

Committee:	Traffic and Road Safety Advisory Panel
Date:	26 <sup>th</sup> November 2008
Subject:	INFORMATION REPORT – Progress update on key traffic schemes and details of revised TfL financial award.
Responsible Officer:	John Edwards – Divisional Director Environmental Services
Portfolio Holder:	Councillor Susan Hall - Environment and Community Safety
Exempt:	No
Enclosures:	Appendix A - Eastcote Road / Element Close scheme plan  Appendix B - Detailed breakdown of revised TfL financial award.

## **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
- Park High school – School Travel Plan 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
- Update on additional financial award from Transport for London (TfL).
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## FOR INFORMATION

### SECTION 2 - REPORT

#### 2.0 Local Safety Schemes

##### 2.1 **Camrose Avenue / Taunton Way**

The scheme is now substantially complete apart from the two speed activated traffic signs which are due to be erected within the next few weeks.

##### 2.1.1 **Stanmore Hill / The Common**

The scheme is now substantially complete.

##### 2.1.3 **Park High – School Travel Plan scheme**

Following the completion of Park High's School Travel Plan (STP), the council developed a scheme that would assist in addressing some of the concerns and aspirations highlighted in the STP. Local residents were consulted on proposals to improve pedestrian's facilities around the school and on new waiting restrictions to improve access and visibility. The majority were in favour of the proposals. The associated Traffic Regulation Orders were drafted recently and these are now being made in order to implement the scheme.

The two zebra crossings - one on Crowshott Avenue and one on Culver Grove are currently being constructed on site, and the waiting restrictions and school keep clear markings are due to be implemented by the end of November.

##### 2.2 **Grimsdyke School, Hatch End - 20 mph zone proposals**

The details of the scheme were submitted for information to TARSAP in September. During the statutory consultation process the council received three objections from local residents to the scheme and one from the London Fire Brigade. These objections were considered by the Portfolio Holder for Environment and were over turned recently. It is intended that the physical measures to enforce the new 20 mph zone will be implemented early in the New Year.

##### 2.2.1 **Alyward School, Stanmore - 20 mph zone proposals**

The results of the public consultation and details of the proposals were reported to the September meeting of TARSAP which indicated majority support for the scheme, except in Dovercourt Gardens where the majority of residents were opposed to the measures.

The purpose of the 20 mph zone is to create a safer environment for all road users by limiting vehicle speeds through self-enforcing measures. 20 mph zones generally reduce personal injury accidents and decrease through traffic because of the lower speeds anticipated.

The feedback from this consultation phase is used to finalise the detailed design proposals and to proceed to the statutory consultation stage on the traffic regulation orders. This involves statutory notices in the London Gazette

and the Harrow Times and formal consultation with a number of bodies, including the police and emergency services.

In light of overall support for the scheme the council does not intend to alter the proposed area of the 20 mph zone, as it is felt that excluding Dovercourt Gardens from the zone will lead to higher traffic volumes and speeds in this road. The residents of Dovercourt Gardens will be given the opportunity to object to the proposals, in compliance with statutory procedure, when the council advertises the traffic orders. If the majority of residents in Dovercourt Gardens are still opposed to the scheme at that stage, they will not be included in the 20 mph zone.

The statutory notices detailing the 20 mph zone proposals surrounding Alyward School are being drafted and will be advertising shortly.

#### **2.2.2 Kenmore School, Queensbury - 20 mph zone proposals**

The details of the scheme and the results of the public consultation were reported to the September meeting of TARSAP. The results indicated a clear majority in favour of the proposals. The physical works to enforce the 20 mph zone are due to commence at the end of November 2008 and should last for 3 - 4 weeks.

#### **2.3 Spencer Road , Wealdstone - walking scheme**

The kerb works and the entry treatment adjacent to the clock tower are now complete. The newly constructed raised flowerbed has recently been top soiled. The planting of low level scrubs to enhance the area will be undertaken shortly.

#### **2.3.1 Eastcote Road / Ellement Close – walking scheme**

A revised scheme has been designed to incorporate LCN + measures and provide a pedestrian refuge in Eastcote Road close to Element Close. Parking bays are proposed and parking lay-bys. This scheme has been designed to deal with comments raised during public consultation. Additional funding has been obtained for the LCN+ scheme and this will be implemented in 2008/9. A plan of the scheme is shown in **Appendix A**.

#### **2.4 Goodwill to All - junction improvements**

The computer modelling of traffic for the revised junction configuration has been sent to TfL signals for checking and approval. The result is awaited.

#### **2.5 Petts Hill Bridge and Highway Improvements**

Petts Hill / Northolt Rd will be closed to all traffic between 22 Dec 2008 and 7 Jan 2009. The rail track will be closed between 24 Dec and 27 Dec.

The diversion route will be clearly signed.

Letters have recently gone out to approx 7000 properties in the area as well as key stakeholders and Members. Another drop-in session was planned for 6<sup>th</sup> Nov at Petts Hill primary school. As we get nearer the time of closure, we will be publishing articles in the local newspapers, both Council's magazines, and using advance warning signs.

## **2.6 Bus Priority Schemes**

### **Kings Road**

Waiting restrictions planned to go in before end of this financial year.

### **Common Road, Stanmore**

New northbound left turn lane approaching the junction of Common Road / The Common. Scheme needs to be coordinated with other works in the area, including works commissioned by Herts and therefore may get delayed but still due to be implemented in 2009.

### **Shaftesbury Avenue**

Works to install full width inset parking bays on both sides of the road. Works progressing well on site.

### **Honeypot Lane Bus Lane (Northbound)**

Scheme currently under going public consultation.

### **Honeypot Lane / Streatfield Rd Roundabout**

Additional funding obtained from TfL to investigate capacity improvements at the roundabout. Site investigations have been carried out. Draft design produced for revising the layout. 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. Further design work was needed to accommodate another issue raised at the junction of Eastcote Lane with Northolt Rd. 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. Consultation complete. Scheme due to be implemented at the same time as the Pinner Rd Local Safety Scheme.

### **Harrow Town Centre**

Design work underway to introduce two-way buses on Station Road between Shepcote Road and College Road. This will remove the one way bus operation in the Town Centre. The scheme is being progressed through the Planning department as part of the wider town centre proposals. Preliminary

design completed. Further investigation has highlighted need to reconstruct the road at additional cost. This may lead to postponing the scheme for now.

## **2.7 Sustainable Transport Events and Promotion**

Harrow's It's Up to All of Us campaign promoted sustainable transport at Harrow PCT's Wellbeing Day at Northwick Park Hospital on Wednesday 5 November. Harrow's Sustainable Transport Officer offered advice on increasing productivity through a work/life balance that is enhanced through using sustainable transport and handed out free Travel Harrow maps and step-counters. Free cycle training in Harrow was also promoted alongside a mini bike display. The latest I Move London newsletters were also available.

Hollywood actor Corey Feldman has backed Harrow's efforts to promote sustainable transport. The actor stated he was amazed at the It's Up to All of Us campaign's ability to unite people for a common cause in such a simple manner. Corey visited the campaign website and even praised Cllr Susan Hall's efforts after being informed of her support for local events and promotions geared towards environmental awareness.

## **2.8 Road Safety Education**

Cycle training during the August school holidays has been successful at most of the sites running morning and afternoon sessions.

In September, in conjunction with Travel Awareness and School Travel advisor a Try Cycling event was held with 30 pupils taking up the option to borrow a cycle and also receive training.

Cycle Experience, the training company has approached several middle schools and provisional arrangements have been made for October and November. Additional funding has been received from Transport for London (TfL) to cover courses to the end of October, but a request for a further £20k to extend the training up to the end of the year has been refused on the grounds that the TfL funding allocation has already been exhausted. Harrow is on a wait list should additional funding become available. A small amount of the budget for the adult training may be transferred to support additional middle school training but without this some courses may have to be deferred. The half term cycle courses have been fully booked. New holiday courses are due to start in the February half term but are subject to available funding from TfL.

Adult cycle training is progressing and talks with Cycle Experience about running group sessions are being held as there is a slight backlog of trainees to be accommodated. This will have to be reviewed with the current funding problems.

Theatre in Education sessions have been held for 10 first schools and 10 middle schools with positive feedback coming from teaching staff. The High school presentation of "The Price" in December is proving more difficult to book with only three of the high schools opting for the presentation - difficulty in making contact with the appropriate year heads of the schools who are also dealing with the impact of the 6<sup>th</sup> form groups.

The Harrow on the Hill SNT team have not confirmed when they will be carrying out the seat belt/mobile phone campaign because of links with the support from traffic police division being detailed to other duties.

Materials have been provided to two first schools that are running safety days in November.

TfL hosted the annual Pan London Road Safety Event where the topic of anti drug driving campaigns was a key on the agenda. They looked at ways in which information can be disseminated to parents, teachers to pick up the early signs of drug use. A further seminar was also held to discuss the possible links with Road Safety Officers.

Meeting with the London Accident Prevention Council was attended with Cllr Teli who was introduced to Janet Kirrage the TfL ETP manager. At the meeting, details of the new style motorcycle test were introduced by a driving standards representative.

Meeting of the Local Authority Road Safety Officers Association was attended with a presentation from "all4bikers" an online forum trying to improve safety awareness with moped and motor cycle riders. The group is also looking at the provision of "risk assessment" training for SCP managers and is trying to arrange a London wide session.

## 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 was originally secured from TfL for 2008/9 to develop and implement a number of schemes. Additionally £167,000 has been agreed by TfL to implement in the current financial year the Link 86 scheme Pinner to Eastcote Village and fully implement Link 89 Pinner Rd between Roxborough Park and North Harrow. The list below show details of what the schemes comprise of and the progress made to date:-

<b>LCN+Scheme Title</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Short description of Works</b>	<b>Progress To date</b>
Link 86 Whitchurch La and Canons Park	£25K	Replace existing non standard cycle lanes	Due for implementation

Station		with widened lanes eastbound and signed route westbound. Also implement ziz-zag markings to existing toucan crossing	commencing late November 2008 in conjunction with Wemborough Rd Scheme. Completion early January 2009
Link 86 Pinner to Eastcote Village via Eastcote Rd	£150K	Advisory Cycle Lanes, side entry treatment new parking controls and inset parking on Ellement Close together with directional and repeater signing	Design produced in conjunction with walking scheme, currently subject of public consultation. Additional funding of £135K secured from TfL to implement scheme in 2008/9
Link 86 North Harrow to Pinner via Woodlands, Pinner Rd, Marsh Rd	£10K	Widen/extend cycle lanes, two side road entry treatment and additional parking controls where practicable	Scheme prepared and audited. Consultation to be carried out
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 and directional and repeater signs	Design produced and audited. Consultation to be carried out. 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 introduction of central refuge islands together with 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 table, new section of cycle track, improvements to	Design produced currently being audited

		existing zebra and signage to facilitate cycling	
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 completed. TfL to approve.
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. Plus short section of off road segregated 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 shared cycle track linking to the subway underpass and entry treatment to shared cycle facility	Design nearing completion
Link 89 Elmgrove Rd	£10K	Signing/Lining	Scheme currently being implemented
Link 88 Elmgrove Rd east of Railway underpass	£20K	Signing/Lining	Scheme currently being implemented
Link 88 Hindes Rd	£48K	Re-profile of speed humps to sinusoidal profile and signing and lining	Design produced implementation delayed because of Statutory Authority work in Harrow View. Implementation due to commence Feb 2009 (School Half term Holiday)
Link 88 Kenton Recreation Ground	£50K	Improvements to path/segregated cycle track, and new lighting, tactile paving, cycle parking and lining/signing	Scheme currently being implemented
Link 88 Railway Underpass	£5K	Improvements in underpass, Lighting/Painting	Design produced completion late 2008
Link 88 Tesco	£5K	Improvements to	Design produced



Roundabout on Hindes Rd		markings at roundabout	implementation due Feb 2009 in conjunction with other Hindes Road Work
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. S106 improvements at Clementine Hospital along Sudbury Hill	Scheme designed implementation to be phased with TfL signal modernisation works. Application made to TfL for additional monies to resurface junction prior to laying any markings/coloured surfacing.
Link 89 Pinner Rd between Roxborough Pk and North Harrow	£140K	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 carried out with local safety scheme. Scheme implementation to be phased with statutory authority works to commence Jan 2009. Additional funding of £32K allocated by TfL
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,removal of buidout at junction of Abercorn Rd & Wemborough Rd	Due for implementation commencing late November 2008 in conjunction with Whitchurch Lane/Canons Park Station. Scheme. Completion early January 2009

<b>Non LCN+ Scheme Title</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Short description of Works</b>	<b>Progress To date</b>
Cycle Parking	£20K	Provision of cycle parking at stations, shopping areas and other areas of high	Survey of suitable locations carried out. Implementation

		demand	due December 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

Application has been made to TfL for additional finance of £200K to carry out resurfacing of the Link 89 scheme at the junction of Sudbury Hill/Sudbury Court Drive in 2008/9 prior to the installation of the cycle scheme. This work would be programmed in conjunction with a signal modernisation scheme being carried out by TfL. In addition application has been made for an additional £30K to carry out resurfacing to complete the scheme at Link 88 Kenton Recreational Ground and £45,000 to fully implement the proposals at Link 87 Headstone Drive, High Street, Canning Road, George Grange Way, Peel Rd, Stuart Rd, Belmont Rd, Grassmere Gardens. A decision is expected shortly and an oral update will be given at the meeting.

## 2.10 Details of revised TfL financial award.

At the TARSAP meeting of 26th February 2008, information was provided on the award given by TfL to Harrow to implement relevant sections of the Mayor's Transport Strategy in Harrow.

During the course of the year, the funding award changes for various projects and sometimes additional funding becomes available. Changes to funding occur for the following reasons:

- Planned projects don't proceed because priorities change, negative consultation results, prerequisites to work hasn't been completed, etc.
- Inaccurate estimates were made for works planned
- There is a lack of resources to implement schemes

Harrow has also secured additional money from Walk London to implement part of our Rights of Way Improvement Plan and to ensure that the walking environment of the Mayor's strategic walking routes is appropriate.

The following table is a summary of the TfL award changes. A more detailed breakdown of the changes in funding is provided in the **Appendix B** to this report.

Topic	Original Award 08/9 (£k)	Revised Award	Change
Principal Road Renewal	560	560	0

Topic	Original Award 08/9 (£k)	Revised Award	Change
Bridges	0	25	+25
Local Safety Schemes	225	235	+10
20mph Zones	360	360	0
Education, Training & Publicity Schemes	38	38	0
Walking	150	150	0
Cycling Non LCN+	70	87.5	+17.5
Cycling LCN+	665	659	-6
Bus Stop Accessibility	106	159	+53
Bus Priority <sup>1</sup>	1,502	3,598	+2,096
Town Centres	50	100	0
Station Access	250	250	0
School Travel Plans	122	192	70
Travel Awareness	40	40	0
Environment	20	20	0
Shopmobility and travel training	30	30	0
Other accessibility	70	70	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,258</b>	<b>6573.5</b>	<b>+2265.5</b>

In addition to TfL funding, Harrow has also secured an additional £23k in 2008/9 from Walk London<sup>2</sup> to make accessibility improvements to the London Loop around the Grimsdyke Lake and also to replace an existing Stanmore country park access bridge. This is likely to be followed up by an award of £40k next financial year to make the walk fully accessible to wheelchair users.

Walk London has also provided Harrow with a budget of £3.5k to make improvements to the Capital Ring in Harrow on the Hill. These improvements include improved crossing facilities and better signage.

<sup>1</sup> This includes £1million for Petts Hill work that was brought forward based on the revised expenditure profile received from Network Rail.

<sup>2</sup> Walk London is an independent body who manage funding for all of the Mayor's Strategic Walks. They are predominantly funded by Transport for London via The City of London.

Total amount of extra money secured for 2008/9 since TfL award announced is:  
£2292k

### **SECTION 3 – FURTHER INFORMATION**

**Appendix A** - Eastcote Road / Element Close scheme plan.

**Appendix B** - Detailed breakdown of revised TfL financial award.

### **SECTION 4 - CONTACT DETAILS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS**

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#### **Background Papers:**

LSS Annual report 2007/ 08  
LCN+ programme