

TRAFFIC AND ROAD SAFETY ADVISORY PANEL

18 JUNE 2008

Chairman:	* Councillor Susan Hall	
Councillors:	* Robert Benson	* Jerry Miles
	* Mrinal Choudhury	* David Perry
	* Nizam Ismail	* Yogesh Teli
	* Manji Kara	* Jeremy Zeid
	* Mrs Kinnear	
Advisers:	* Mr A Blann	Mr L Gray
	* Mr E Diamond	* Mr A Wood

* Denotes Member present

[Note: Councillor Bill Stephenson also attended this meeting to speak on the item indicated at Minute 109 below].

PART I - RECOMMENDATIONS**RECOMMENDATION 1 - Stanmore Controlled Parking Zone Review / Parking Controls for Event Days at Wembley Stadium**

The Panel received a report and addendum of the Head of Property and Infrastructure, which set out the findings of the public consultation of 4000 properties on proposals to extend the existing Controlled Parking Zones (CPZ) B and H. The CPZ review had been conducted to assess the effects of increased parking demand and vehicular activity following the reopening of Wembley Stadium and as a result of the Sainsburys supermarket. Funding towards the implementation of the proposed scheme had been secured through the section 106 agreements, comprising £100,000 from Brent Council's section 106 agreement with the Wembley Stadium developer and £20,000 from Harrow council's agreement with Sainsburys. An officer showed the Members a map of the area and briefed Panel Members on the outcome of the public consultation, including:

- Times that the existing CPZs operate;
- Problems that residents encountered with access and parking within the existing CPZ; and
- Any further comments or suggestions that residents had.

The officer gave a detailed analysis of the current parking restrictions that applied within Zones B and H respectively. In response to questions and concerns raised, officers advised that:

- Residents were asked if current parking restrictions were effective, or whether they should be changed or extended;
- The issue of inevitable displaced parking at Canons Park and Queensbury stations had been discussed at a stakeholder meeting in 2007 but there had been no request for these areas to be included in the review;
- Parking problems were more acute in certain areas surrounding Stanmore station;
- Parking Enforcement operations had a schedule of all Wembley Stadium Event Days so that enforcement resources could be planned and deployed effectively;
- Double yellow lines would be introduced in certain areas to prohibit parking at all times;

- The frequency and times of events at Wembley Stadium were such that the demand for a Park and Ride scheme and the infrastructure costs associated with it were not viable;
- A scheme comprising “event day only” restrictions had been considered in detail and costed, but would involve a significantly higher cost to implement and allocate on-going revenue cost to operate, for which there was no budget provision;
- Roads experiencing obstructive parking and access difficulties would be subject to some form of parking controls to improve traffic flow and assist pedestrians when crossing the road;
- Some roads included in the consultation would not form part of the extended CPZ as requested by the majority of residents;
- Some roads with a majority in favour of inclusion in the CPZ extensions had not been included because neighbouring and adjoining roads had requested not to be included in the proposed extended CPZ.
- Roads where obstructive parking was an issue would have double yellow lines painted at the junction to discourage parking by non-residents.

Panel Members voiced concerns over the imposition of parking regulations by Barnet Council between the junctions of Stonegrove Gardens and London Road. Further Panel members commented on the dangerous effect on traffic flow and safety of cars parked on both sides of the road. In response to their concerns, panel members were advised that double yellow lines had been recommended for this particular junction.

A Panel Member queried whether the review of the proposed CPZ scheduled for 2011 would be soon enough to deal with any potential changes prior to the Olympic Games (“Games”) commencing in 2012. An officer advised that in the annual CPZ programme review in February 2008 there had been an option of carrying out a more targeted review to deal with specific problems, rather than wait for the scheduled review of the entire zone. The officer explained that it had not been possible to assess the likely impact of the Games and traffic and parking at this stage and in any event, the effect of the Olympic Games would be a relatively short period of time and therefore, it would not be practical or cost-effective to make changes to CPZs for that purpose. However, the Olympic Delivery Authority would be publishing its transport plans in due course for consultation with the boroughs.

Resolved to RECOMMEND: (to the Portfolio Holder for Environment Services)

That officers be authorised to:

- (1) Implement the Stanmore Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) extension as set out in Appendix A and shown in detail in Appendix B of the report. The operational hours for the roads included in the extension of Zone B to be Monday to Friday 3.00 pm – 4.00 pm and those in Zone H to be Monday to Saturday 10.00 am – 11.00 am and 3.00 pm - 4.00 pm, subject to the advertising of the necessary traffic orders and consideration of any formal objections that may be received as a result;
- (2) implement no parking at any time, (double yellow line) restrictions at junctions, bends and areas of obstruction as detailed in Appendix C subject to the advertising of the necessary traffic orders and consideration of any formal objections that may be received as a result;
- (3) make minor amendments and finalise the detailed design for order making purposes and take all necessary steps to advertise the traffic orders;
- (4) to use the funding of £100,000 secured by a Section 106 agreement in relation to Wembley Stadium and £20,000 secured by a Section 106 Agreement in relation to the Stanmore Sainsburys supermarket towards the cost of implementing the CPZ extension and the no parking at any time restrictions at specified junctions, bends and other locations;

- (5) Inform all residents and businesses by leaflet in the consultation area of the results of the consultation and the proposals affecting their location, concurrent with the advertising of traffic orders.
- (6) Consult with residents of Linden Close on whether they wished to be included in Zone B.
- (7) Consult with residents of 1-53 London Road on whether they wished to be included in Zone H and residents of Elizabeth Gardens, Rectory Lane and Eaton Close be consulted on whether they wanted to be included in Zone B.
- (8) Reconsult residents of Pangbourne Drive on whether they wished to be included in Zone H.

A panel member commended officers for being sensitive to residents concerns in proposals made to resolve parking issues.

[Reason for Recommendation]: To mitigate the detrimental effects of increased vehicular activity and parking demand as a result of events taking place at Wembley Stadium and associated with Stanmore Sainsburys Supermarket.

PART II - MINUTES

97. **Appointment of Advisory Panel Chairman:**

RESOLVED: To note the appointment at the meeting of Cabinet on 8 May 2008 of Councillor Susan Hall as Chairman of the Traffic and Road Safety Advisory Panel for the Municipal Year 2008/09.

98. **Attendance by Reserve Members:**

RESOLVED: To note that there were no Reserve Members in attendance at this meeting.

99. **Declarations of Interest:**

RESOLVED: To note that the following interests were declared:

<u>Agenda Item</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Nature of Interest</u>
8. Information Report - Petitions	Councillor Mrinal Choudhury	Councillor Mrinal Choudhury declared a personal interest arising from the fact that he has a friend that lives in Hooking Green, North Harrow and was the Ward Member for Buckingham Road, Edgware. Accordingly, he remained in the room for the discussion of all items.
12. Stanmore Controlled Parking Zone Review / Parking Controls for Event Days at Wembley Stadium	Councillor Robert Benson	Councillor Robert Benson declared a prejudicial interest arising from the fact that he was a resident of Stanmore. Accordingly he would leave the room when this item was discussed.
13. Information Report - Progress update on Key Traffic Schemes	Councillor Yogesh Teli	Councillor Yogesh Teli declared a personal interest arising from the fact that he was Ward Councillor for Kenton West. Accordingly, he remained in the room for the discussion of items.

100. **Arrangement of Agenda:**

RESOLVED: That (1) agenda item 10 be taken before agenda item 5;

(2) all items be considered with the press and public present.

[Note: For ease of reference, the order of the minutes follows the order of the business on the agenda].

101. **Appointment of Vice-Chairman:**

RESOLVED: To appoint Councillor Manji Kara as Vice-Chairman of the Traffic and Road Safety Advisory Panel for the 2008/2009 Municipal Year.

102. **Minutes:**

RESOLVED: That subject to the following amendments, the minutes of the meeting held on 26 February 2008 be read and signed as a correct record of the meeting, once printed in the Council Bound Volume:-

Amend Minute 85 to insert a further paragraph 85(ii) which states:-

- (iii) Councillor Yogesh Teli declared a personal interest arising from the fact that he was a Ward Councillor for Kenton West. Accordingly, he remained in the room for the discussion of all items.

103. **Public Questions:**

RESOLVED: To note that no public questions were received at this meeting under the provisions of Advisory Panel and Consultative Forum Procedure Rule 16 (Part 4E of the Constitution).

104. **Information Report - Petitions:**

Information Report – Petition from residents regarding the proposed installation of double yellow lines around Hooking Green, North Harrow:

The Panel received a report by officers relating to a petition received in response to the publication of statutory orders to implement double yellow lines around Hooking Green, North Harrow. The petition with 38 signatures represented 22 residential households and requested double yellow lines in four corners and a single yellow line on one side of the road.

An officer explained that a written response had been drafted to the lead petitioner which advised residents that the original scheme of double yellow lines would proceed because the proposals suggested were unworkable.

Information Report – Petition from residents requesting restricted parking between 11.00 am – 12 noon and 2.00 – 3.00 pm in Buckingham Road between Merlin Crescent and Whitchurch Lane, Edgware:

The Panel received a report by officers relating to a petition received by the Traffic Management Department. The petition with 42 signatures from 41 households requested the imposition of restricted parking in Buckingham Road between Merlin Crescent and Whitchurch Lane during the hours of 11.00 am – 12 noon and 2.00 pm – 3.00 pm.

An officer explained that a written response had been forwarded to the lead petitioner advising that the petition would be reported on at this meeting of Traffic and Road Safety Advisory Panel (TARSAP). The officer also advised the Panel that the petitioners had been informed of the programme timescales agreed at the February 2008 TARSAP meeting that addressed points raised in the petition at that time and the inclusion of Buckingham Road and surrounding areas in the CPZ review programme that would commence at the Stakeholders meeting in Winter 2010/11.

Information Report – Petition from residents requesting restricted parking on both sides of Corbins Lane, South Harrow:

The Panel received a report by officers relating to a petition containing 23 signatures from 17 households lying on both the northern and southern section of the road, requesting restricted parking to be introduced on both sides of Corbins Lane, South Harrow. Residents had experienced displaced parking as a result of the extension of the South Harrow Controlled Parking Zone introduced in February 2008.

An officer confirmed that the northern half of Corbins Lane had not been included in the consultation for the extended CPZ in November/December 2008, but residents would nevertheless be informed of the intention to include the scheme in the review that would commence in Winter 2009/10.

A Member commented that the petitioners were satisfied that their concerns would be looked at in due course.

Petition received from businesses and customers requesting the alteration of parking restrictions on High Road, Harrow Weald:

The Panel received a report by officers relating to a petition containing 86 signatures from traders and customers of two restaurants between numbers 207 and 225 High Road, Harrow Weald requesting that the current waiting time parking restrictions be amended to 6.30 pm.

An officer confirmed that Transport for London (TfL) had expressed concern regarding the effect that parked cars would have on bus routes. However, TfL would not object in principle to inset parking bays. The Panel was advised that this was the only probable solution. However, the need to divert underground services and the dedication of private land belonging to traders would prove too costly to implement this particular scheme. An officer agreed to revisit this proposal if a funding source would be identified in the future.

RESOLVED: That the report and the above be noted.

105. **Deputations:**

RESOLVED: To note that no deputations were received at this meeting under the provisions of Advisory Panel and Consultative Forum Procedure Rule 15 (Part 4E of the Constitution).

106. **Appointment of Advisors to the Panel 2008/09:**

The Panel considered a report by the Director of Legal and Governance Services.

RESOLVED: That the following non-voting advisors be appointed to the Panel for the 2008/09 Municipal Year:

- Mr Alan Blann representing CTC Right to Ride
- Mr Eric Diamond representing the North West London Chamber of Commerce
- Mr Len Gray representing Pedestrians' interests
- Mr Anthony Wood representing Harrow Public Transport Users' Association.

107. **References from Council and other Committees/Panels:**

RESOLVED: To note that no references were received.

108. **Stanmore Controlled Parking Zone Review / Parking Controls for Event Days at Wembley Stadium:**

(See Recommendation 1)

109. **Information Report - Progress update on Key Traffic Schemes:**

Officers provided an update on local safety schemes in the borough.

A Member who had made a request to speak at the Panel, which had been formally agreed, expressed concerns about the apparent lack of consideration in the development of the Travis Perkins site in Neptune Road and the effect of traffic in peripheral roads. In addition, concerns were raised regarding draft proposals for a one way system in Pinner View and Bedford Road which formed part of the local safety scheme proposals for Pinner Road. In response, an officer confirmed that residents' comments would be considered when an appropriate scheme was implemented and that a meeting would be set up to discuss the members concerns.

Panel Members were advised that Rumblewave would be introduced on dangerous bends to reduce vehicle speeds in Old Redding.

In accordance with the Council's approved programme of 20 mph schemes, an officer confirmed the programme for 2008/09 and explained that 20 mph were self enforcing

and therefore traffic calming would be introduced to enhance child pedestrian safety around a number of local schools.

The Traffic Department intended to install three pairs of speed cushions and a speed table outside the school entrance of Grimsdyke First and Middle schools as part of the Grimsdyke 20 mph zone. The measures also included plans to alter the road layout at the junction of Colburn Avenue and Sylvia Avenue to reduce vehicle speeds were also discussed. In addition, waiting restrictions would be marked to protect pedestrian crossing points and improve visibility and manoeuvrability at the junctions of Colburn Avenue and Sylvia Avenue, Hillview Road and Colburn Avenue and both junctions of Grimsdyke Road and Hillview Road.

As Aylward First and Middle School is adjacent to the proposed Stanmore CPZ, complimentary measures of "keep clear" signage and a 20 mph zone with traffic calming measures were proposed around the school.

Officers confirmed consultation on the proposals to extend the Charlton Road parking scheme to include Kenmore Park First and Middle schools would begin at the end of summer.

An update on the introduction of a walking scheme in Spencer Road, Wealdstone was given. Proposals for a raised speed table near the junction adjacent to the War Memorial, subject to the results of public consultation, would be introduced to improve pedestrian safety and reduce the frequency of road traffic accidents.

An update on junction improvements at the Goodwill to All was provided to Panel Members. Officers confirmed that enterprisemouchel had been commissioned to revisit some previous works, to investigate the feasibility of providing parking bays for shoppers and prepare a revised layout of the junction to incorporate controlled pedestrian crossing facilities. Two options had been modelled.

Officers advised Panel members of the potential increase in traffic delays and queuing once the pedestrian phase of the scheme is incorporated. Panel members also considered the need for a modified junction layout to address the lack of parking bays in Headstone Drive and Headstone Gardens.

In response to questions raised by Panel Members about the location of the bus stop in Headstone Gardens, officers confirmed that the siting would be reviewed to try and free up space for parking. An Advisor asked about the omission of the central cycle lane approaching the traffic lights at Headstone Gardens and officers agreed to have this re-examined.

Panel Members supported the recommendation for Option B in the report.

In response to a Member's queries on bus diversions during the works at Petts Hill Bridge, an officer advised that buses would not be diverted during enabling works but when main works commences.

Panel Members were advised that a progress update would be provided at the summer key stakeholder meeting, a further briefing would be given to Ward Councillors and the Portfolio Holder for Environment Services. Plans to organise a public exhibition near to the site and leaflet or letter drops would notify residents and other affected parties of potential disruption caused by works. Officers confirmed that comments from cyclists from Harrow and Ealing had been taken on board in the design stage.

An update on the development of bus priority schemes was given to Panel Members.

Parking lay bys in Kings Road, Rayners Lane had been completed and waiting restrictions would be implemented.

In response to questions raised by Panel Members, officers advised that a left turn lane at the traffic lights on Common Road, Stanmore appeared to be feasible and could be implemented by the end of 2008/09 year.

Panel Members were advised of the continuing design to install a northbound bus lane on Honeypot Lane, which would operate during peak hours. Officers addressed Panel Members concerns regarding the impact of widening the road would have on traffic capacity. In response, officers advised that widening the road at Honeypot Lane should bring additional capacity and the benefits would be further enhanced if capacity was also increased at the Honeypot Lane and Streatfield Road roundabout.

Officers also advised that residents and affected parties would be consulted in the future to ensure all comments would be taken on board at the design stage. An officer stated that the proposal for a scheme to address traffic issues at the Streatfield Road and Honeypot Lane roundabout would be prepared for panel members to consider at a future meeting.

A Member who had made a request to speak at the Panel, which had been formally agreed, confirmed that he would be attending a meeting with officers to discuss his concerns regarding Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGVs) using the widened left hand turn lane at the junction of Pinner Road and Station Road, North Harrow.

A Panel Member requested to see plans to remove the one way bus operation in Harrow town centre and remove buses from Greenhill Way. Officers confirmed that public consultation had taken place last year; however a more detailed consultation would be organised towards the end of 2008.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

110. **Any Other Urgent Business:**

Elm Park, Stanmore

A Panel Member expressed concern regarding the bollards in Elm Park.

Roxborough Hill, Harrow-on-the-Hill

A Panel Member commented that the junction at the bottom of Roxborough Hill was unsafe for children to cross because traffic controls for pedestrians had not been implemented. The Chairman confirmed that this area would be looked in to for the next meeting.

RESOLVED: That the above be noted.

111. **Date of next meeting:**

RESOLVED: That it be noted that the next meeting of the Panel would be held on Wednesday 17 September 2008 at 7.30 pm.

(Note: The meeting having commenced at 7.31 am, closed at 9.57 pm)

(Signed) COUNCILLOR SUSAN HALL
Chairman