

REPORT FOR: Traffic and Road Safety Advisory Panel

Date of Meeting: 9th February 2017

Subject: **INFORMATION REPORT**
Petitions relating to:

- 1) Whitchurch Gardens - request for a Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ).
- 2) Morley Crescent (East and West) – Request for no waiting at any time parking restrictions.
- 3) Waxwell Lane- request to extend waiting at any time parking restrictions.
- 4) London Road- request for double yellow lines
- 5) Dukes Avenue - request for a Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ).
- 6) Overbrook Walk- objection to double yellow lines
- 7) County Roads- request for a Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ).
- 8) 92, Cannon Lane – request for double yellow lines
- 9) Royston Park Road – request for traffic calming
- 10) Calthorpe Gardens- request for a Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ).

Responsible Officer :	Tom McCourt – Corporate Director, Community
Exempt:	No
Wards affected:	Queensbury, Edgware, Canons, Pinner, Headstone South, Pinner South, Hatch End
Enclosures:	None

Section 1 – Summary

This report 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.

FOR INFORMATION

Section 2 – Report

Petition 1 – Whitchurch Gardens, Edgware - Request for Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ)

- 2.1 A petition containing 46 signatures was received by the council on 9th November 2016. The petition states:

“We have been approached by various residents of this road about the very bad parking situation again after 11:00am.

Apart from the impossible parking situation residents are very concerned about how dangerous the road is at all times and particularly at school opening and closing times

This is a through road so we have more than our share of lorries and businesses, added to this parents drive over the pavements and turn their cars amongst hundreds of children

We could start the process with Harrow Council to have the restriction hours extended to at least another hour in the afternoons.

Please return this letter in the next 10 days with your signature and any other issues you may have re the above.”

- 2.2 This scheme is recommended for inclusion in the 2017/18 parking management schemes programme. This matter is covered in more detail in the Parking Management programme item on the agenda.

Petition 2 – Morley Crescent East and West – Request for no waiting at any time parking restrictions

- 2.3 A petition containing 23 signatures was received by the council on 15th November 2016. The letters state states:

- 2.4 This request was assessed under the local safety parking schemes programme (LSPP). The assessment criteria for all such requests includes such factors as traffic flows/speeds, pedestrian flows, occurrence of personal injury accidents, the degree to which parking affects access/visibility and the nature of the request.

- 2.5 The threshold score required for intervention has been satisfied and these locations have accordingly been added to the programme and will be batched and progressed.
- 2.6 This will involve a legal notification (statutory consultation) process which can take some time to complete especially if there are objections which need to be resolved.

Petition 3 - Waxwell Lane – Request to extend no waiting at any time parking restrictions outside no. 44.

- 2.7 A petition containing 61 signatures was presented to Cabinet in November 2016. Cabinet referred the petition to this Panel for information. The petition states:

“We the undersigned residents of Waxwell Lane wish Harrow Council to extend the existing double yellow lines outside 44 Waxwell Lane”

- 2.8 The council are considering introducing double yellow lines in Waxwell Lane between No.42-46 because larger vehicles such as fire engines and refuse vehicles are experiencing difficulties in negotiating narrow sections of Waxwell Lane causing delays and congestion.
- 2.9 During the legal notification period (Statutory consultation) the council received five responses of which four were objections. Now that the legal notification period has concluded, a report detailing all the comments and any objections to the council’s proposals has been compiled and sent to the Portfolio Holder.
- 2.10 Having reviewed the comments and objections the Potfolio Holder has concluded that the proposals as detailed above should be taken forward to implementation.

Petition 4 - London Road - Request for double yellow lines

- 2.11 A petition containing 10 signatures was presented to this Panel by a local member in November 2016. The petition states:

“We the undersigned are concerned about the congestion in Stanmore has reached breaking point. Parking for residents has become a significant issue, especially because of Wembley Stadium events and on-going construction to the Stone Grove Development. This petition (to be presented at the next Harrow Council Traffic Meeting on 18th October 2016) aims to reduce some strain by having double yellow lines painted on both sides of the slip road between 2 London Road – 10 London Road.

- 2.12 This section of London Road is already located within a controlled parking zone (Zone H) which operates Mon – Sat 10 am – 11am & 3pm - 4pm and there are double yellow lines at the entrance to the slip road in the bell mouth which extend to the boundary of No.2 & 4 London Road.

Beyond this point there are single yellow lines which operate at the times indicated above.

- 2.13 In order to change the existing single yellow lines to double yellow line (no waiting at any time) the council would be required to carry out a statutory consultation process with all those properties affected by the proposals.
- 2.14 Officers have undertaken parking surveys in the service roads to the north and south of London Road and spoken with local residents who confirmed the problems were mainly related to Wembley event day parking.

Petition 5 - Dukes Avenue - Request for a Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ).

- 2.15 A petition containing 8 signatures was presented to this Panel by a local member in November 2016. The petition states:

We, the undersigned, urge and request Harrow Council to apply a Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) for one hour period Monday – Friday to Dukes Avenue (HA8) in Edgware, to deter and discourage the unsafe and unsightly long term parking and / or dumping of untaxed vehicles, abandoned vehicles

- 2.16 An assessment of the parking issues has been undertaken. This matter is covered in more detail in the Parking Management programme item on the agenda.

Petition 6 - Overbrook Walk – Objections to double yellow lines

- 2.17 A petition in the form of a spread sheet containing 10 signatures from residents in Overbrook Walk was sent to the council in December 2016. The petition states:

“Objection to double yellow lines in Overbrook Walk”

- 2.18 The double yellow lines proposed in Overbrook Walk are part of the councils on going agreed Localised Safety Parking Programme (LSPP). Waiting restrictions are only considered where the site has satisfied agreed criteria approved by this Panel and to support the well-established guidance within the Highway Code.
- 2.19 In this case installing the double yellow lines in Overbrook Walk would protect a turning head which allows available space for vehicles to turn round safely and also protect access to the adjacent land to help with the regeneration project at Flash musicals.
- 2.20 The Portfolio Holder has reviewed the responses to the statutory consultation and the contents of the petition and he has decided to overrule the objections and to proceed with the implementation of the double yellow lines to protect this area from parked vehicles.

Petition 7 – County Roads - Request for a Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ).

- 2.21 An on line petition containing 205 signatures was received in early January. The petition states:
- “We the undersigned sign this petition in support of the introduction of a CPZ to cover Sussex Road, Bedford Road, Rutland Road and Oxford Road in order to improve the awful parking situation on the County Roads and enable local residents to park near their homes. We would like the Council to consult residents on options for CPZ hours of operation - either 1 hour in the day (11am-12pm) or 2 hours in the day (10am-11am and 2pm-3pm).”*
- 2.22 A separate request was also received from a local councillor to include Devonshire Road in a potential new CPZ for this area.
- 2.23 This scheme is recommended for inclusion in the 2017/18 parking management schemes programme. This matter is covered in more detail in the Parking Management programme item on the agenda.

Petition 8 – 92 Cannon Lane – Request for double yellow lines

- 2.24 A petition containing 34 signatures was received by the council on 10th January 2017 requesting double yellow lines outside number 92 Cannon Lane. The petition states:
- “Multiple complaints have been received about difficulty of access to the premises at 92 Cannon Lane HA5 1HR, this is often due to a vehicle parked either side of the drive obscuring the view for cars emerging out of the driveway and parking at the site.*
- Multiple incidents have been reported as this is a busy site during the day and it emerges onto a busy main road often with vision obscured on either side.*
- The purpose of this petition is to have a parking restriction placed in the area between 92 -94 Cannon Lane to prevent vehicles from parking there and further obscuring the vision of drivers at this site.*
- 2.25 The council has a programme of works for implementing short localised sections of yellow lines which is targeted at junctions and bends where the council needs to prevent dangerous or inconsiderate parking.
- 2.26 However, in this instance the request does not cover an area of priority such as adjacent to a junction or bend and therefore cannot be assessed under this programme. The council generally does not install sections of yellow lines in isolation as this can be confusing for drivers and create operational difficulties for the Council’s parking enforcement team.

- 2.27 Any problems with obstruction of vehicle crossovers are normally dealt with under separate legislation that permits enforcement action to be undertaken without the need for a yellow line to be present. If any part of a vehicle is parked, or overhanging, the lowered flat part of a vehicle access then the parking operations team can be requested to attend site and issue the vehicle with a Penalty Charge Notice (PCN). The CEO will require the resident affected to sign a declaration that the vehicle is not connected with that property.

Petition 9 – Royston Park Road – Request for traffic calming

- 2.28 A petition containing 154 signatures was received by the council in January requesting traffic calming measures in Royston Park Road. The petition states:

“We the undersigned request that Harrow Council consider traffic calming measures for Royston Park Road”

- 2.29 The problems of excessive speeds are unfortunately common at a number of sites within the borough. As a result, the council receives a considerable number of requests for speed reducing or traffic management measures to address these local concerns.
- 2.30 The funds available to the council for accident remedial schemes are limited and therefore there are set assessment criteria for considering traffic calming requests. The criterion focuses heavily on reducing personal injury accidents.
- 2.31 The most up to date personal injury accident data for Royston Park Road has been assessed and reveals that there has been no speed related personal injury accidents in Royston Park Road within the last three years. A three-year period of study is the standard nationally, by which traffic engineers assess the frequency of road accidents and identify particular accident trends for the purpose of assessing road safety and for making comparisons with other areas.
- 2.32 As Royston Park Road has an acceptable personal injury accident record no priority for traffic calming can be given at the present time.
- 2.33 There is another initiative that is being used to assist residents with traffic speeding issues. Harrow Council is currently working in partnership with the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) and City of London Police (CoLP) to run Community Roadwatch – a road safety initiative which aims to reduce speeding in residential areas.
- 2.34 Community Roadwatch gives local residents the opportunity to work side by side with their local police teams, and use speed detection equipment to identify speeding vehicles in their communities. Warning letters are then issued where appropriate, and the information captured can help to inform the future activity of local police teams.
- 2.35 The Council will put forward Royston Park Road for this initiative.

Petition 10 – Calthorpe Gardens – Request for a controlled parking zone

- 2.36 A petition containing 15 signatures was received by the council from the residents in Calthorpe Gardens, Edgware to turn their street into a controlled parking zone. The petition states:

“We the undersigned, petition Harrow Council to turn Calthorpe Gardens into a controlled parking zone to eliminate day long parking by the public using both Stanmore and Edgware tube stations and other convenient local destinations. We fully understand that by initiating such a scheme we the residents will be liable for the cost of parking permits and visitor day permits in Calthorpe Gardens.”

- 2.37 This scheme is recommended for inclusion in the 2017/18 parking management schemes programme. This matter is covered in more detail in the Parking Management programme item on the agenda.

Section 3 – Further Information

- 3.1. The purpose of this report is to inform the Panel about any new petitions received since the last meeting. No updates on the progress made with previous petitions will be reported at future meetings as officers will liaise with the Chair of TARSAP and the Portfolio Holder directly regarding any updates.

Section 4 – Financial Implications

- 4.1. There are no direct financial implications. Any suggested measures in the report that require further investigation would be taken forward using existing resources and funding.

Section 5 - Equalities implications

- 5.1 The petitions raise issues about existing schemes in the traffic and transportation works programme as well as new areas for investigation. The officer's response indicates a suggested way forward in each case. An equality impact assessment (EqIA) will be carried out in accordance with the current corporate guidance if members subsequently decide that officers should develop detailed schemes or proposals to address any of the concerns raised in the petitions.

Section 6 – Council Priorities

- 6.1 The funds allocated by TfL and Harrow for transport improvements will contribute to achieving the administration's priorities:

- Making a difference for the vulnerable
- Making a difference for communities
- Making a difference for local businesses
- Making a difference for families

Section 7 - Statutory Officer Clearance

Name: Jessie Man



on behalf of the
Chief Financial Officer

Date: 26/01/17

Ward Councillors notified:

YES

Section 8 - Contact Details and Background Papers

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Background Papers:

Previous TARSAP reports

Decision Notices

Public and statutory consultation documents highlighted in the report