

Committee:	Traffic and Road Safety Advisory Panel
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Subject:	INFORMATION REPORT – Progress update on key traffic schemes.
Responsible Officer:	Eddie Collier
Portfolio Holder:	Councillor Susan Hall
Exempt:	No
Enclosures:	Appendix A, A1, A2, A3 and A4 - Pinner Road - consultation document Appendix B - Alyward School 20 mph zone - consultation document Appendix C - Kenmore Park School 20 mph zone - consultation document

SECTION 1 – SUMMARY

This information report is presented to members to update them regarding progress on a number of traffic management projects, as follows:

- Camrose Avenue / Taunton Way - Local safety scheme
- Stanmore Hill – Local safety scheme
- Pinner Road – Local safety scheme
- Old Redding – Local safety scheme
- Grismdyke First and Middle school – 20 mph zone
- Aylward First and Middle school – 20 mph zone
- Kenmore First and Middle School – 20 mph zone
- Spencer Road – walking project
- Goodwill to All - junction improvement
- Petts Hill Bridge & Highway Improvements
- Bus Priority Schemes
- Sustainable Transport Initiatives
- Road Safety Education
- LCN+ and other cycling projects

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SECTION 2 - REPORT

2.0 Local Safety Schemes

2.1 Camrose Avenue / Taunton Way

The scheme is currently on site and is expected to be completed by the end of September.

2.1.1 Stanmore Hill / The Common

The scheme is currently on site and is expected to be completed by the end of September.

2.1.2 Pinner Road (Bessborough Road – Headstone Lane)

Following the last TARSAP meeting in June officers met with ward councillors to discuss the proposals and agree the consultation process and contents of the consultation leaflet. The consultation is running jointly with one for a possible CPZ between Devonshire Road and Pinner View and entry treatments to the roads north of Pinner Road as part of a LCN+ Cycle project

Consultation with local residents is due to commence at the end of August with the deadline for responses by 19th September. The results of the consultation will be reported to the next TARSAP meeting in November. The consultation leaflet, which shows details of the proposals is shown in **Appendix A, A1, A2, A3 and A4**.

2.1.3 Old Redding

A total of 19 responses were received from 44 consultation documents delivered to affected householders, a response rate of 43%. Of these responses, 17 were in favour and 1 against with 1 no opinion (89%: 5.5%:5.5%).

The Traffic Notices have been advertised and no objections were received. The scheme is due for implementation in early November. Road closures will be required to allow the Ripple Print surfacing to be laid.

2.2 Grimsdyke School – 20 mph zone proposals

A total of 140 responses were received from 310 consultation documents delivered to affected householders, a response rate of 45%. Of these responses, 110 were in favour and 30 against (79%: 21%).

Minor changes to the scheme have been made as a result of the comments noted on the responses.

Traffic Orders are due to be drafted shortly, which will give residents an opportunity to object formally to the proposals. Notices will appear on-site in the streets affected and plans will be available at the Civic 1 for inspection.

2.2.1 Aylward School, Stanmore – 20 mph zone proposals

Consultation with local residents is currently underway and is due to be completed by the end of August. The results of the consultation will be tabled at the meeting. Details of the scheme proposals and zone boundary can be seen in **Appendix B**.

2.2.3 Kenmore School, Queensbury – 20 mph zone proposals

Consultation with local residents is currently underway and is due to be completed by early September. The results of the consultation will be provided at the meeting. Details of the scheme proposals and zone boundary can be seen in **Appendix C and C1**.

2.3 Spencer Road , Wealdstone - Walking scheme

The proposed entry treatment is scheduled to be constructed in two stages. Stage one will consist of the kerb and footway works and is scheduled to take place in September. Stage two which will comprise of the surfacing works will take place after the temporary road closure of Harrow View in early November.

2.4 Goodwill to All - junction improvements

2.4.1 The details of the scheme have been forwarded to the Director of Traffic Operations at Transport for London (TfL) for checking and approval and we are still awaiting their response. If the scheme proves to be viable funding will be sought from the TfL capital programme budget for implementation in 09/10. However there is however no guarantee that funding would be granted. A review of personal injury casualties for the last 3 years shows this junction is second in the ranking across the borough.

Dates	Slight	Serious	Fatal	Notes
1/01/05-31/12/05	4*	1	0	* One accident involving pedestrian
1/01/06-31/12/06	2*	1	0	* One accident involving pedestrian
1/01/07-31/12/07	4*	1	0	* One accident involving pedestrian
Total	10	3	0	Total 13

(George V Road/Pinner Road/Headstone Lane is 1st).

2.5 Petts Hill Bridge and Highway Improvements

Works are well underway on the Petts Hill Bridge & Highway Improvement scheme.

The new abutments are currently being constructed. This will be followed by the bridge deck replacement in December 2008. Highway works beneath the bridge and at the junction of Northolt Road with Alexandra Avenue will start

around February 2009, followed by works on the footpaths to Northolt Park Station. The scheme will be completed with landscaping and planting works around October 2009.

There will be weekend road closures in November 2008 with the main road and rail closure in December. These closures will be well publicised by the project communications team, which includes representatives from all four partner organisations as well as both the bridge and highway contractors.

A series of publicity/information events have been held with stakeholders and residents in the last couple of months including:

- Member level meetings
- Stakeholder meetings
- Door to door visits with 'zone 1' residents
- News letter distribution to 'zone 2' residents and businesses
- Evening and weekend public exhibitions
- Display boards in local library

Although there are always significant risks with a scheme of this size and complexity, currently the project is on target to complete within budget and programme timescales.

2.6 Bus Priority Schemes

Kings Road

Parking bays on Kings Road and waiting restrictions. Civil works complete.

Common Road, Stanmore

New northbound left turn lane approaching the junction of Common Road / The Common. Scheme due to be implemented in January 2009.

Shaftesbury Avenue

Works to install full width inset parking bays on both sides of the road. Works currently on site and due to be completed around autumn 2008 followed by tree planting.

Cannon Lane Junction with Whittington Way

Works to install waiting restrictions at the junction and parking bays outside the shops. Civil works complete.

Honeypot Lane Bus Lane (Northbound)

Following Ward Member meeting on 7/07/08, scheme agreed to be implemented subject to PH approval. Public consultation to be issued in September.

Honeypot Lane / Streatfield Rd Roundabout

Additional funding obtained from TfL to investigate capacity improvements at the roundabout. Site investigations have been carried out. Ward Member meeting to be held shortly to discuss proposals.

Eastcote Lane (between Maple Avenue and Corbins Lane)

It is proposed to widen the carriageway at this location so that buses can pass each other with parking on one side. Public notification due to be issued shortly followed by implementation.

Rayners Lane between Imperial Drive and Village Way East

To reduce congestion, options are being investigated to either widen the road if feasible, or change the echelon parking to parallel parking. The loss of parking spaces would be balanced by providing new inset bays on Imperial Drive between Rayners Lane Station and Warden Avenue. Scheme progress delayed following Ward Member meeting on site on 28/07/08 and subsequent meeting on 01/08/08 which raised issues about the need for the cycle track and hence further investigation required.

Pinner Road/Station Road, North Harrow

Investigating a new wider left turn lane from Pinner Road into Station Road. This would remove the under-usage of this lane and hence increase capacity at the junction. Scheme undergoing consultation.

Harrow Town Centre

Design work underway to introduce two-way buses on Station Road between Sheepcote Road and College Road, tying in with public realm works on St Ann's Rd. This will remove the one way bus operation in the Town Centre and take buses off Greenhill Way. The proposals involve modifications to the Sheepcote Road/Station Road junction to allow right turning buses. It will also mean changes to Station Road layout to straighten kerb lines. In addition, there are plans to look at facilitating a right turn for buses from Bessborough Road into College Road. This will be subject to satisfactory traffic modeling results. The scheme is being progressed through the Planning department as part of the wider town centre proposals. Preliminary design completed. Discussions are now taking place with London Buses to seek approval.

London Road, Stanmore

Investigating options to provide bus priority on London Road to bypass westbound traffic congestion. Preliminary investigations indicate benefits can only be obtained at very substantial costs and would mean removal of a number of mature trees. At the Ward Member meeting on 25/07/08 it was also noted that the local area had recently undergone a comprehensive consultation process on the Stanmore CPZ. Hence it was decided to postpone the scheme.

2.7 Sustainable Transport Events and Promotion

Harrow had a successful Mass Bike Ride on 15th June 2008 as part of National Bike Week. This historic ride was launched by the Mayor Cllr John Nickolay with Portfolio Holder for Environmental Services Cllr Susan Hall welcoming riders as they arrived at The Grove Open Space where a bike display and road show took place.

Harrow's "It's Up to All of Us" campaign promotes travel awareness on banners across the town centre and online and has been well received. The

banners have now been erected at Harrow Civic Centre (August 2008) and the website has a steady stream of visitors. The website is in the form of a blog, complete with London's first ever travel awareness podcast, photos and videos from Harrow events, lively debates on sustainable transport issues and more.

Harrow's "It's Up to All of Us" campaign's promotion won a Yahoo Internet Life award for being an 'online pioneer' (May 2008).

2.8 Road Safety Education

The Junior Citizen event in June, run jointly with the Police, Fire Brigade and other agencies was well received and just over 2,700 year 5/6 pupils from middle schools, both LEA and independent, went through a series of exercises and scenarios designed to increase their awareness of safety by their own actions. The road safety theme was based on the recognition of road signs and with a little help and encouragement the children did well and understood the shapes and types of signs used on the roads. All children went off with a "goody bag" which included a road safety booklet and a fluorescent/reflective rucksack printed up with a "Be Seen Be Safe" message. We are pleased to say that several of the rucksacks have been seen in and around the area following the event.

The Mass cycle ride at the beginning of "Bike Week" saw more than 100 riders cycle to Harrow on the Hill where the Council's cycle training provider had a display area and a number of interesting cycles for them to ride around a small track. Instructors were on hand to discuss cycling problems and, the Council's Travel Awareness officer was also on hand with representatives from Transport for London (TfL) to promote sustainable travel. The mayor, Cllr John Nickolay attended the start of one of the rides from Nower Hill High School and Cllr Susan Hall visited the road show. Feedback from those who attended the event was positive and a meeting was held with Cycle Experience to discuss the ride and how it could become an annual event.

During Bike Week, cycle promotion was carried out at a number of schools, with assembly talks, bike checks and some basic playground instruction being carried out. From the week several of the schools have expressed an interest in arranging training courses for pupils in the next school term.

By the end of August over 350 children will have completed practical cycle training courses (level 1 & 2) run at schools during term time, and in the school holiday period. Further schools courses have been requested and the cycle trainers will be contacting schools to arrange sessions in September. Transport for London has agreed to increase the cycle training budget to fund additional schools courses. A request for level 3 training has been received for pupils at high schools and will be arranged in the next couple of months.

A steady flow of applications for adult cycling are being received by the Council's training provider – Two hours of individual cycle training are being offered to those who live, work or study in the borough. This has been boosted by "Cycle to work" schemes run during the early part of the year.

There was attendance at the Glebe School summer fete to promote children's safety. The event was not as well attended as was hoped but a number of parents were seen and given road safety advice (seat belts, child seats, Children's Traffic club).

Theatre in Education visits to middle schools in October have been arranged and the June presentations to 10 schools were well received. TfL has arranged for a high school presentation of "The Price" to come into Harrow in the first week in December. High schools have been advised of the presentation which has been well received as a way of getting the road safety message out to the first year pupils in the schools. TfL has also offered to provide a presentation called "Wasted" which deals with the problem of drink and drugs. The play is aimed at year 11/12 pupils and contact will be made with schools to arrange a suitable week for the presentation. A leaflet has also been produced by the London Accident Prevention Council as a guide to parents to assist in recognising the signs of drug use by teenagers.

The Harrow on the Hill SNT has advised that they are planning a seat belt/mobile phone compliance check in late September/October and have asked for co-operation with the supply of posters and leaflets. This will link in with school run problems and when a date is fixed the parking enforcement officers will be advised and asked to focus enforcement at local schools in the area.

2.9 LCN+ Cycling Programme 2008/9 and other cycling projects

LCN+ represents a major commitment by Transport for London (TfL) to create a network of approximately 900km of high quality strategic cycle routes by 2010. These primary strategic routes have been identified as having the highest demands for cycling. When fully implemented the network will provide safer, more comfortable conditions for cyclists, especially the less experienced. Improved journey times and clear routes through junctions will encourage greater use of the cycles.

Cycling represents a healthy alternative to other modes of transport, it is sustainable and non polluting. Increased cycle usage is a specific objective of the Mayor of London and can lead to reduced congestion, improved air quality and reduced space requirements for parking.

A budget of £665k has been secured from TfL for 2008/9 to develop and implement a number of schemes. The list below show details of what the schemes comprise of and the progress made to date:-

LCN+ Scheme Title	Budget	Short description of Works	Progress To date
Link 86 Whitchurch La and Canons Park Station	£25K	Replace existing non standard cycle lanes with widened lanes eastbound	Due for implementation commencing late Sept 2008 in conjunction

		and signed route westbound. Also implement zig-zag markings to new toucan crossing	with Wemborough Rd Scheme
Link 86 Pinner to Eastcote Village via Eastcote Rd	£15K	Advisory Cycle Lanes, side entry treatment new parking controls and inset parking on Ellement Close	Design produced in conjunction with walking scheme, currently being audited. Will be subject of bid to TfL for additional funding in 2008/9 for implementation
Link 86 North Harrow to Pinner via Woodlands, Pinner Rd, Marsh Rd	£10K	Widen/extend cycle lanes, side road entry treatment and additional parking controls where practicable	Scheme currently in preparation
Link 87 Headstone Dr, High Street, Canning Rd, George Grange Wy, Peel Rd, Stuart Rd, Belmont Rd, Grassmere Gdns	£30K	Signage and local surface upgrades Realignment of Toucan Crossing , subject to additional funding and programming, flat top humps at 3 junctions	Design produced currently being audited. Application made to TfL Signals section for slot in 09/10 programme to implement Toucan alterations
Link 87 Headstone Dr	£20K	Replace non standard advisory cycle lanes with widened lanes, removal of central hatching and signing/markings	Design produced, currently being audited
Link 87 Imperial Dr	£35K	Upgrading cycle Lanes ,signing and advance stop lines on all approach arms at The Ridgeway/Imperial Drive Junction	Design produced currently being audited
Link 87 Parkside Way	£10K	Upgrade cycle lanes and signage.	Design produced currently being audited.
Link 87 Rayners La j/w Imperial Dr and Alexandra Av	£20K	Flat top speed tables, new section of cycle track,	Design produced currently being audited

		improvements to existing zebra and signage	
Link 87 Pinner Rd either side of North harrow traffic signals	£20K	Advances Stop lines on all arms of junction	Computer Modelling of effect on traffic signals in progress
Link 89 Lowland Rd between Roxorough Pk and Tyburn La	£18K	Widen existing cycle lanes, associated signing/lining changes and a short section of cycle track.	Design produced currently being audited
Link 89 Roxborough Bridge north roundabout subway area	£20K	Improvements to kerb alignment and bollard locations	Design nearing completion
Link 89 Roxborough Pk junction	£20K	Improvements to access at subway, flat topped speed table, signs with short section of segregated cycle track underneath underpass	Design nearing completion
Link 89 Elmgrove Rd	£10K	Signing/Lining	Design produced
Link 88 Elmgrove Rd east of Railway underpass	£20K	Signing/Lining	Design produced
Link 88 Hindes Rd	£48K	Re-profile of speed humps to sinusoidal profile	Design produced implementation delayed because of Statutory Authority work in Harrow View. Implementation due to commence Feb 2009
Link 88 Kenton Recreation Ground	£50K	Improvements to path/segregated cycle track, and new lighting and tactile paving	Implementation in progress completion due late 2008
Link 88 Railway Underpass	£5K	Improvements in underpass, Lighting/Painting	Design produced completion late 2008
Link 88 Tesco Roundabout on Hindes Rd	£5K	Improvements to markings at roundabout	Design produced implementation due Feb 2009
Link 87 Headstone Drive/Harrow View	£15K	Junction improvements for cyclists ,pedestrian and car parking improvements	Proposals designed. Scheme submitted to Signals Section at TfL for checking and approval

Link 89 Greenford Rd/Sudbury Hill/Sudbury Court Dr/Harrow Rd	£30K	Advanced stop lines, signing/markings and parking controls-linked with scheme of S106 improvements at Clementine Hospital along Sudbury Hill	Scheme designed implementation to be phased with TfL signal modernisation works due autumn 2008
Link 89 Pinner Rd between Roxborough Pk and North Harrow	£108K	Cycle lane improvements including side road entry treatments and changes to waiting restriction. Scheme being carried out in conjunction with Pinner Rd LSS and CPZ Study	Joint public consultation documents issued end of August 2008. Implementation due Feb/Mar 2009 phased with proposed statutory authority works. Details in Appendix A
Link 87 Wemborough Rd/Weston Dr	£125K	Improved cycle lanes, signing, side road entry treatment, associated parking restrictions, junction improvements/widening Wemborough Rd / Honeypot Lane/ Whitchurch Lane	Scheme designed and approved. Implementation due to commence Sep 2008

Non LCN+ Scheme Title	Budget	Short description of Works	Progress To date
Cycle Parking	£20K	Provision of cycle parking at stations, shopping areas and other areas of high demand	Survey of suitable locations carried out. Implementation due autumn 2008
High Rd Harrow Weald to Wembrough Rd	£10K	Investigation into link across area of land in private ownership, on road signing/lining of route, segregated or shared route linking up with Link 87	Investigation into land ownership commenced

Since the last meeting officers have met with Alan Blann, the cycling advisor to the Panel, to go through this years programme in more detail and take on board his comment and suggestions.

Application is to be made to TfL for additional funding in 2008/9 to implement a number of schemes which have been designed to be able to complete the LCN+ network by the end of the programme in 2010.

SECTION 3 – FURTHER INFORMATION

Appendix A, A1, A2, A3 and A4 - Pinner Road - consultation document

Appendix B - Alyward School 20 mph zone - consultation document

Appendix C and C1 - Kenmore Park School 20 mph zone - consultation document

SECTION 4 - CONTACT DETAILS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS

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