

LONDON BOROUGH OF HARROW

TRAFFIC AND ROAD SAFETY ADVISORY PANEL

WEDNESDAY 17 JUNE 2009

Petition – Collier Drive and surrounding roads - action to tackle congestion and improve the state of alleyways in the area.

Reference from the meeting of Cabinet held on 14 May 2009

1. At the meeting of Cabinet held on 14 May 2009, a petition was presented by Councillor Margaret Davine, containing 36 signatures of residents of Collier Drive and surrounding roads requesting action to tackle congestion and improve the state of alleyways in the area. The terms of the petition were as follows:-

“With the ever increasing speeds by motorists and congestion caused by school traffic especially between 8.00 - 9.00 am and 3.00 – 4.00 pm, it is brought to your attention that the safety and security of the residents and children attending Stag Lane School should be put first. The residents surrounding the school have got together to propose 3 lines of action. Firstly, the suggestion that Collier Drive itself should be made a one way street. This implication will alleviate the congested traffic flows. Secondly, the alleyways running between Collier Drive and Hogarth Road are constantly subjected to littering, loitering, waste disposal, vandalism, vermin and crime. It is suggested that some form of barrier/gate be installed with residents sharing access. In addition, we suggest that the alleyway is also re-surfaced from gravel to tarmac. These three actions will prevent some of the activities above mentioned. There is at present a lot of waste that has been left in the alleyway. Things such as broken TVs, old mattresses, used sofas, broken bottles and used prams. These need to be cleared asap.”

2. Cabinet received the petition and referred it to the Traffic and Road Safety Advisory Panel for consideration.
3. The Traffic and Highways Manager comments as follows:

With regard to the concerns about the safety and security of residents and children attending Stag Lane School and the request for Collier Drive to be made a one-way street, we are currently developing proposals for the Mollison Way area that include a 20 mph zone surrounding Stag Lane First and Middle School and Canons High .

The Mollison Way scheme is a comprehensive package of measures known as an *Area Based Scheme* and involves a three-stage bidding process to TfL. We are at stage 1 with the bid and currently there is no confirmation that funding will be available or, if it is, when. However, a separate bid for funding is due to be submitted to TfL in the near future for a 20 mph zone in the roads surrounding Stag Lane First and Middle Schools, which includes Collier Drive.

If the bid is successful, funding will be made available for next financial year (2010/11) and a scheme will be designed with suitable traffic calming and measures such as one-way streets can be used if appropriate to complement 20 mph zones.

The problems regarding the alleyways between Collier Drive and Hogarth Road, which are not maintained by the council, have been referred to the Head of Community Safety. He advises that the Anti Social Behaviour Team will investigate the history and circumstances and, if appropriate, carry out community consultation with a view to implementing a gating scheme in accordance with the established policy and procedures. He also advises that the Envirocrime team are investigating the flytipping problem and will arrange clearance, possibly through the community payback scheme.

FOR CONSIDERATION

Background documents:

1. Petition submitted to the Cabinet meeting held on 14 May 2009.
2. Minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 14 May 2009.

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