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Committee:	Traffic and Road Safety Advisory Panel
Date:	26 th November 2008
Subject:	<p>INFORMATION REPORT- Petitions Relating to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Pinner Road, Harrow- objection to the proposed parking restrictions and CPZ2. Pinner View/Bedford Road, Harrow- objection to proposed one way system3. Pinner Road/Pinner View/Bedford Road, Harrow-objection to proposed CPZ and one way system4. Rayners Lane/Alexandra Avenue, Rayners Lane-objection to double yellow lines
Responsible Officer:	John Edwards – Divisional Director Environmental Services
Portfolio Holder:	Councillor Susan Hall- Environment and Community Safety Portfolio Holder
Exempt:	No
Enclosures:	None

Section 1: Summary

This report sets out details of 4 petitions which have been received following recent public consultation on Local safety Scheme and Parking proposals.

The petitions relate to:-

- 1) Pinner Road, Harrow
- 2) Pinner View and Bedford Road, Harrow
- 3) Pinner Road, Pinner View, Bedford Road, Harrow
- 4) Rayners Lane/Alexandra Avenue, Rayners Lane

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Section 2: Report

2.1 Pinner Road, Harrow

- 2.1.1 A petition has been received on 10th October 2008 from the Pinner Road Small Business Group in response to the recent public consultation on Local Safety Scheme proposals and proposals for changes to parking Controls in Pinner Road together with a CPZ in the “county” roads
- 2.1.2 The actual proposals are the subject of separate detailed reports to this meeting of the Panel
- 2.1.3 The Pinner Road Small Business Group represents 16 Shops and other businesses between 124 and 184 on the northern side of Pinner Road.
- 2.1.4 The petition, headed “Save the Pinner Road Shopping Parade” states that:-
 - I. *“We the undersigned traders, shoppers and local residents are very concerned about the future of the Pinner Road Shopping parade especially in the current very difficult economic climate. We request the Council to address the issue of providing properly planned parking for shoppers, including, parking bay facilities and parking along the pavement in front of the Pinner Road shops”*
 - II. *“We ask the council to work with TfL to find an acceptable parking scheme as a matter of urgency. If a suitable solution is not found, we are concerned that the whole viability of the Pinner Road Shopping Parade will be put at risk resulting in the loss of vital shopping facilities and businesses for the local residents”*
- 2.1.5 The petition consists of 322 signatures on sheets with the full description above and 356 signatures on sheets simply headed “ A petition to save our small businesses on the Pinner Road”
- 2.1.6 The petition was sent with a written response to the recent public consultation agreed at a meeting of the Pinner Road Small Business Group on 15th September 2008 in which it was stated that the current

situation seems to be working and the council was trying to fix something that was not broken

- 2.1.7 In order for some conflicting elements associated with the petition to be resolved a meeting was arranged on the evening of 28th October with representatives of the Pinner Road Small Business Group, Councillor Hall, Councillor Stephenson and officers.
- 2.1.8 At the meeting the representative from the Group outlined his concerns and officers added clarification to the process that had been undertaken in the time since the Stakeholders Meeting that had been held in 2005 and the recent public consultation in September 2008
- 2.1.9 After the meeting the representative of the Business Group wrote to say that he still wished to reiterate on behalf of the Group his opposition to the changes to Parking in Pinner Road that were the subject of the recent public consultation
- 2.1.10 The petition is dealt with in more detail in the separate report on Pinner Road Parking review and CPZ proposals to this meeting of the Panel

2.2 Pinner View/Bedford Road, Harrow One Way System

- 2.2.1 A petition was received on 26th September from the Residents One-Way Opposition Group in response to a recent public consultation exercise on a Local Safety Scheme
- 2.2.2 One of the options in the consultation was to implement a one way system northbound in Pinner View and southbound in Bedford Road.
- 2.2.3 The petition states:-
“We, the undersigned, strongly oppose Harrow Council’s proposed one-way traffic scheme for Pinner View and Bedford Road. We consider that funneling a substantial increase in traffic along the narrow, double parked Sussex and Bedford Roads will exacerbate congestion and will result in an environment unacceptably dangerous to pedestrians, cyclists and motorists”.
- 2.2.4 The petition was signed by 151 signatories not only from Bedford Road and Rutland Road but from several other adjoining roads.
- 2.2.5 The letter accompanying the petition asked a number of detailed questions about the preparation and design of the scheme and these were answered when the petition was acknowledged.

2.2.6 There is a separate report to this meeting of the Panel on the Local Safety Scheme which deals in detail with the one way proposals.

2.3 Pinner Road, Pinner View, Bedford Road, Harrow

2.3.1 A petition was received on 23rd October from residents in Rutland Road and surrounding roads. The petition was also reported to Cabinet on 23rd October 2008 by Councillor Bill Stephenson.

2.3.2 The petition states:-

“From residents who live in the County roads and object to the proposals from harrow Council to 1) implement a Controlled Parking Zone and 2) introduce a one-way system between Pinner view (southern end) and Bedford Road. We, the undersigned, are concerned residents who urge Harrow Council to abandon these plans”.

2.3.3 The petition is signed by 96 signatories (99 quoted in the letter accompanying the petition) representing 73 separate households.

2.3.4 The proposals which are the subject of the petition are dealt with in detail in separate reports to this meeting of the Panel on the Pinner Road Local Safety Scheme and Pinner Road Parking Review and CPZ proposals.

2.4 Rayners Lane/Alexandra Avenue, Rayners Lane

2.4.1 A petition was presented at Council on 30th October by Councillor Ashok Kulkarni representing retailers of Rayners Lane

2.4.2 The petition states:-

“As a direct consequence of the placement of yellow lines along Rayners Lane and Alexandra Avenue, we the undersigned retailers, have experienced a dramatic fall in trade over the past few weeks. We collectively feel that additional parking restriction should be reviewed and corrected. Furthermore, we are of the opinion, that as our livelihoods have been directly affected, from the Councils’ unilateral decision. The revenues demanded through the business rates will also suffer”

2.4.3 The petition is signed by 95 signatories

2.4.4 The parking restrictions that are the subject of the petition became operational on 27th October 2008. They consist of double yellow line no waiting and no loading restrictions which extend on both sides of the road:-

- Approximately 75m along Rayners Lane from its junction with Alexandra Avenue
- Approximately 20m along Warden Avenue from its junction with Alexandra Avenue
- Approximately 30m along Alexandra Avenue south of its junction with Rayners Lane
- Approximately 50m along Alexandra Avenue north of its junction with Rayners Lane (a considerable length covered by an existing Zebra Crossing and Zig-Zag markings)
- Approximately 10m along the access between 418 and 420 Alexandra Avenue
- Approximately 18m along the service road behind the shops in Alexandra Avenue from its junction with Rayners Lane

2.4.5 A plan showing the waiting and loading restrictions is shown in Appendix A

2.4.5 The parking and loading restrictions were introduced at the request of the bus companies to deal with congestion which has an adverse effect on bus journey times and service reliability. Buses face a considerable challenge trying to turn at the junction of Alexandra Avenue and Rayners Lane due to parked vehicles. The problems have also been formally raised through consultants working for Transport for London (TfL)

2.4.6 Even though observations show there is parking available further down the 4 arms of the junction significant numbers of people park at the junction. Parking at junctions has safety implications due to the impact on visibility both for motorists and pedestrians.

2.4.7 The scheme was the subject of consultation. Details of the proposals were circulated to all ward councillors. This was followed by the normal statutory consultation process which took place early in 2008. No objections were received at any time and the scheme was approved by the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Safety on 10/7/08.

2.4.8 The petition does not specify any details of what problems are faced; merely they have experienced a dramatic fall in trade over the last few weeks. The 95 signatories of traders would suggest that there may be other underlying factors than could be attributed to the fall in trade than might be likely from the limited parking restrictions changes.

2.4.9 It is suggested that more specific examples of the problems associated with the parking restrictions are requested from the lead petitioner and the petitioners informed that the location will be kept under review.

Section 3- Further Information

None

Section 4- Contact Details and Background Papers

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Background Papers:

Petitions and Replies to lead petitioners