillors notified:	YES
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Section 7 - Statutory Officer Clearance

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Date: 24/06/14

Section 8 - Contact Details and Background Papers

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Background Papers:

Local Implementation Plan

Appendix A – Harrow Capital, parking management schemes update – 2014/15

This is Harrow's own programme of traffic and parking scheme initiatives which support the delivery of the Local implementation Plan. In 2013/14 this comprises of allocations of £260K for controlled parking schemes and £40K for the local safety parking schemes programme.

Where developer contributions are supporting the programme these are indicated (*)

Scheme	Details	£ K	Status	Contact officer	Planned finish
Canons Park station area	Follow up review of parking in area generally within the vicinity of the station	30 (40*)	Statutory Consultation/Implementation to take place in 2014/15	Barry Philips	2014/15
CPZ Zone H Stanmore Possible extension	Re-consultation in Dalkeith Grove, Dovercourt Gardens, Heronslea Drive				
CPZ zone A Pinner scheme review	Review of parking controls in the Pinner area	75	Statutory Consultation during July and statutory results scheduled to be reported to the October TARSAP.	Barry Philips	Jan 2015
CPZ North Harrow New zone	To implement parking controls in roads surrounding North Harrow Station	20 (30*)	Statutory Consultation during July and statutory results scheduled to be reported to the October TARSAP.	Barry Philips	Dec 2014
CPZ Queensbury New zone	To implement parking controls in roads surrounding Queensbury Station	65	Statutory Consultation during July and statutory results scheduled to be reported to the October TARSAP.	Barry Philips	Jan 2015
CPZ Welbeck Road area, South Harrow New zone	To implement parking controls in roads surrounding Welbeck Road / Scott Crescent / The Arches area	35	Statutory Consultation/Implementation to take place in 2014/15	Barry Philips	Mar 2015
CPZ Belmont New zone	To implement parking controls in roads surrounding Belmont Circle	35	Statutory Consultation during July and statutory results scheduled to be reported to the October TARSAP.	Barry Philips	Jan 2014
Local Safety Parking Schemes Programme	The introduction of minor localised waiting restrictions (yellow lines) schemes to deal with access problems and road safety issues.	40	Project of prioritising requests for yellow lines is on going. Latest tranche of waiting restrictions	Barry Philips	Mar 2015

Scheme	Details	£ K	Status	Contact officer	Planned finish
			planned for Kenton Lane / Road and Uxbridge Road areas.		
Krishna Avanti School Camrose Ave Parking /Traffic Review	Review of parking controls required as part of a s106 agreement for school	(40*)	<p>Bollards in Bacon Lane to be installed on footway for safety to prevent drivers using area for dropping off. Public consultation on area parking controls carried out earlier this year.</p> <p>Results to be discussed with the Portfolio Holder for Environment, Crime and Community Safety in accordance with agreed decision making process</p>	Barry Philips	Mar 2015

* Funded by s106 agreement

Appendix B – Transport for London, local implementation plan programme update – 2014/15

This is the main programme funded by Transport for London to deliver the programme of investment in the Transport Local Implementation Plan (LIP). The overall allocation for traffic and transportation works related to the LIP in 2014/15 is £1,587k. This is allocated as either capital or revenue within harrow's financial system depending on the nature of the work undertaken.

Corridors, Neighbourhoods and Supporting Measures (including Local Transport Fund)

Scheme	Details	£ k	Status	Contact officer	Planned finish
20 mph zone programme	A 20mph zone is proposed in the area surrounding Marlborough Hill School and St Bernadette's School	120	20mph zones being developed for Marlborough Hill School, Wealdstone and St Bernadette's School, Kenton. Investigations and design work is underway.	Barry Philips	Mar 2015
Walking Schemes	Infrastructure schemes designed to improve walking facilities	75	Schemes being developed as follows: new zebra crossing - Camrose Avenue near Merlin Crescent and Marsh Lane near to Du Cros Drive, Stanmore. Widening of existing pedestrian refuse in Parkside Way. Investigations and design work is underway.	Barry Philips	
Legible London Signing	Pedestrian signing works	50	Continuation of implementation of Legible London signing in the vicinity of underground stations	Barry Philips	Mar 2015
Bus route inspection studies / works	Schemes to improve bus routes and encourage greater use of public transport	25	Planning of bus route improvement works. Investigations underway.	Barry Philips	Mar 2015
Bus priority works	Completion of existing schemes from 2013/14	175	Implementation of Phase 2 of Mollison Way scheme and The Common / Common Road junction improvement scheme	Barry Philips	Mar 2015

Scheme	Details	£ k	Status	Contact officer	Planned finish
Accessibility Improvements	Provision of Disabled parking bays, Vehicle access markings and dropped kerbs and other physical changes to highway to support mobility impaired people	66	Ongoing programme of assessing and implementing requests for disabled parking bays, vehicle access road markings and dropped kerbs.	Barry Philips	Mar 2015
Bus stop accessibility schemes	Ongoing programme of works to improve access to bus stops	30	Ongoing programme of making bus stops compliant with current standards and mobility access. Schemes are implemented in batches. Two batches of works are completed. Initial designs are underway for the remaining bus stops.	Barry Philips	Mar 2015
Shopmobility	Funding support for increased opening hours of service particularly at weekends and in Christmas sales	5	Funds being used to keep Shopmobility open on the first Saturday of every month. Extra services were run during Christmas period.	Hanif Islam	Mar 2015
Travel Training	This will provide support to those with learning difficulties to use public transport	6	To provide targeted travel training via Harrow Association of Disabled People	Hanif Islam	Mar 2015
Congestion relief studies	Schemes to reduce congestion	50	Initial investigations underway to identify congestion hot spots	Barry Philips	Mar 2015
Cycle training	TfL funded cycle training is offered free to children and adults, who live, work or are educated in the borough. All courses are promoted via the council website and throughout schools and businesses in the borough.	80	On going delivery of free cycle training for children and adults	David Corby	Mar 2015

Scheme	Details	£ k	Status	Contact officer	Planned finish
Cycling Schemes	Improvements for cycles to minimise conflict with other traffic where speeds are higher These will enable improved “bikeability” levels	100	Scheme development work underway on the following projects; 1) Roxbourne / Cannon Lane – route linking Yeading Walk to Hillingdon via Roxbourne Park 2) Yeading Walk east / west link linking Northumberland Road / Whittington Way	Barry Philips	Mar 2015
Cycling and Greenways	Provision of new surfacing, signing, cycle parking and environmentally friendly lighting upgrades to form cycle route through parks.	50	Scheme investigation and development work underway.	Barry Philips	Mar 2015
Freight strategy schemes investigation and implementation	The next phase of the project is consider “lorry enforcement points” using weight limit restrictions over short sections of road at strategic locations where it is not desirable for HGV traffic to use through routes off the designated freight route network.	35	Development work is underway to develop lorry control systems to improve compliance with freight movement restrictions.	Barry Philips	Mar 2015
Accident remedial schemes	Mass action - killed and seriously injured (KSI) casualties’ reduction. To address accident hotspots in the borough and improve road safety	100	Accident analysis studies and development of measures is on-going.	Barry Philips	Mar 2015

Scheme	Details	£ k	Status	Contact officer	Planned finish
Station Road – Highway Improvements	To create an attractive and safe environment along Station Road A409 corridor for all highway users, with extra focus on pedestrians, buses and cyclists	140	Detailed scheme proposals being developed	Barry Philips	Mar 2015
Electric vehicles and car clubs	Promote electric charging points and car clubs	50	Investigating possible initiatives	Barry Philips	Mar 2015
Promoting sustainability	<p>Various initiatives undertaken by travel planning staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Travel Planning advice for planning applications • Promotion of electric vehicle technology and charging points and Car Clubs • Promotions / Campaigns including - Bike Week, cycling promotions, walking and walking works promotions, integration with smarter travel • Promotion of Active Travel and links with Health and Air Quality 	50	<p>Ongoing support to planning application process for businesses and residential developments in order to encourage travel planning and sustainable transport modes.</p> <p>Ongoing programme of promotions for sustainable transport initiatives including smarter driving throughout the year.</p> <p>Car clubs and electric charging points are promoted via the sustainable transport campaign and through travel plans secured via the planning process.</p>	Barry Philips	Mar 2015
Road safety education and promotions	Various road safety education initiatives for schools and vulnerable road user groups undertaken by Road Safety Officer.	45	Interactive road safety education programs continue in all schools in Harrow.	David Corby	Mar 2015

Scheme	Details	£ k	Status	Contact officer	Planned finish
School Travel Plan – Highway schemes	Physical measures identified in School Travel Plans to encourage sustainable transport	50	Scheme investigation and development work underway. There will be a focus on the School Expansion schools where new travel plans have been developed / reviewed.	Barry Philips	Mar 2015
School support	<p>Various initiatives undertaken by travel planning staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small grant funding to support travel plans • Walk to School promotions • Schools quarterly newsletter • Theatre in education • School Travel Maps • Cycle repair workshops 	80	<p>Ongoing support for schools to support modal shift and promote sustainable travel and discourage use of private car to travel to school.</p> <p>Support for school travel plans including requests for grant funding to implement measures to support school travel plans</p> <p>Promotional work to support sustainable transport message including Theatre in Education shows and Dr Bike sessions</p>	Barry Philips	Mar 2015
Future programme development	Identify future work through assessments and studies.	50	Scheme investigation and development work for 2015/16 schemes	Barry Philips	Mar 2015
Travel Planner	Staff funding support	55	An officer is in post.	Barry Philips	Mar 2015
Local Transport Fund	Schemes identified by borough to meet Mayors Transport Strategy	100	Schemes to be determined by TARSAP at July meeting	Barry Philips	Mar 2015

Borough Cycling Programme

This is an additional programme funded by Transport for London to support the delivery of the Mayor for London's Cycling Vision. The overall allocation for works and initiatives in 2014/15 is £150k. This programme accords with the objectives of the Council's Transport Local implementation Plan. This funding is allocated as either capital or revenue within harrow's financial system depending on the nature of the work undertaken.

Scheme	Details	£ k	Status	Contact officer	Planned finish
Cycle Training – Adults and Children	This additional funding will expand the current cycle training programme	59	TfL funded cycle training is offered free to children and adults, who live, work or are educated in the borough. All courses are promoted via the council website and throughout schools and businesses in the borough.	David Corby	Mar 2015
Cycle Grants for Schools	To assist schools with developing cycle initiatives	6	Investigations underway to identify suitable schools initiatives	David Corby	Mar 2015
Cycle parking	Implementation of cycle parking at cycle hubs	40	Locations for cycle parking being investigated and prioritised	Barry Philips	Mar 2015
Staffing	Staffing to support delivery of Borough Cycle Programme	40	Recruitment underway	David Corby	Mar 2015
Borough Cycling Strategy	Development of a cycle strategy that shows how the Mayor for London's vision will be delivered in Harrow	5	Development of a draft strategy is underway	Hanif Islam	Mar 2015