

Committee:	Traffic and Road Safety Advisory Panel
Date:	11 February 2009
Subject:	INFORMATION REPORT- Petition Relating to: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Dennis Gardens, Stanmore –objection to CPZ proposals2. Harrow on The Hill-request for possible CPZ3. Bedford Road, Harrow- objection to CPZ/Parking proposals4. Rutland Road, Harrow-objection to CPZ/Parking proposals5. Oxford Road, Harrow- objection to CPZ/Parking proposals6. Devonshire Road, Harrow- objection to CPZ/Parking proposals7. Sussex Road, Harrow- objection to CPZ/Parking proposals
Responsible Officer:	John Edwards – Divisional Director Environmental Services
Portfolio Holder:	Councillor Susan Hall- Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Safety
Exempt:	No
Enclosures:	Appendix A-Plan of parking proposals in Dennis Gardens Appendix B-Documents relating to the public meeting on 22 January 2009

Section 1- Summary

This report sets out details of the petition that have been received and listed above.

Section 2: Report

2.1 Petitions

Dennis Gardens, Stanmore

2.1.1 A petition has been received on 18th December 2008 with 11 signatories from residents in Dennis Gardens, Stanmore. The petition follows a formal complaint and statutory objection made by a separate resident from Dennis Gardens. The parking proposals to which the petition refers are those arising from the area-wide consultation carried out in January 2008, the results of which were reported to the Panel meeting in June 2008. Following the Panel's recommendation the proposals were subject to statutory consultation in November 2008 when the traffic orders were advertised.

2.1.2 The petition states:-

".... we are concerned that not enough consideration has been shown or given towards the CPZ Review.

- 1. On previous consultations and in dealings with Council officers, we were led to believe that an hour, say 10am to 11am restricted parking would be added to combat the extensive parking in Dennis Gardens*
- 2. No attention has been given to our vulnerable position in relation to the Council car park, shops ,businesses and restaurants to which we are now in the front line as motorists resist using the Council car park*
- 3. The intention to place a double yellow line opposite permit bays in one section of Dennis Gardens has no significant use to us in stopping parking. No one parks there anyway.*
- 4. We suffer obstructive parking and parking on pavements, which makes the traversing of pavements difficult; especially as the majority of residents are elderly. It also puts a financial burden on the Council due to the fact that as soon pavements are repaired there is a short duration before become damaged again.*
- 5. We suffer the overflow of parking from flats the other side of Dennis Lane when they have visitors.*

6. *We deprecate the fact that we have been lumped in a majority consideration and that a majority consensus used in a matter that does not affect other roads in the same way.*
7. *We wish to point out that the Council makes a financial loss from its decision as no revenue is made at present from the permit bays. The users are careful to avoid the hour 3pm to 4pm.*
8. *Finally we consider that the question of Wembley parking has been completely ignored in the relevance of our position to The Broadway.”*

2.1.3 The petition has been acknowledged and the lead petitioner has been advised that the petition would be reported to this meeting of the Panel.

2.1.4 The lead petitioner has also received a written response to the points raised in the letter, the salient features of which are reproduced below.

2.1.5 The source of the comments on an additional hour 10am to 11am being added to the Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) restrictions are unknown, however this was an option that was included in the public consultation that was carried out in January 2008.

2.1.6 In the January 2008 public consultation we received 9 responses from residents of Dennis Gardens. These showed the following support for the various options for parking restriction-

Option	“Votes” from Residents
Mon-Fri All Day	2
Morning	3
Afternoon	3
Evening	0
Saturday All Day	2
Morning	1
Afternoon	1
Evening	0
Sunday All Day	2
Morning	3
Afternoon	3
Evening	0

2.1.7 The results from the questionnaire do not show a majority support for restrictions in the morning. It is not practicable for Controlled Parking Zones to have different control hours in adjoining roads; it requires a contiguous area of some size. Even assuming that residents from

Dennis Gardens had shown a majority of support for restrictions in the morning it would also require support of some adjoining roads to make the changes viable.

- 2.1.8 The petition states that no attention has been given to the vulnerable position that Dennis Gardens is in, however officers have taken into consideration the views from residents expressed in the public consultation exercise.
- 2.1.9 On the subject of double yellow lines, these are proposed outside No 14-15 as part of safety measures to ensure access for refuse, emergency vehicles and the like. They are part of measures being proposed across the whole of the Stanmore review area and were referred to in the public consultation document issued in January. A plan of the proposals is included in **Appendix A**. As people obtain increasing numbers of vehicles and wish to park them on the road the council is experiencing increasing problems where drivers will park inconsiderately causing an obstruction. Only the Police have the powers to deal with obstruction offences but by installing double yellow lines it allows the council's civil enforcement officers (formally known as parking attendants) to issue penalties to offending vehicles to maintain safety for all members of the public. In this way the council can act whereas obstruction it is an extremely low priority for the police.
- 2.1.10 In terms of parking on pavements this is an offence which the council's civil enforcement officers can deal with and the matter has been passed to them to take any appropriate action
- 2.1.11 The petition states that there is an overflow of visitor parking from the other side of Dennis Lane. A CPZ cannot create additional parking it can only try to manage the situation in a way that residents feel the benefits outweigh the disadvantages. Clearly only permit holders can park in Dennis Gardens during the control hours. If the flats are outside the CPZ then they don't qualify for permits. If they lie within the CPZ zone then they are eligible to park in the same way that Dennis Gardens permit holders can park anywhere else within CPZ zone B.
- 2.1.12 It has been explained to the lead petitioner in relation to the comments about the Council making a financial loss from its decision that this is not a valid consideration nor part of the decision making process. It was also explained that Councillors are firmly of the view that parking restrictions should not be forced upon residents but that the council takes forward measures where there is a demonstrated majority support. As demonstrated in the consultation results in 2.1.6 both the residents from Dennis Garden and adjoining areas who responded did not show the clear majority of support that would allow changes to be implemented.
- 2.1.13 The question of parking in Stanmore on Wembley event days was part of the consideration when reviewing parking controls in Stanmore. One of the factors that came from the consultation was that people wanted

junctions, bends and other narrow areas to be subject to double yellow lines as these areas were subject to parking on event days where drivers would widely flout the normal Highway Code “rules” due to the nature of their visit. Had there been a majority view to increase control hours, days of coverage etc then this is something we would have taken forward. However the results did not support this.

- 2.1.14 The statutory objection made by another resident and referred to in 2.1.1 will be dealt with by way of a report to be agreed by the Traffic and Highway Network Manager in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Safety in accordance with the recommendations of the Panel

Harrow on the Hill

- 2.1.15 At the meeting of the Panel in November Councillor Kinnear presented a petition containing 33 signatures on behalf of residents on Harrow on the Hill. The terms of the petition are as follows:-

“We the undersigned residents of Harrow on the Hill are having increasing difficulty in parking near our homes which causes disruption in our lives, especially for those with babies/young children. We also believe that commuters – both daily and longer- term – are parking on these roads which causes the problem. We ask that the Council give consideration to the possibility of making a controlled Parking Zone in the area to alleviate these difficulties for the Community and request that the practicalities of doing this shall be investigated at the earliest opportunity.”

- 2.1.16 In the past there has been considerable opposition to a CPZ in Harrow on the Hill. Many of the roads are narrow and in the past the solutions to parking problems which have resulted in some loss of on street parking have been resisted by local people.
- 2.1.17 In recognition of the petition a small amount of money has been proposed to be included in the 09/10 programme of CPZ reviews which is being reported in the annual CPZ review also being considered at this meeting. This funding would allow some initial site investigation and discussions to take place with Stakeholders.
- 2.1.18 It is hoped that this work, which subject to the approval of the Panel, could ascertain what type of proposals and over what area would be practical and probably acceptable to the local populous. This information would then provide guidance to any work to be undertaken in future years.
- 2.1.19 Once the decision of the Panel on the principle of carrying out some initial investigation is known then the lead petitioner will be informed.

Bedford Road

- 2.1.20 At the meeting of the Panel in November Councillor Bill Stephenson presented a petition containing 19 signatures on behalf of residents on Bedford Road. The terms of the petition are as follows:-

“We the following residents of Bedford Road, object to the current parking and CPZ proposals by LB Harrow. We believe that the current proposals will make the situation worse. We ask that the Council meet with residents to discuss the parking and traffic issues and come up with a mutually acceptable solution.”

- 2.1.21 The parking proposals were reported to the November Panel meeting where the results from the public consultation were considered and a revised boundary for the CPZ was agreed to be taken forward to statutory consultation. In the case of Bedford Road only the southern half of the road is now included in the proposals and will be taken forward to statutory consultation when anybody has the ability to raise comments or objections.
- 2.1.22 To ensure that local people are aware of the revisions that have taken place to the scheme since the original consultation in September 2008 a leaflet was circulated together with an invitation to attend a public meeting at St Georges Church on 22nd January 2009. A copy of the leaflet and invitation is included in **Appendix B** and was circulated to all those in the revised CPZ as well as the original consultation area. The meeting is not to open up debate on the principles of the scheme which have already been agreed but will allow public questions and consideration on aspects such as the exact extent of double yellow lines.
- 2.1.23 Any relevant aspects that arise from the public meeting will be reported orally at the Panel meeting.

Rutland Road

- 2.1.24 At the November Panel meeting Councillor Bill Stephenson presented a petition containing 5 signatures on behalf of residents on Rutland Road. The terms of the petition are as follows:-

“We the undersigned residents of Rutland Road, object to the current proposal going ahead as the new restrictions will impact heavily on our quality of life.”

- 2.1.25 The parking proposals were reported to the November Panel meeting where the results from the public consultation were considered and a revised boundary for the CPZ was agreed to be taken forward to statutory consultation. In the case of Rutland Road only the southern

quarter of the road is now included in the proposals and will be taken forward to statutory consultation when anybody has the ability to raise comments or objections.

- 2.1.26 To ensure that local people are aware of the revisions that have taken place to the scheme since the original consultation in September 2008 a leaflet was circulated together with an invitation to attend a public meeting at St Georges Church on 22nd January 2009. A copy of the leaflet and invitation is included in **Appendix B** and was circulated to all those in the revised CPZ as well as the original consultation area. The meeting is not to open up debate on the principles of the scheme which have already been agreed but will allow public questions and consideration on aspects such as the exact extent of double yellow lines.
- 2.1.27 Any relevant aspects that arise from the public meeting will be reported orally at the Panel meeting.

Oxford Road

- 2.1.28 At the meeting of the Panel in November Councillor Bill Stephenson presented a petition containing 26 signatures on behalf of residents on Oxford Road. The terms of the petition are as follows:-

“We the undersigned residents of Oxford Road, object to the current proposal going ahead as the new restrictions will impact heavily on our quality of life”

- 2.1.28 The parking proposals were reported to the November Panel meeting where the results from the public consultation were considered and a revised boundary for the CPZ was agreed to be taken forward to statutory consultation. In the case of Oxford Road the whole length of the road is included in the proposals since there was a majority of residents in support of being included in the CPZ. The proposals will be taken forward to statutory consultation when anybody has the ability to raise comments or objections.
- 2.1.29 To ensure that local people are aware of the revisions that have taken place to the scheme since the original consultation in September 2008 a leaflet was circulated together with an invitation to attend a public meeting at St Georges Church on 22nd January 2009. A copy of the leaflet and invitation is included in **Appendix B** and was circulated to all those in the revised CPZ as well as the original consultation area. The meeting is not to open up debate on the principles of the scheme which have already been agreed but will allow public questions and consideration on aspects such as the exact extent of double yellow lines.
- 2.1.30 Any relevant aspects that arise from the public meeting will be reported orally at the Panel meeting.

Devonshire Road

- 2.1.31 At the Panel meeting in November Councillor Bill Stephenson presented a petition containing 30 signatures on behalf of residents on Devonshire Road. The terms of the petition are as follows:-

“We the undersigned residents of Devonshire Road, object to the current proposal going ahead as the new restrictions will impact heavily on our quality of life.”

- 2.1.32 The parking proposals were reported to the November Panel meeting where the results from the public consultation were considered and a revised boundary for the CPZ was agreed to be taken forward to statutory consultation. In the case of Devonshire Road the whole length of the road is included in the proposals since there was a majority of residents in support of being included in the CPZ. The proposals will be taken forward to statutory consultation when anybody has the ability to raise comments or objections.
- 2.1.33 To ensure that local people are aware of the revisions that have taken place to the scheme since the original consultation in September 2008 a leaflet was circulated together with an invitation to attend a public meeting at St Georges Church on 22nd January 2009. A copy of the leaflet and invitation is included in **Appendix B** and was circulated to all those in the revised CPZ as well as the original consultation area. The meeting is not to open up debate on the principles of the scheme which have already been agreed but will allow public questions and consideration on aspects such as the exact extent of double yellow lines
- 2.1.34 Any relevant aspects that arise from the public meeting will be reported orally at the Panel meeting.

Sussex Road

- 2.1.35 At the Panel meeting in November Councillor Bill Stephenson presented a petition containing 6 signatures on behalf of residents on Sussex Road. The terms of the petition are as follows:-

“We the undersigned residents of Sussex Road, object to the current proposal going ahead as the new restrictions will impact heavily on our quality of life”.

- 2.1.36 The parking proposals were reported to the November Panel meeting where the results from the public consultation were considered and a revised boundary for the CPZ was agreed to be taken forward to statutory consultation. In the case of Sussex Road only approximately 100m at the western end of the road is included in the proposals since

this is where there was a majority of residents in support of being included in the CPZ. The proposals will be taken forward to statutory consultation when anybody has the ability to raise comments or objections.

- 2.1.37 To ensure that local people are aware of the revisions that have taken place to the scheme since the original consultation in September 2008 a leaflet was circulated together with an invitation to attend a public meeting at St Georges Church on 22nd January 2009. A copy of the leaflet and invitation is included in **Appendix B** and was circulated to all those in the revised CPZ as well as the original consultation area. The meeting is not to open up debate on the principles of the scheme which have already been agreed but will allow public questions and consideration on aspects such as the exact extent of double yellow lines
- 2.1.38 Any relevant aspects that arise from the public meeting will be reported orally at the Panel meeting.

Section 3- Further Information

None

Section 4- Contact Details and Background Papers

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Background Papers:

Petitions and Reply to lead petitioners