

BROMLEY BOROUGH ROAD SAFETY CONSULTATIVE PANEL

Minutes of meeting Tuesday, 3rd February 2015 at the Civic Centre

Present:

John Harvey	PE	Chairman & Palace Estate RA
Graham Savage	BH	Biggin Hill & District Residents Association
R.E Willsher	CC	Copers Cope Residents Association
Christine Wearn	CS	Chislehurst Society
Dave Witherspoon	DR	Downe Resident Association
Tony Exeter	KM	Keston Mark and Bromley Common Village RA
John Watkins	LCRA	Little Chislewick Residents Association
Peter Daintree	PA	Park Avenue Residents Association
Jane Morley	PF	Penge Forum
Derek Levoir	PL	Park Langley RA
John Pattenden	PW	Petts Wood Residents Association
Derek Cookson	SU	Sundridge RA
Ron March	SU	Sundridge RA
Val Currie	LBB	Road Safety Officer
Laura Squires	LBB	Traffic Engineer
Fiona MacDonald	LBB	Cycling Officer
Estelle Newton	LBB	Travel Plan Advisor
Tim Davies	LBB	Cycling Officer
Chris Cole	LBB	Major Transport Projects and Programme Manager

1. Apologies:

Beryl Grimini-Harold (HV) Richard Burton (KR) Mike East (WW) Cath Linney (Met Police)

Welcome to Graham Savage a replacement for Ken Gerry for **BH**

Before the meeting

Email from Ken Gerry:

Could I make a plea through you that if folks can't attend can they just apologise to you, and not to everyone! Taken further, we could be inundated with messages that are nothing to do with us. Sorry, but could you please hide all other recipients in an Email in the BCC box and not circulated to all and sundry.

This request was discussed by the meeting and reference was made to the statement on the attendance sheet which states that panel members contact details are only used for communications within the panel and will not be released outside the committee. It was pointed out that special treatment of individual member E Mail addresses would add to the work of officers when communicating with the panel.

The panel therefore agreed that all those present agreed with the statement and that distribution would continue as before unless a panel member specifically requested otherwise for their own data. It was felt that any email addresses were not connected to any postal addresses and that security on individual computers is the responsibility of the user.

2. Minutes of Last Meeting

Signed off as a fair record, but with a clarification of the junctions on the Croydon Road Penge.

3. Matters arising from Minutes

SU *Logs Hill / Yester Road - double yellow lines, it was requested if the yellow lines between the roundabout and Yester Road be connected.* This possibly could come under review in connection with the application for the new school at Bullers Wood.

Wendover Road / Masons Hill - waiting for a response from TfL re: planned improvements at junction. Apparently TfL have now put this down the priority list

KM *Harris Academy has been relocated without notification - currently using EDU at Princes Plain with a huge impact on parking and congestion. This has been raised with local Councillors; the Chair will raise it with the Cabinet Member. Yellow lines are to be implemented at the school entrance.*

Val Currie to clarify, but it may not be viable for CCTV cars to be used to monitor zig-zag lines at schools, now that their use for non-school sites may no longer be permitted. Presently there is a bill being discussed in Parliament and until then there is no change in operation. See email below from Allen Herve, LBB Parking Manager

Re CCTV Cars

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A Deregulation Bill is at present with the House of Lords that recommends CCTV should not be used to enforce parking contraventions. The Bill is still under due process and therefore no change in legislation has been undertaken. We await the decision of the Bill, as does all authorities within England & Wales and will be duly directed once the Government has announced its decision. As legislation has yet or may not be changed there is at present no withdrawal of the use of CCTV for issuing Parking contraventions, which includes the CCTV mobile units. As soon as I am advised of any change in legislation I will contact you direct and advise you of our intentions for the use of CCTV. - *Allen Herve.*

KE The large numbers of HGVs going through Keston Village is unacceptable. Residents have been consulted about LBB proposals for a roundabout at the junction of Heathfield Road and Westerham Road. The Residents Association is opposed to this and has put forward alternative resolutions and suggestions e.g. bus lane and width restrictions. It was felt that at this time all traffic coming from Coney Hall to Biggin Hill will continue to use the Village as a short cut

Biggin Hill Airport proposals for expansion have implications for traffic and road safety. Perhaps the developers could be persuaded to put money into improving local junctions. The Highways Agency has virtually said no to any slip from the M25 at Westerham

TfL Safety Cameras in the Borough. The question had been asked if the speeding/light cameras could also be used to prosecute No Tax/No Insurance issues. In response, it was stated that a camera can only be used for one specified purpose only.

Reply on this matter from TFL - Further to your enquiry, I have received the following information from the Police.

Section 172 of the RTA 1988 provides that any person shall if required give any information which it is in his power to give and may lead to the identification of the driver.

When the viewer has established that the keeper has told DVLA they no longer have the vehicle the viewer will check the Insurance database to establish if the vehicle is being used by another, we use this power to ascertain the identity of the driver, not to enforce against no insurance offences.

We do not routinely use the insurance database to establish if the vehicle is insured when viewing camera offences.

Tesco traffic problems at Orpington . A short discussion ensued and it was felt that at the moment nothing more could be done to alleviate the problems. **PF:** The issues as raised were both under review.

RE School sign on Hayes Lane

This sign has been realigned.

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This whole scheme had been generated under a Public Realm Scheme, as the area had become very run down. The project was predominantly financed by external funds to the amount of £5.5 million. From Design to completion has taken 5 years, and presently is due to be completed on time and within budget. At the end of the day it is hoped that there could be some underspend which could be used to extend the scheme. Naturally with a project of this size in a town centre there is inevitably a lot of upheaval and disruption. However it is now felt from all sides that there is a marked improvement.. The footfall through to the High Street has increased and there are fewer empty shops throughout the scheme. A Hopper bus service from Sainsbury's to Bromley North is due to be introduced to make connections for the diverted bus routes. Chris Cole was thanked for his very informative presentation.

4. Police Officers Report

On 6th November 2014 at 08.25hrs an 88 year old female was driving along Skeets Hill Lane, Orpington. She had to stop as a refuse worker was clearing up a fly tip which was blocking the road. She attempted to reverse back but another refuse vehicle apparently pulled up behind her. A member of staff from the second refuse vehicle attempted to help her move her car. In doing so, he lost control, knocking her over. Unfortunately she sustained fatal injuries

On 13th Jan at 10.56hrs a 67 year old male stepped out into the road in West Wickham High Street and was clipped by the wing mirror of a passing vehicle. He sustained a potentially serious head injury.

On Sunday 1st Feb at 13.44 hrs a 23 year old female parked her car in Yester Road, Chislehurst and then went to cross the road from behind the parked car. She was hit by a passing car and sustained serious head injuries. She is currently in a critical condition in intensive care.

5. Road Safety Officers Report

Road Safety Poster sites

The roads for the next rotation are:

- South Eden Park Road, Beckenham
- Park Road, Bromley
- Upper Park Road, Bromley
- Lillie Road
- Beckenham Road, West Wickham
- Farnborough Hill, Farnborough
- Churchfields Road, Beckenham
- Warren Road, Orpington
- Lower Road, St Mary Cray
- Turpington Lane, Bromley (20mph)

They haven't been agreed by the councillors as yet so may change.

Harris Shortlands

This school is looking to relocate from its present site at Bromley South to Kingswood Road Shortlands

Police stops

Wednesday 15th October - Oakley Road

The figures were as follows:

33 cars were stopped

10 drivers were spoken to for non-wearing of seatbelts

10 vehicles were stopped for speeding

1 expired licence and seatbelt

1 use of fog lights

1 eating whilst driving

1 unsafe load

1 No insurance

4 Car Seat Checks (One was also speeding)

4 Mobile Phone use (one was also not wearing seatbelt)

Two vehicles were seized, one for having no insurance and one for no licence.

One driver was given a ticket for travelling at 43mph (they also had a two year old inappropriately restrained in the front seat of the vehicle.
All other drivers were spoken to by a Road Safety officer and offered appropriate advice.

Police stops (continued.)

24th November – Farnborough Hill

The figures were as follows:

19 cars stopped for speeding

52mph

50mph

46mph

45mph x2

44mph x4

42mph

41mph

40mph x4

39mph x3

38mph

Given that this is a 30mph area, these figures are significantly above the limit. Julia (PCSO) has asked for posters for Farnborough Hill, especially the 30mph posters! This location will be added to the next rotation of our posters, subject to Councillor approval.

2 tickets were issued for speeding and 2 children's car seats were checked.

Next stops organised for Monday 9th March

6. Engineers Report

A list of current schemes has been circulated to all members of the panel. Should members of the panel wish to discuss a scheme further they should contact the project officer whose details have been listed against the scheme.

7 Chairman's Report

The Chairman reported that the new pedestrian access to Parish School from Park Avenue was nearing completion and that various road safety measures had already been put into place, including zig zags, a pavement edge barrier and illuminated speed visors on both approach sides.

However the Chairman had registered concerns to Angus Culverwell that parents dropping off children will park on the opposite side of the road as it is very wide but as speeds are often very fast, this presents a risk to those crossing to and from the school.

It was suggested that consideration should be given to possible road markings to discourage parking on the opposite side from the school and to encourage any stop offs being on the school side of the road.

8. Matters raised by members

PA Had concerns that drivers were ignoring the No Entry into Mackenzie Road Beckenham in order to use it as a short cut to the car park behind County House, on the corner.

CS Still had concerns about parked vehicles at the Bromley Lane end of Kemnal Road. These vehicles were still parking too close to the end and as such at times caused tail backs out into the main road, which obviously has dangerous implications.

PL Asked about the possibility of Volunteers using Speed Guns. This issue had been previously raised. It would involve some training, also it was advised the volunteers if allowed should only operate in areas where they would be unknown. With these restrictions in mind it was felt that the scheme would be unviable.

SU Brought an application to the attention of the meeting of a proposal to create a car park for 65 cars adjacent to Elmstead Woods Station on Elmstead Lane directly opposite Southill Road. The Land in question is owned by Sundridge Park Golf Course. Because this Car

Park was on a busy road, almost on top of a sharp right hand bend under a restricted width bridge could be a potential hazard.

DR Asked if anything could be done about the extra traffic in Luxted Road, which is a result of Water Mains work ongoing at Leaves Green. Apparently the works are shortly due to finish.

9 Matters for the attention of the Portfolio Holder.

None.

Meeting closed at 9.05pm

11. Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting is Tuesday 30th June 2015 at 7.30pm in the Civic Centre.