

Committee:	Traffic and Road Safety Advisory Panel
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Subject:	INFORMATION REPORT – Progress update on key traffic and parking schemes.
Responsible Officer:	Brendon Hills - Corporate Director, Community & Environment
Portfolio Holder:	Councillor Susan Hall – Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Safety
Exempt:	No
Enclosures:	Appendix A - Pinner Wood School – 20 mph zone proposals Appendix B - Norbury School 20 mph zone proposals

SECTION 1 – SUMMARY

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

- Mass action “wet and failed to give way” sites - Local safety scheme
- Pinner Road - Local safety scheme
- George V / Pinner Road / Headstone Lane - Local safety scheme
- Moriah Jewish and St John Fisher School - School Travel Plan schemes
- Pinner Wood First and Middle School – 20 mph zone
- Norbury School – 20 mph zone
- Roxeth Manor First and Middle School – 20 mph zone
- South Harrow Station – Walking scheme
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- Petts Hill Bridge & Highway Improvements
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SECTION 2 - REPORT

2.0 Local Safety Schemes

1. Mass Action Wet and failed to Give Way sites

A list of sites is currently being developed across the borough where there is a history of personal injury accidents in wet road surface conditions. This list will be prioritised because of the limited budget to primarily address sites involving killed or seriously injured (KSI's) accidents. These sites will be treated by improving the road surface / texture and road markings to ensure that collisions in the wet are reduced.

A similar programme is being developed for sites where there is a history of collisions involving vehicle drivers not giving way.

2. Pinner Road

The local safety scheme works are on site and have been coordinated alongside the utility works, which started in April at approximately the same time for approximately 40 weeks. The new pelican crossing near to the junction of the Gardens / Pinner View is due for completion by the end of June 2009.

3. George V Avenue / Pinner Road / Headstone Lane - junction

A scheme brief, drawings and the computer modelling data and traffic surveys has been sent to the Director of Traffic Operations (DTO) for checking and an Engineer from DTO has been assigned to this project and their assessment of the junction is awaited. The junction has been included within the local safety programme 2009/10.

A new zebra crossing has been installed in Pinner Road close to the school entrance to encourage more pupils to cross the road at this location rather than at the George V Avenue junction and to generally improve pedestrian facilities in the area.

4. School Travel Plan schemes

Moriah Jewish School - Outline proposals to include a raised platform outside the school and school keep clear markings are being developed.

St John Fisher – Proposals for a new zebra crossing in Pinner Road close to Melrose Road and / or a 20 mph zone in the roads surrounding the school to improve road safety are currently being prepared in consultation with the school.

School Keep Clear road markings and associated waiting restrictions –

An additional £10,000 has been made available from the Non-STP budget to upgrade advisory markings to mandatory markings borough-wide around existing schools with travel plans. In some cases additional waiting restrictions may be required at junctions to improve visibility and maintain pedestrian flow.

Inconsiderate parking by parents delivering and collecting their children to and from school is a widespread problem and one that is particularly intractable. Parents rarely leave or move far from their vehicles and in these circumstances conventional parking restrictions may have little or no effect.

The purpose of providing School Keep Clear markings is to keep the space directly outside of schools free from parked vehicles so that children can be seen more easily when crossing the road. Drivers are advised not to wait on such markings in the Highway Code. The markings can be made mandatory with a Traffic Regulation Order.

5. **Pinner Wood School - 20 mph zone proposals**

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 proposed 20mph zone area surrounding the school is bounded by Pinner Hill Road to the west and Albury Drive to the north. This area was specifically highlighted for this type of road safety improvement measure as there is existing traffic calming measures in the roads surrounding the school. The existing traffic calming measures will help to make the proposed 20 mph zone self enforcing in accordance with regulations. (**See Appendix A**)

The aims of the scheme are:

- To minimise the risk and severity of accidents within the area
- To improve pedestrian and cycle safety
- To encourage walking and cycling in the area

6. **Norbury School - 20 mph zone proposals**

We are planning to introduce a 20mph zone in the area surrounding Norbury First and Middle School, Quintain Hall School and Alpha Preparatory School and Buckingham College School.

The proposed 20mph zone area is bounded by Headstone Road, Hindes Road and Greenhill Way (**See Appendix B**) to include the four schools mentioned above. The existing traffic calming measures in the roads, which will help to make the proposed 20 mph zone self-enforcing, have been considered in identifying the zone.

7. **Roxeth Manor School - 20 mph zone proposals**

The proposed 20mph zone area will include the following roads:

- Merlins Avenue
- Minehead Road

- Tithe Farm Avenue
- Tithe Farm Close

8. **South Harrow Station – Walking scheme**

The introduction of walking schemes provides improved pedestrian facilities and fosters an environment conducive to encouraging a greater number of people to walk over reasonably short journeys. By introducing walking schemes it will improve pedestrian safety in the locations treated and help to reduce the frequency of road traffic accidents involving vulnerable pedestrians, particularly elderly people and children.

The South Harrow walking project will focus on assessing existing provision for pedestrians and disabled users on their journey to and from the identified stations and develop engineering solutions, such as the provision of new crossing facilities including dropped crossings, tactile paving, refuges and controlled crossings.

Similar projects are being developed in Hatch End, West Harrow and Rayners Lane and will be reported to a future meeting of TARSAP.

9 **Goodwill to All - junction improvements**

The computer modelling of traffic for the revised junction configuration has been sent to TfL signals unit for checking and approval. We are still waiting for a slot in the DTO work programme.

10 **Petts Hill Bridge and Highway Improvements**

The bridge was officially opened by HRH The Duke of Gloucester on 21st April 2009. Video footage of the ceremony can be seen on www.pettshill.co.uk

The second stage of works have begun which includes the creation of four traffic lanes from the current two, new pedestrian footways and cycle tracks with improved links to Northolt Park Station, safer pedestrian crossings, the introduction of bus priority at the junction and more headroom beneath the bridge to reduce bridge strikes.

The project is programmed to complete civils works in autumn 2009 with landscaping and peripheral works to follow and complete by end of 2009/10 financial year.

11 **Harrow Town Centre - Station Road two-way buses**

The design to permit two way bus movements in Station Road between Sheepcote Road and Gayton Road is complete. The scheme is part of the original Town Centre Masterplan which was consulted on two years ago. Key objectives include decluttering and pedestrian enhancements to improve connection between both sides of Station Road with St Ann's Road and better penetration in the town centre by introducing two way working for buses along Station Road.

The scheme is to be funded by TfL Area Based Schemes.

Implementation of the scheme is planned to start in the summer 2009.

12 **Bus Priority Schemes**

Kings Road

Statutory consultation of the waiting restrictions is complete. Implementation is scheduled before the end of this financial year.

Shaftesbury Avenue

Traffic Management Orders for waiting restrictions will be advertised soon.

Honeypot Lane Bus Lane (Northbound)

Main civils works complete. Traffic Management Orders to be advertised soon.

Honeypot Lane / Streatfield Rd Roundabout

A meeting with ward members has been arranged to discuss proposals.

Eastcote Lane (between Maple Avenue and Corbins Lane)

The scheme is complete.

Rayners Lane between Imperial Drive and Village Way East

The design is complete. Funding is being sought from TfL in 2009 to implement the scheme. Consultation will be carried out as soon as funding has been confirmed.

Pinner Road/Station Road, North Harrow

Scheme due to be implemented before end of this financial year subject to TfL funding.

13 **Sustainable Transport Events and Promotion**

North Harrow Loading Bay

The design of a new loading bay is complete in North Harrow on Station Road near Northumberland Road to assist shopkeepers with deliveries in the area. The loading bay is to be implemented around November 2009.

Hatch End

An outline design for new loading bays in the service roads is complete following a study of loading requirements in the Hatch End area. We are considering their location at the moment to identify whether they can be incorporated into the proposed parking scheme in the area.

Goods Vehicles Routing Study

A study was funded by WestTrans to identify suitable routes for goods vehicles and provide adequate signage as appropriate.

Walk to Work Week 2009

This event was promoted in order to encourage employees to sign up to log their steps via the website. Council staff who registered walked a total of 229.72 miles during the week which equates to 87.34kg of CO2 (the equivalent of the amount emitted by 4 cars in a week).

Harrow exhibited their It's Up to All of Us campaign at the London SmartMoves conference organised by Transport for London and the Mayor of London's office.

Cycling and cycle training were promoted at the recent Staff Benefits Fair. A cycling roadshow is planned to be part of this year's Under One Sky. The council and Harrow NHS are working together to target local businesses with a view to increasing active travel to work and the number of lunchtime walks.

Harrow's Sustainable Transport Officer, Fuad Omar has been elected as the Chair (Public Sector) on the London Association for Commuter Transport (ACT) and re-elected as the West London representative on the London Travel Awareness Steering Group.

14 **Road Safety Education**

The Senior Road Safety Officer, on reaching retirement age, has agreed to continue in post, working on a three day week basis. An advertisement for the vacant road safety post will be advertised in the next few weeks.

Theatre in Education

Two theatre company visits are booked for May (year 6/7 pupils) and June (year 1 pupils).

Cycle Training

Because of the increase in cycle training and the additional budget provided by Transport for London (TfL), it has been necessary to put the contract out to tender.

Following close examination of all the tenders "Cycle Experience" was awarded the contract on behalf of the borough until 2012, with a further option to extend for an additional year. The company has been providing the training over the last three years and meetings to continue and hopefully expand the available training will be held shortly.

A meeting with London wide cycle training representatives TfL was held in February to discuss general funding for cycle training and promotion and how changes in the LIP bids will affect our bid in future years. TfL also published a half year report covering all London boroughs and have expressed their thanks to all boroughs for the efforts in expanding cycle training for children and adults during the year. A full year report is due in early June.

The Department for Transport (DfT) have given an outline of the publicity that they will be putting into the "Bikeability" branding and other publicity for cycling during 2009/ 10 which will primarily be aimed at schools and parents. To date it is not clear whether their campaign has started.

Courses are being arranged during the school half term and summer holiday periods as well as sessions arranged at some of the middle and high schools. Adult cycle training is continuing with interest from the local PCT and also an approach from Stanmore College.

Junior Citizen Event

The Police have confirmed that they will again host the event from 8th to the 26th June and road safety will be represented, by the Senior RSO with assistance from engineers within the traffic section.

School Visits

Visits have been restricted to assembly talks when presenting cycle certificates and will hopefully be restored when the vacant road safety officer's post is filled.

15 LCN+ Cycling Programme 2009/10 and other cycling projects

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.

LCN+ was established by Transport for London (TfL) as a major commitment 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.

The intention, when fully implemented, was that 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. The " Way to Go " document issued in November 2008 and further discussions with TfL have indicated it likely that the commitment to completing the LCN+ network as originally envisaged has changed. This has been reflected in the unforeseen reduction in the LCN+ settlement for 2009/10. TfL's plan is that funding for LCN+ will finish in 2010/11 and they are currently preparing guidance on how they foresee cycling developing in Outer London.

A budget of £300k was originally secured from TfL for 2009/10 of which £50K was for one scheme and £250K was the contribution to the Petts Hill bridge project for the incorporation of cycle facilities.

Following discussions with Camden, the lead authority for LCN+, it was possible to obtain the £250K contribution during 2008/9 and therefore to use this money in 2009/10 towards implementing further projects. TfL have now agreed a programme of £360K for 2009/10 which is listed below:-

LCN+ Scheme Title	£ K	Short description of works	Progress to date
Link 86 Pinner to Eastcote Village via Eastcote Rd	£60K	Works had started in 2008/9 Phase 1 entailed the introduction of advisory cycle lanes and signed only	Phase 1 works have been completed. Arrangements for temporary road closures and traffic

		<p>routes due to limited carriageway widths. Free parking bays were constructed on Ellement Close and a new traffic island outside No.75 Eastcote Road.</p> <p>Phase 2 includes implementation of 3 entry treatments on the following side roads:-</p> <p>West End Lane,.Lyncroft Ave and Cannon Lane</p> <p>Together with associated waiting restrictions</p>	<p>management act notifications are being carried out to facilitate Phase 2 element of the works.</p>
Link 87 Pinner Road either side of Traffic Signals/Station Road Junction	£5K	TfL Director of Traffic Operations (DTO) checks on modelling of signals to incorporate Advance Stop Lines (ASL)	Scheme designed in 2008/9. Funding to implement project yet to be secured
Link 89 Lowlands Road.	£85K	<p>Scheme designed in 2008/9 which entails both on and off road cycle facilities in the form of advisory and signed only routes as well as a short section of segregated cycle track and a shared facility for pedestrians and /cyclists which links up with the Roxborough Bridge underpass.</p> <p>Existing entry treatments on side roads to be modified to improve safety.</p>	<p>Arrangements in hand with implementation team to build project expected late Summer 2009</p>
Link 89 Roxborough Park Junction	£50K	<p>Scheme designed in 2008/9. Phase 1 entails shared facility linking Lowlands Rd via the subway ramp to the Roxborough Bridge underpass. Short section of segregated two way cycle track from the underpass to the ramped area with associated signing/lining. Phase 2 entails modifications to the existing</p>	Phase 1 has been completed.

		entry treatments to improve alignment/safety. Together with associated signing/lining.	
Link 89 Kenton Road/A404 Watford Road.	£75K	Scheme designed in 2007/8, works entail an off road segregated cycle facility along the underpass across Watford Road A404 and to the west of the underpass a shared facility is proposed due to limited footway width linking up with the southern end of the proposed toucan crossing which is to replace the existing pelican crossing. Also proposed are on road advisory cycle lanes as well as a short section of segregated cycle track on the north side of Kenton Road linking to the toucan crossing.	Consultation was carried out in 2007/8
Link 89 Lowlands Road to Tyburn Lane	85k	Carriageway widening south east corner of signalised junction. Re location of signal head and stats diversions.	DTO already aware and scheme is on their programme.

Officers will continue to seek further funding during the year where the opportunity arises.

16 Parking Programme 2009/10

Scheme	Indicative Timescales	Progress
Edgware (Canons Park Estate only) Zone TB Stage 1 Review	Feb 09 Statutory Consultation Autumn 09 Revised completion:	At the statutory consultation phase a petition was received (reported elsewhere to this Panel) which mainly contains a number of objections from households who did not respond to original consultation. Re-consultation to be carried out which will result in a delay from original implementation date of

		Summer to Autumn
Pinner Road, Harrow - Possible County Roads area CPZ including shopper P&D parking.	<p>Spring 2009 Advertise traffic orders</p> <p>June 2009 Consider any objections</p> <p>Autumn 09 Target completion:</p>	The results of the statutory consultation will be reported separately to the Traffic and Road Safety Advisory Panel
Burnt Oak – new CPZ to address possible displaced parking from Barnet.	<p>March 2009 Consultation</p> <p>June 09 Consultation results</p> <p>Summer 09 Advertise traffic orders and consider any objections</p> <p>Winter 09-10 Target completion:</p>	The results of the statutory consultation will be reported separately to the Traffic and Road Safety Advisory Panel
Harrow zone S – missing 2 roads (Rufford Close and Woodway Crescent) probably also consider Carlton Avenue	<p>Spring 2009 Agree proposal:</p> <p>Summer 09 Consultation</p> <p>November 09 Advertise traffic orders and consider any objections</p> <p>Spring 10 Target completion:</p>	Site Survey undertaken

<p>Bessborough Road, Harrow area- Possible new zone</p>	<p>April 09 Consultation</p> <p>June 09 Consultation results</p> <p>Summer 09 Advertise traffic orders</p> <p>November 09 Consider any objections</p> <p>Spring 10 Target completion:</p>	<p>The results from public consultation on this scheme are the subject of a separate report to this meeting of the Panel</p> <p>This project is being progressed jointly with West Harrow Station</p>
<p>West Harrow Station – Possible new zone</p>	<p>April 09 Consultation.</p> <p>June 09 Consultation results</p> <p>Summer 09 Advertise traffic orders</p> <p>November 09 Consider any objections</p> <p>Spring 10 Target completion</p>	<p>The results from public consultation on this scheme are the subject of a separate report to this meeting of the Panel</p> <p>This project is being progressed jointly with Bessborough Road</p>
<p>South Harrow –Phase 2 localised areas</p>	<p>Summer 09 Consultation</p> <p>November 09 Consultation results</p> <p>Winter 10-11 Advertise traffic orders</p> <p>Feb 10 Consider any objections</p> <p>Spring 10 Target completion:</p>	<p>Requests received for review of some areas following main scheme implementation Spring 2008.</p> <p>Consultation to commence during Summer 09</p>
<p>Wealdstone Zone C Extension Review and possible further extension</p>	<p>Autumn 09 Consult peripheral area:</p> <p>Winter 09-10 Advertise orders and consider any objections</p> <p>Spring 2010 Target completion</p>	<p>Main Zone C Extension implemented March/April 2009. Consultation on review of CPZ in Spencer Road following receipt of petition originally due in May but delayed due to workload on other Reviews, now due in June. Review of parking</p>

		bays in Oxford Road due late Summer
Stanmore review to mitigate the impact of event day parking for Wembley Stadium – Phase 2 Review	<p>Autumn 2009 Consultation</p> <p>February 10 Consultation results</p> <p>Spring 10 Advertise traffic orders</p> <p>Summer 10 Consider any objections</p> <p>Autumn 10 Target completion</p>	A number of requests for changes have been already received. Residents advised that review will commence in autumn 09. Petition received from residents of Linden Close which is reported to Panel separately
Rayners Lane Review possible Extension	<p>Summer 2009 Stakeholders meeting</p> <p>Autumn 09 Consultation</p> <p>November 09 Consultation results</p> <p>Spring 10 Advertise traffic orders</p> <p>Summer 10 Consider any objections</p> <p>Autumn 10 Target completion</p>	Stakeholders Meeting to be arranged for Summer 2009
<p>Hatch End Shopping Centre Service Roads “Pay and Display”</p> <p>(Potential displaced of parking likely to necessitate investigation of possible Hatch End CPZ)</p>	<p>Summer 2009 Stakeholders meeting</p> <p>Autumn 09 Consultation</p> <p>February 10 Consultation results</p> <p>Summer 10 Advertise traffic orders</p> <p>September 10 Consider any objections</p> <p>Winter 10/11 Target completion</p>	Stakeholders Meeting to be arranged for summer 2009

SECTION 3 – FURTHER INFORMATION

Appendix A – Pinner Wood School – 20 mph zone proposals.

Appendix B – Norbury School – plan of proposals

SECTION 4 - CONTACT DETAILS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS

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