

BROMLEY BOROUGH ROAD SAFETY CONSULTATIVE PANEL

Minutes of Meeting: Tuesday 18 June 2013 at the Civic Centre

Present:

John Harvey	PE	Chairman & Palace Estate RA
Beryl Grimani-Harrold	HV	Hayes Village Association
Hilary Ryder	KE	Keston Village Association
Tony Exeter	KM	Keston Mark and Bromley Common Village RA
Miriam Harries	KR	Knoll Residents Association
John Watkins	LCRA	Little Chislewick Residents Association
Peter Daintree	PA	Park Avenue Residents Association
J Clitheroe	PE	Palace Estate Residents Association
Graham Pyefinch	PL	Park Langley RA
John Pattenden	PW	Petts Wood Residents Association (resident guest from Petts Wood)
Adam Wheeler		
Brian Dunk	SR	Shortlands RA
Derek Cookson	SU	Sundridge RA
RJ March		Sundridge RA
Mike East	WW	West Wickham Residents Association
Lisa Allen	LBB	Traffic Engineer
Val Currie	LBB	Road Safety Officer
Margaret Bowyer	LBB	Road Safety Officer

1. Apologies:

Tony McClarty (CS), Dave Witherspoon (DR), Peter Skipp (LE), Catherine Linney (Met Police)

2. Minutes of Last Meeting`

Signed off as a fair record

3. Matters arising from Minutes

KM

Bromley Common accident statistics: extra data obtained from Val indicated not many pedestrians were involved and apparently the increase was not due to the new development. In more than one third of accidents drivers fell asleep at the wheel. Further analysis is required.

Park Langley: there is a large pothole on service road. Lisa will report this to the Highway inspectors who deal with such issues.

Sundridge Avenue / Romney Drive: an email has been sent to the residents' association representative.

4. Accident statistics

KM

Keston Mark / Westerham Road. There have been 13 accidents involving cars. It was observed that cars jumping the lights effecting traffic turning right. **KE** agreed and asked if there should be a filter. Phasing on the lights has been changed several times, but this has not solved the queues of traffic. There have also been investigations about installing a camera at the lights. Lisa to ask Ishmiel to discuss this issue with TfL.

PL

Pickhurst Lane / Hayes Lane. Two lanes go into one approaching The Mead and the lights phasing has changed to give pedestrians more time. This means that traffic backs up to Westmoreland Road. It is currently being reviewed.

PW

Chislehurst Road / Willett Way. A resident from Willett Way attended the meeting to give personal accounts of four cars recently leaving the road and damaging property when they entered residents' gardens. Concern that there is a bus stop nearby. These accidents do not appear on the statistics as no personal injury accidents resulted from the incidences as priority is given to sites with a known accident history

Lisa said such accidents happen all over the borough and LBB are unable to act on everything. The panel agreed that when local residents raise such issues there should be more investigation.

It was suggested that maybe flashing signs could be installed warning of the corner.

Val said posters could be placed along this stretch of road when they became available

LCRA

Queried the accident statistics for Roads with the most collisions 6, 7 and 25 Sevenoaks Way / Cray Avenue / Court Road, to clarify which areas they cover. Val will ask for clarification.

5. Police Officers Report

Unfortunately the 88 year old male involved in the collision at Manor Park Road, West Wickham last December died two weeks ago as a result of injuries sustained in the collision. He was attempting to cross the road at the junction with the roundabout at the end of West Wickham High Street. He walked into the side of a skip lorry.

15th May - a car and solo motorcycle were heading West in Hayes Lane, Bromley towards the width restrictions. The car carried out a u turn in front of the solo motorcycle causing a collision. The rider sustained serious injuries.

23rd May - a car pulled out from The Knoll at the junction with Pickhurst Lane in front of a solo motorcycle travelling in Pickhurst Lane. The rider sustained serious injuries. Both vehicles were travelling at low speed.

16th June - Two cars were travelling in Sevenoaks Road (A21 near Hewitts roundabout - 50mph dual carriageway), one west bound and one east bound. The east bound vehicle turned right into Old London Road across the path of the west bound vehicle. They collided and spun into a third vehicle. The 84 year old driver of the vehicle which turned right suffered serious injuries.

Operation CUBO is on-going.

6. Road Safety Officers Report

Snappy Feet

This was a photo competition organised by the RSU, for primary schools, to coincide with 'Walk to School Week'. Walk to School Week focuses on teaching children about the benefits of walking, with each day focussing on a different theme...

- Monday: Road Safety
- Tuesday: Discovery
- Wednesday: Health
- Thursday: Eco Friendly
- Friday: Fun

Uploaded photos can be viewed on line

The best individual submission will receive a digital camera for their school

The top 3 submissions from each school will receive goodie packs and gold, silver and bronze certificates

There is also a quiz for pupils, plus the pupils with the most correct answers will also be selected, at random, for extra prizes.

14 schools participated, they were:

Burnt Ash Primary School
Darrick Wood Junior School
Dorset Road Infant School
Highfield Infant School
Holy Innocents RC Primary School
James Dixon Primary School
Keston CE Primary School
Leesons Primary School
Mottingham Primary School
Perry Hall Primary School
Raglan Primary School
St Christopher's School
Valley Primary School
Warren Road Primary School

Interschool Cycling Competition

The Interschool cycling competition was held on 6th June at Norman Park, for both Primary & Secondary schools. The competition was held in partnership with British Cycling and School Sports partnership. The winner in the Primary School section was Bickley Park School and in the Secondary section the winner was The Ravensbourne School.

Cycle Art Competition

We are also running a Cycle Art competition in Secondary schools, where pupils are asked to take a photo of their bike in an artistic setting.

This competition coincides with Bike week which runs from 15-23 June and aims to encourage students and staff to get on their bikes!

The winning pupil and the winning teacher entry will win a £25 shopping voucher and the top 20 entries will receive a set of bike lights and a multi tool.

Adshell poster Campaign

Posters went up around the borough re Powered Two Wheelers. The campaign is designed to highlight the need for bikers to take extra 'On Road' training and also to remind them that not only do *they* need to be 'roadworthy', but so do their bikes, especially if their bikes have not been used since last summer!

Featured report - Margaret Bowyer Road Safety Officer

Margaret talked to the panel about the Traffic Education Course which is run in Bromley schools for Year 12 pupils. The focus of the course is about responsibility and preparing students for driving; not just learning to drive, but setting them up for a lifetime of safe driving. The course contains some very hard hitting videos, We were shown several examples of these which

highlight the dangers of distractions such as loud music and exuberant passengers, as well as driving under the influence of drink or drugs. The foremost message is that the attitude of a driver is of prime importance, emphasised by the tragic consequences that an irresponsible attitude can have.

Key messages:

- high accident statistics among passengers aged 15 - 19,
- seat belts
- distracting the driver
- driving when upset or emotional can be dangerous
- responsibility as passengers
- speed; how speed affects stopping time; speed restrictions are a limit, not a target!
- drug driving: including legal drugs - effect of stimulants and sedatives - cannabis can be detected in the system for weeks
- drink driving - reminder that one strong beer can be 4 units - consider how long it is since you last had a drink - be wary of drunk passengers - consider that pedestrians may be drunk at particular times of the day
- dangers of driving when overtired
- mobile phone use

Lillian's Law (2010) was introduced following the death of a 14 year old outside her home; now, as with the Drink Drive Law, the police do not need to prove that the use of drugs have actually caused impairment.

Around 3000 students participate in this course each year.

7. Engineers Report

Lisa provided the panel with a list of proposed works for 2013-14 with email contacts if more information is required.

Schemes 2013/14

Scheme	Lead Officer	Contact Details
Congestion Relief		
• Sevenoaks Way jnt Main Road - signals	Ismiel Alobeid	Email: ismiel.alobeid@bromley.gov.uk Tel: 0208 461 7487
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• Sevenoaks Way – signal improvements (UTC)	Ismiel Alobeid	Email: ismiel.alobeid@bromley.gov.uk Tel: 0208 461 7487
• Sevenoaks Way jnt Leasons Hill & Station Road	Ismiel Alobeid	Email: ismiel.alobeid@bromley.gov.uk Tel: 0208 461 7487
• Southend Road jnt Rectory Road	Joe Burbidge	Email: joe.burbidge@bromley.gov.uk Tel: 0208 313 4544
• Heathfield Road jnt Westerham Road	Spencer Pritchard	Email: spencer.pritchard@bromley.gov.uk Tel: 0208 313 4166
• Westmoreland Road jnt High Street	Chris Cole	Email: chris.cole@bromley.gov.uk Tel: 0208 313 4630
• Widmore Road	Chris Cole	Email: chris.cole@bromley.gov.uk Tel: 0208 313 4630
• Perry Street jnt Beaverwood Road	Lisa Allen	Email: lisa.allen@bromley.gov.uk Tel: 0208 31 34528
• Orpington Station Access	Chris Cole	Email: chris.cole@bromley.gov.uk Tel: 0208 313 4630

Casualty Reduction		
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• Tudor Way jnt Petts Wood Road	Malcolm Harris	Email: malcolm.harris@bromley.gov.uk Tel: 0208 313 4500
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• Tower Road jnt Station Road	Paul Nevard	Email: paul.nevard@bromley.gov.uk Tel: 0208 313 4425
• Bromley Lane jnt Kemnal Road	Lisa Allen	Email: lisa.allen@bromley.gov.uk Tel: 0208 31 34528
• St Keverne Road jnt Dunkery Road	Lisa Allen	Email: lisa.allen@bromley.gov.uk Tel: 0208 31 34528
• Magpie Hall Lane	Spencer Pritchard	Email: spencer.pritchard@bromley.gov.uk Tel: 0208 313 4166
• Rectory Road jnt Blakeney Road	Joe Burbidge	Email: joe.burbidge@bromley.gov.uk Tel: 0208 313 4544
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• Sandway jnt High Street	Malcolm Harris	Email: malcolm.harris@bromley.gov.uk Tel: 0208 313 4500
• Pickhurst Lane jnt Mead Way	Ismiel Alobeid	Email: ismiel.alobeid@bromley.gov.uk Tel: 0208 461 7487
• Court Road jnt Lower Road	Ismiel Alobeid	Email: ismiel.alobeid@bromley.gov.uk Tel: 0208 461 7487
• Court Road jnt High Street	Ismiel Alobeid	Email: ismiel.alobeid@bromley.gov.uk Tel: 0208 461 7487
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• Tubbenden Lane Zebra	Malcolm Harris	Email: malcolm.harris@bromley.gov.uk Tel: 0208 313 4500
• Court Road Refuge	Paul Nevard	Email: paul.nevard@bromley.gov.uk Tel: 0208 313 4425
• New footway in Orpington Road	Malcolm Harris	Email: malcolm.harris@bromley.gov.uk Tel: 0208 313 4500
• New footway in Leasons Hill	Malcolm Harris	Email: malcolm.harris@bromley.gov.uk Tel: 0208 313 4500
• New footway in Cray Valley Road	Malcolm Harris	Email: malcolm.harris@bromley.gov.uk Tel: 0208 313 4500
• Footway improvements Logs Hill / Yester Road	Malcolm Harris	Email: malcolm.harris@bromley.gov.uk Tel: 0208 313 4500

NB: Please note that these locations are still subject to change depending on the outcome of the site investigations and / or consultations.

PA

Commented on new road markings at Orpington War Memorial, which seemed to be improving traffic flow.

Lisa said it is being monitored.

8. Chairman's Report

Drug testing kits are now available in police stations

Some insurance companies are offering lower premiums if driver monitoring units are fitted within cars.

Discussion about mini-roundabouts: warning signs were removed some time ago, resulting in ongoing confusion about right of way at mini-roundabouts – the rule remains: give way to the right, as at all roundabouts.

Mini-roundabout at Sundridge Avenue / Logs Hill - there is no view of traffic coming from the right when driving along Logs Hill.

Homefield Road: there are large pot holes by the speed humps, making the road surface dangerous.

Reminder about Bromley website www.fixmystreet.com and uploading photographs.

9. Matters raised by members

PA

Where speed cushions are in place (3 across the road) lorries are able to straddle the middle cushion and can still travel at speed. Potential damage to properties from vehicles landing with a bump.

LBB have no plans to review the existing vertical traffic calming in the borough

HV

Pickhurst Lane: there have been some near misses at the new pedestrian crossing where the width of the pavement has been reduced. Is there any chance of it being reinstated? Lisa to query.

SU

Yester Road / Logs Hill: query about possibility of putting up mirrors to aid visibility. Unfortunately, mirrors are legally an obstruction on the highway, therefore, they cannot be used without the express permission of the Department for Transport. The DFT has a set criteria for authorising mirrors on the highway, however, this location does not meet this criteria. Another possibility would be to prevent parking near the junction. Lisa informed the panel that footway improvements are planned in this area and would advise the relevant engineer to see if improvements could be made as part of this scheme.

SR

Offered thanks for the car seat check for parents at Highfield Infants School - it was very worthwhile.

KE

Church Road / Rectory Road: is there a possibility of making it one way. PW commented that accident criteria determine whether such action is planned. Casualty reduction schemes apply when there have been 4 or more accidents over a set period of time.

10. Matters for the attention of the Portfolio Holder.

No matters were raised for the attention of the Portfolio Holder.

11. Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting is Tuesday 17 September, at 7.30pm in the Civic Centre.