

TRAFFIC AND ROAD SAFETY ADVISORY PANEL – 2 March 2021

PUBLIC QUESTIONS (ITEM 4)

Under Rule 49 of the Executive Procedure Rules, members of the public may question the Chair of the Panel at meetings relating to matters within the terms of reference of the Panel. There is a time limit of 15 minutes for the asking and answering of public questions.

1.

Questioner: Minesh Joshi

Asked of: Councillor Jerry Miles, Chair of Traffic and Road Safety Advisory Panel

Question: “I would like to understand what traffic calming measures the Council can implement on Howberry Road, and especially at the entrance to the park where there are now a greater number of children, cyclists, dog-walkers, and pedestrians than ever before. Daily, and especially over the summer months, there has been an increasing number of people coming to use the park, and the entrance on Howberry Road has become far, far busier over the last few years - the park is now even more popular as people make the most of recreational facilities during the current pandemic situation.

There are, sadly, a fair number of drivers that speed along Howberry Road, in particular the section between Du Cros Drive and the roundabout at Wychwood Avenue as the whole road is used as a rat-run by drivers wishing to avoid using Marsh Lane when travelling north towards Stanmore from Whitchurch Lane and vice-versa.

You may not be aware that the park entrance flows on from the gates on Howberry Road to the spinney on the opposite side of the road, and it can often feel dangerous for young families, dog-walkers, and cyclists to cross over as cars speed, sometimes extremely fast, past this section.

I believe the Council has already received a petition, signed by some 37 residents, in December 2019 requesting traffic calming measures on Howberry Road. As a result, two warning triangles saying ‘Pedestrians Crossing’ were erected, however this has not helped much as drivers are ignoring the signs and are still speeding.

The issues in the area are not limited to speeding/dangers on Howberry Road but are widespread across the area, which need addressing.”

2.

Questioner: Chris Collins

Asked of: Councillor Jerry Miles, Chair of Traffic and Road Safety Advisory Panel

Question: “I travel at least twice a day down the Uxbridge Road between Harrow and Hatch End. The cycle lanes are a very stupid idea. Rarely used, when cycle sales have increased, when we return to normal they will be used less. What a stupid idea to create them, and what have they cost?”