

## **LONDON BOROUGH OF HARROW**

### **PUBLICATIONS ADVISORY PANEL**

**WEDNESDAY 10 NOVEMBER 2004**

#### **Concerns re Speeding Buses: Reference from the Wealdstone Regeneration Advisory Panel Meeting held on 20 September 2004**

1. At the Panel's July meeting it had been agreed that concerns which had been expressed by the Panel about speeding buses be referred to the Council's Bus Liaison Committee by one of the advisers to the Panel who was also the Chair of that Committee
2. The adviser now confirmed that he had raised the matter with the bus companies. He explained that the bus companies were of the view that speeding was a perceived rather than an actual problem but had nonetheless agreed to put notices in the bus garages at Edgware and Harrow Weald reminding drivers of the speed limits and had also agreed to carry out management checks.
3. Several Councillors recounted personal experiences of buses speeding and/or braking to a sudden halt and advised of the many complaints passed to them by residents. They expressed particular concern that elderly passengers were vulnerable to injury when buses braked suddenly and pulled away before passengers had had an opportunity to sit down.
4. The adviser informed the Panel that if residents noted the time, date, place of an incident and the registration number of the vehicle involved, he could raise the matter with the bus companies and this would enable them to pin down those drivers who were causing the problem. The Chair welcomed this advice and suggested that, given that speeding buses appeared to be a Borough-wide problem, the advice could be disseminated to the general public via area newsletters.
5. The Panel RESOLVED, inter alia, that the Panel refer its concerns regarding speeding buses to the Publications Advisory Panel and request that the advice given be outlined in an article to feature in the next issues of the Area Newsletters.

#### **FOR CONSIDERATION**

##### **Background Papers**

1. Minutes of Wealdstone Regeneration Advisory Panel meeting held on 20 September 2004
2. Minutes of the Wealdstone Regeneration Advisory Panel meeting held on 5 July 2004.

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