

LONDON BOROUGH OF HARROW

TRAFFIC AND ROAD SAFETY ADVISORY PANEL

WEDNESDAY 30 NOVEMBER 2005

Petition from the Residents of Parkside Way, North Harrow, Requesting the Council to Resurface the Road, Introduce Speed Cameras and Provide a Pedestrian Crossing

Reference from Council – 20 October 2005

- 1(i) At the meeting of Council held on 20 October 2005, the following petition was presented requesting that the Council resurface the road, introduce speed cameras and provide a pedestrian crossing at Parkside Way, North Harrow:

<u>Submitted By</u>	<u>Number of Signatures</u>
Councillor Bill Stephenson	63

- 1(ii) The petition stood referred to the Traffic and Road Safety Advisory Panel for consideration as follows:-

(Minute Number 348 (1)):

‘Submitted by Councillor Bill Stephenson containing 63 signature of residents of Parkside Way, North Harrow, requesting the Council to resurface the road, introduce speed cameras and provide a pedestrian crossing.’

- 1(iii) The petition is in the following terms:-

‘Petition: Residents Parkside Way North Harrow

1. To re-surface road on Parkside Way to required standard.
2. To introduce speed cameras
3. Pedestrian Crossing’

[Note: A copy of the first page of the petition is attached as an appendix to this report].

2. The Interim Head of Public Realm Infrastructure advised as follows:

- 2.1 The issue surrounding the condition of the road surface relates to trenching works carried out by the Public Utilities and the vibration caused by heavy goods vehicles tracking over reinstated areas of trench. A condition survey carried out following receipt of the petition has shown the eastbound lane to be in good condition. The westbound lane has some minor depressions along the trench but is generally in good condition.
- 2.2 At a site meeting held on 21 October between Harrow Council and EDF Energy unacceptable areas of trench were identified and remedial measures

agreed. Thames Water has replaced a low manhole cover and has been instructed to rectify an unacceptable reinstatement outside of No. 77.

- 2.3 As a result of earlier complaints EDF Energy commissioned consultants to measure vibration caused by traffic. This showed that there was discernable vibration but at such a low level as not to pose any risk of physical damage to property.
- 2.4 Speed cameras can only be installed by the London Safety Camera Partnership and must be introduced in accordance with criteria set by the Department for Transport. Their purpose is to bring about casualty reduction and they are therefore targeted at those sites with the worst casualty records. Parkside Way does not meet current criteria, which stipulates that there must have been four accidents in the serious or fatal category in the last three years.
- 2.5 The Council is currently carrying out surveys to measure traffic speed and volume and to determine the numbers of heavy goods vehicles using the road. This will help to pinpoint the scale and nature of the difficulties that need to be addressed and help determine what remedial measures might be appropriate.
- 2.6 Further information from the head petitioner suggests that a pedestrian crossing should be installed near the entrance to the park. The Council has already identified a need for a pedestrian crossing here as part of a Safer Routes to School scheme for the Pinner Park Schools off Headstone Lane. Funding for the scheme is being provided by TfL and is dependent upon the school producing a school travel plan. This is expected imminently and should allow the crossing to be installed before the end of the financial year.
- 2.7 It is recommended that the Panel note the report and the ongoing surveys to identify remedial measures that will allay the concerns of the petitioners.**

FOR INFORMATION

Background Documents: Petition presented to Council on 20 October 2005.
Minutes of the Council meeting on 20 October 2005.

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