

KENTON LANE – LOCAL SAFETY SCHEME

We, the undersigned, residents of Kenton Lane and its environs, located in the section between Hartford Avenue and Ivanhoe Drive, wish to lodge an objection to your proposed Local Safety Scheme for this zone on the grounds that the inevitable reduction in available parking spaces is unacceptable to us for the following reasons:

- 1) Many of the properties, mainly flats and maisonettes on both East and West sides of Kenton Lane are occupied by retired, elderly or disabled people who are dependent on local street parking with close access to their homes.
- 2) Much of the parking is often unavailable to local residents because of the large demand for places by customers of the Boulevard Club from as early as 11.00 a.m. until 12.00 midnight. Parking restrictions will merely exacerbate the problems currently experienced and will necessitate remote parking for the elderly residents.
- 3) Parking/stopping spaces are also necessary for passing traffic which utilise the local shops. The loss of business from this traffic will be significant and will prejudice their continued operation as a much needed resource heavily utilised by the local elderly and retired residents. This applies specifically to the Post Office and the Pharmacist, which are invaluable to locals.

The large volume of traffic on this section of Kenton Lane has been considerably increased by the introduction of traffic calming measures on Uppingham Avenue a few years ago. Consideration might be given to returning some of the vehicles to this road.

However, we would suggest that the 'accidents involving pedestrians' that you refer to in your Consultation document might be considerably reduced by introducing 20 mph limits at the most hazardous sections with speed cameras in support. This measure is almost an inevitability generally in London in the future due to uncontrollably increasing traffic volumes. Harrow could be among the first London Councils to demonstrate its commitment to safety in this regard on important thoroughfares.

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