

BROMLEY BOROUGH ROAD SAFETY CONSULTATIVE PANEL

Minutes of meeting Tuesday, 10 November 2015 at the Civic Centre

Present:

John Harvey	PE	Chairman & Palace Estate RA
Graham Savage	BH	Biggin Hill and District RA
Dave Witherspoon	DR	Downe Resident Association
Tony Exeter	KM	Keston Mark & Bromley Common Village RA
Miriam Harries	KR	Knoll Residents Association
Jane Morley	PF	Penge Forum
Bob Clegg	PL	Park Langley RA
John Watkins	SP	Old St Pauls Cray RA
Derek Cookson	SU	Sundridge RA
Ron March	SU	Sundridge RA
Mike East	WW	West Wickham RA
Val Currie	LBB	Road Safety Officer
Tracey Morrish	LBB	Visiting Speaker Disability Parking

1. Apologies:

CS Christine Wearn, **KE** Hilary Rider, **PA** Peter Daintree, **HRA** Beryl Grimani-Harrold, **LBB** Laura Squires Traffic Engineer, **Met Police** Cath Linney

2. Minutes of Last Meeting

Signed off as a fair record.

3. Matters arising from Minutes

There were no significant issues raised concerning the minutes of the previous meeting. The Summer Drink Drive/Exchanging Places event in Market Square 12 & 13 June was very well attended. There was a lorry on site for attendees to gauge driver's views of the road around. Cycling education was the main topic. It was emphasised that all children attending cycling courses had to wear helmets. Adults attending did so voluntarily but it was hoped that adults would participate and be role models. A short discussion took place about the experiment of mirrors on traffic lights that was trialled at Widmore Green. The mirrors were subjected to vandalism and the views were considered confusing.

4. Police Officers Report

There are two fatal collisions to report.

Mottingham Road 16.34 hrs 24th August. Two motorcycles heading south in Mottingham Road. One of the riders lost control and both he and pillion fell off by the speed camera. The 18year old male pillion sustained fatal injuries. No helmets were worn.

Downe Road 21.17 hrs 30th September. 24 year old male riding a motorcycle west in Downe Road lost control on right hand bend, fell off and sustained fatal injuries.

We have been carrying out speed enforcement in Downe Road.

I don't know all the locations officers have been to (for speed enforcement) but the ones I have asked for are Park Avenue, Stonepark Ave and Park Road.

A request came from residents for officers to attend Park Road following the closure of Lawn Road. They have spent some time there but didn't find there was a particular speed issue although more vehicles are using Park Road.

Roadwatch is very active in the borough now (being run by the Safer Transport team in Bromley). If anyone has any locations for Roadwatch, let me know.

5. Road Safety Officers Report

Police stops

Stops booked with the Penge SNT on 31st July and 18th August were cancelled.

23rd October, Bickley Park Road, Chislehurst

3 speeding (1 ticketed for 45 mph)

2 not wearing seatbelts

3 mobile phone users

Approximately 10 – 12 car seat checks.

Road Safety Poster Sites

These sites have been agreed by Cllr Smith but not by some ward councillors yet. (Suggestions for future rotations were requested from the Panel)

- Crofton Lane, Orpington
- Church Road, Shortlands
- Bucks Cross Road
- Breakspears Drive
- Downe Road, Downe
- Old Hill, Chislehurst
- Summer Hill, Chislehurst
- Farnborough Hill, Farnborough
- The Avenue, West Wickham
- St Paul's Cray Road, Chislehurst
- Seymour Villas, Penge, (20 mph)
- Selby Road, Penge, (20 mph)

Balance Bike training

Bromley has been awarded some additional funding from TfL to deliver 'Bikeability Balance'.

This is a pilot programme aimed at children in reception and year one who cannot ride without stabilisers.

The aim of the course is to encourage children to use a 'balance bike' giving them the confidence needed to progress to riding a bike with pedals. The course will be two sessions of 45 minutes each, in school, with parental intervention in between sessions (practising riding before next session)

Courses are due to start in the New Year.

School Travel Plans

A School Travel Plan is a document produced and supported by the whole school community. It is a platform of practical measures or initiatives for improving children's safety on their school journey and for reducing the number of car trips made to a school. It also supports the health and wellbeing of children, encouraging physical activities such as cycling and walking.

School Travel Plan data 2014/2015

	2014/2015
Total Bronze	43
Total Silver	32
Total Gold	12
Total accredited schools	87

This year saw a significant (7%) increase in School Travel Plans submitted. The prestigious Gold level* of accreditation rose by 3%. (*A Gold school demonstrates the highest level of participation and involvement, and where active travel is engrained as part of the whole school's culture)

STARS Top School Awards 2015

Eight 'School of the Region' Awards, are offered to schools who have shown an outstanding effort towards encouraging Sustainable, Active, Responsible and Safe Travel as part of the school journey, are available between the North, South, East and West London regions each autumn.

In addition awards are offered to schools who demonstrate a significant commitment to growing student participation in key themes such as walking, cycling, pupil-led activities and partnerships.

I have great pleasure in announcing the winners of the **STARS Top School Awards**

- **School of the Region: South** - The Glebe School

The Glebe's success in promoting independent travel has been largely due to the dedication and commitment of Martin Crabbe – Teacher and School Travel Planner. Martin has worked closely with the Glebe's Student Council to deliver projects that have helped achieve their GOLD accreditation this year and a 35% increase in students travelling independently to school. The Glebe recently purchased school bicycles to help them achieve their goal of all children having access to Bikeability training and saw their first students successfully completing all three levels.

- **School of Excellence: Pupil Led Project** – Darrick Wood

Darrick Wood's YTA Team has shown an appetite for success, developing their skills in leadership, team building, public speaking, budgeting and time management.

'Walking Wood Peckers' campaign targeted Year 7 students. The YTA's decision to make a reduction to the congestion in and around their school community and to increase active, healthier ways to travel has proved victorious.

The team inspired the Year 7 cohort to compete as forms and play a part in the 'Walking Woodpeckers' campaign. They managed this through assemblies, meeting with Head of Year 7, articles in the School newsletter, Parent Mail, surveys and posters.

At the end of each term, the winning form was awarded with the Walking Woodpecker trophy and a voucher for a 'Walkers' Breakfast'.

For more information you can visit the STARS website below:

<https://stars.tfl.gov.uk/PublicPages/about.aspx>

Talk on parking bays for disabled

Then followed an information talk from Tracey Morrish, re applying for a disabled parking bay outside of a private property. In order to start the application the vehicle owner has to prove by visiting our Doctor at the Civic Centre that they cannot walk further than 50m. Only disabled drivers will be considered, apart from exceptional circumstances e.g. the application is on behalf of a minor, refusal of the application would cause hardship to a resident carer with a car, or the disabled person. Only applicants with no 'off street' parking available to them will be considered. There will be a consultation with neighbours after informing local ward councillors and Cllr Smith, who can object to the bay. When the bay is sited near to the property this becomes a Disabled Parking Bay and as such can be used by any Blue Badge Holder. For full details please go to the Bromley web site and look under P for parking regulations and applications. In the future the Bay may be subject to an annual fee of £80.00, which is being consulted on at the moment.

Then followed a discussion of the 'pros and cons' of parking across driveways. For further information, again go to the Bromley web site and look under P for parking, Request Parking Enforcement. The public can now apply for a white bar marking (advisory only) to be painted across their drive for a payment of £50.

(Highway Code Rule 243 states: **DO NOT** stop or park in front of an entrance to a property.)

6. Engineers Report

None

7. Chairman's Report

It was reported that, after TfL had removed the "sheep pen" railings at the pedestrian crossing on Kentish Way adjacent to Harwood Avenue, following objections on safety grounds, they had reviewed the decision and replaced the railings.

At locations in Elmstead Lane and in Southborough Road where property boundaries extended to the road edge and cause pedestrians to have to walk in the road, successful lobbying had resulted in continuous pavements being created. The Chairman asked members to pass on details of any locations with this problem in their areas so that representations can be made to have the situation rectified.

The Chairman reported that, following revisions to the junction at Widmore Road /Kentish Way, traffic lights had been revised to include a right turn filter from Widmore Road into Tweedy Road, to enable more vehicles to make the turn and therefore be less tempted to drive through the town centre with the inherent danger to pedestrians.

It was reported that there are proposals for alterations to the traffic light crossing at the war memorial crossing on Chislehurst common, to improve traffic flow and details are to follow later when finalised.

It was reported that the proposals already approved by LBB for alterations to the Wendover Road/Masons Hill junction continue to be rejected by TfL but that Bromley are continuing to pursue this with TfL for approval.

8. Matters raised by members

KM: At the junction Cray Avenue/Sevenoaks Way with St Mary Cray Station Approach there is still a road sign saying to turn right for Crockenhill. Yet at the next junction there is a No Right Turn. Apparently there are works ongoing that will rectify this abnormality.

It seems a bit odd that anyone can lay down a traffic count across a road without any authorisation, or notification.

The meeting was made aware of a petition to install a pedestrian crossing Junction A21/A233. Val Currie said she would email all panel members with Pedestrian Crossing Criteria.

PF: Advised of parking difficulties in Penge and that Cllr C. Smith was investigating.

Brought to notice of the meeting recent stats that showed fatalities were down and slights were up with a small dip in the middle.

Penge Lane, which is a busy cut through, has gas works and this could be ongoing for some months.

Lorries and Buses that emit black exhaust fumes can be reported on the DVLA web site under Smokey Vehicles.

WW: Residents are concerned about speeding on The Avenue, West Wickham and the Ward Councillors have been contacted.

SU: Enquired if any costings can be obtained for policing yellow lines. We were informed that parking violation surveillance was now carried out by sub contractors and it was assumed that cost were met by fines. However Val Currie said she would see if she could obtain figures.

BH: Complained about the number of road signs that were being covered by foliage, this was an annual problem that was dealt with on an urgency basis. However the sign for the Langley Park Boys School in South Eden Park Road, on Leaving Links Way at the roundabout, was obscured by the Railway Bridge.

9. Matters for the attention of the Portfolio Holder.

None.

10. Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting is on 15th March 2016 at 7.30 pm in the Civic Centre.