

Appendix Two: Comments from the Safer and Stronger Communities Scrutiny Lead Councillors

The following comments on the report from the Neighbourhood Champion Scrutiny Challenge Panel have been made by the Safer and Stronger Communities Lead Scrutiny Councillors

- Neighbourhood Champions could be strengthened by the involvement of Ward Councillors and it would enrich the scheme. Training is currently open to Councillors but their involvement is limited to participation as residents and limited to the street where they live. Linking the scheme to Elected Members could have enormous benefit.
- At a time when many residents are apathetic and unwilling to engage, this scheme has been a novel but effective way of engaging with residents. Harrow's proposal of 1 Champion per street and target of 2000 is ambitious but very welcome. Interaction between Champions along the lines of the Brent model as it would help maintain interest in the scheme as well as let our volunteers know that their contribution is valued.