

Bromley Borough Road Safety Consultative Panel

Minutes of meeting Tuesday, 13th November 2018 at the Civic Centre

Present:

Graham Savage	BH	Biggin Hill RA
Michaela Groves	BH	Biggin Hill RA
James Rowe	BR	Beadon Road
Kerry Judd	DR	Downe RA
Beryl Grimani-Harold	HV	Hayes Village RA
Miriam Harries	KR	Knoll RA
John Watkins	OSPC	Old St. Pauls Cray RA
Peter Daintree	PA	Park Avenue RA
John Harvey	PE	Chairman & Palace Estate RA
Jane Morley	PF	Penge Forum
Ron March	SU	Sundridge RA
Derek Cookson	SU	Sundridge RA
Zoe Telford	WB	West Beckenham
Val Currie	LBB	Road Safety Officer
Laura Warner	LBB	Traffic Engineer
Andy Walker	LBB	Cycling Officer

1 Apologies: Mike East **WWRA**, Cath Linney **Met.Police**

2 Minutes of Last meeting

Minutes signed, as a true record.

3 Matters Arising

There were still problems with the Tweedy Road/ Mitchell Way scheme where cars have had tickets issued because of the way they intrude the bus lane as they turn the corner.

Roadworks continue to cause disruption in Westmorland Road due to the ongoing construction work but an end is in sight.

4 Police officer's report

I'm afraid with five boroughs to cover I don't really have my ear to the ground so I can't report on what Bromley are up to as I don't really have contact with local Officers any more.

I know that Roadwatch continues and also Op Cubo (no insurance op). We have a new op – Operation Vision Zero which the Roads and Transport Policing Command are running across London. Bromley Safer Transport team are looking at two junctions in the borough - Tweedy Road, junction with Widmore Road and Also Croydon Road junction with Anerley Road.

Officers will be stopping vehicles and cyclists at these junctions for committing offences and looking to both educate and enforce. Also, Roads Officers will be out and about in cars to enforce the usual moving traffic offences and a few others as part of this op. See the list below for all the offences. I know Bromley STT have asked Louise if Road safety Officers can join them. They are also setting up a stand at Bromley South to educate pedestrians and cyclists.

Mobile Phones

Speed

Seatbelts (Adult and Child)

No Insurance

MOTORCYCLES:

Speed

Inconsiderate driving

Construction and Use

BICYCLES:

Lights

Safety advice re wearing of Helmets

Close pass

GOODS VEHICLES AND PSV:

Tachograph compliance

Construction and Use

I've looked at the fatal and serious collisions that the SCIU have dealt with since last June as I can't remember when the last meeting was. Apologies if I've duplicated any of these.

10/06/18 0803hrs – a male was knocked of his cycle in Anerley Hill when a car turned right in front of him. He sustained serious injuries.

23/06/18 0131hrs – a female pedestrian was hit by a car when she was in the road in Beckenham Road, West Wickham. She sustained a serious head injury.

27/07/18 – a female pedestrian was hit by a car in Hamlet Road, Anerley as she crossed the road. The driver failed to stop. The pedestrian suffered severe head injuries. Enquiries are still ongoing to trace the driver.

14/08/18 – an elderly female pedestrian was killed in St Johns Road, Petts Wood when she walked in front of a skip lorry which pulled away having been parked on the footway.

5 Road Safety Officers Report

Guest Speaker Andy Walker – Close Pass Initiative

The initial close pass operation took place in August on Hayes Lane between Norman Park and Ravensbourne School and proved to be really successful. At the same time, there was a linked speed check operation on London Road. We were joined by over 30 police & community support officers, some of whom had been invited from local and neighbouring divisions in order to also educate those officers. Several drivers were pulled over for close passes, many more for speeding down Mead Way and quite a few for no insurance or serious vehicle defects. Whilst the operation took place we also hosted a Dr Bike, Exchanging Places and Bike Security Marking event in Norman Park.

Here is the summary for the first operation:

- Monday at Hayes lane/Norman park - Two close passes, seven for speed. One seized vehicle for no licence. One no mot and one vehicle defect

Unfortunately the operation was cancelled the following day due to the terror attack in Westminster when the Met Cycle Safety team had been due to run the close pass operation on London Road between Warner Road and Kwik Fit in Bromley North. This also meant that we were not able to provide the scheduled Exchanging Places and Bike Security Marking in Market Square. Whilst this was disappointing, it was understandable given the circumstances.

The good news is that we were able to quickly reschedule the entire operation for early September. On day one, the Met Cycle Safety Team repeated the original Close Pass Operation on Hayes Lane alongside our Bike event in Norman Park. On day two the Close Pass Operation took place on London Road alongside our event in Market Square and on the final day the operation moved to Addington Road in Hayes following a recommendation from a local resident.

There were many motorists pulled over for close passes, speeding and other offences. The most significant being the driver of a black mini being pulled over on London Road for a close pass who upon further investigation was found to be driving without insurance in a car they did not own.

With a previous disqualification and 12 points on their license, the car was immediately impounded and a summons was issued. A second incident shortly afterwards saw the police give chase to an HGV down into Shortlands following a close pass.

Here is the summary for the second operation:

- Monday at Norman Park - Four reported for speed.
- Tuesday at London Road and Market Square - Five close passes. One no insurance and vehicle seized.
- Wednesday Glebe Way - Two for speeding.

We are already planning the next operation for November and are looking at several different locations which cannot be published until after the operation completes. The plan is to continue to work with the Met Cycle Safety Team on a regular basis and we are also looking on taking the Close Pass education into Secondary Schools to educate the next generation of drivers & cyclists.

Members of the public can flag up potential Close Pass locations in our borough by emailing me at andy.walker@bromley.gov.uk with locations. The Cycle Team can then assess them before passing them directly onto the team ready for when each operation is planned. They can also find out more about the LCC's #staywideroftherider campaign and log a close pass with them directly via <https://staywider.org/>

Please note: There is some basic criteria that the police would like to see from submitted locations. Ideally a location has to have a section of road within it that is 200m of straight road with good sight lines and sections of road where the width becomes restricted due to parked cars or pedestrian crossing islands. Most important is that close passes tend to occur frequently at that location.

For more information visit: <https://www.cyclinguk.org/campaign/toocloseforcomfort>

Police Stops:

Mottingham Action Day – 21st June

The police and RSO's moved to several different locations during the day including Dunkery Road and Court Farm Road. 10 drivers were stopped:

6 people regarding seatbelts,

1 for speeding

1 for dangerously overtaking a bus

2 child car seats were checked and corrected

Possible New Road Safety Poster locations from January'19:

Seymour Villas &/or Selby Road

Kings Hall Road

Sevenoaks Way

Great Elms Road

Dorney Rise

Amherst Drive

Petersham Drive

Church Road/ Shortlands Road

Elmstead Lane

D by C events:

A very successful event was held at Coopers School on Wednesday 7th November. As usual the day was supported by the Emergency Services.

JTA

Six Schools attended our **Top Team** event on the 5th July as a reward for their 'commitment to promoting safer, active and independent travel within their school communities'. The attendees enjoyed a cupcake and fizz reception in the grounds at the Civic Centre.

The overall winner of Top Team 2018 was St Paul's Cray CE Primary School.

Wickham Common took second place, Hayes Primary, Bickley Primary, Worsley Bridge Primary and Keston CE Primary all received Highly Commended awards

25th September was our **JTA Training and Investiture day**, new pupils were sworn in as official JTAs. The event took place in the Great Hall at the Civic Centre. Pupils received their JTA badges, certificates, a goody bag and an information pack full of ideas and prizes to use over the school year.

STARS Awards (Sustainable Travel, Active, Responsible, Safe)

This is a school travel plan accreditation scheme run in 69% of Bromley schools and aims to work with schools, pupils, their families, staff and the wider school community, to reduce the number of journeys made by car. STARS offers a framework to reward schools for their achievements at three levels (Bronze, Silver, Gold). The level of **Gold** accredited secondary schools has steadily increased over the past 3 years.

A STARS School Travel Plan is a working document that draws upon survey data to identify ways to promote walking, cycling and public transport as a viable, active and sustainable alternative to using the car.

We have finally had all of our travel plans approved and have some fantastic results, including a huge increase in the number schools reaching Gold Level standard.

We currently have:

25 Bronze schools

26 Silver schools

35 Gold schools

We have also seen increases in the number of children scooting, cycling and park and striding to school.

SCOOTSURE

Our summer **Scootsure Competition** was to design a scooter sign and slogan. The competition, offered to all schools that received scooter training in autumn and spring terms was well received and the standard of entries was amazing!

A Year 1 pupil from Dorset Road Infant School was our super scooter winner with the school receiving a Scooter Pod worth £300 and a certificate to display in school.

The winning child received a goody bag!

Scootsure is playground based training for scooter users. Aimed primarily at Year 3 students, it is intended to improve safety for riders and pedestrians and make scooting to school a viable, active and sustainable

alternative to using the car.

SMART MOVERS

The Smart Movers scheme will be continuing this year. This **FREE**, year - long project, encourages pupils to use active travel on the journey to school rather than the car. If pupils use active travel at least 10 times per month they are rewarded with a special badge. This year the badges are based Road Signs!

There are 26 schools taking part in the Smart Movers project this academic year.

CYCLING

LBB Cycle Officers have been very busy and are now booking Bikeability courses as far ahead as **June 2020!** These courses are also beneficial to the pupils as they encourage pupils to think about traffic movement. Since April 2018, LBB has trained over **650** pupils with a further **400** children booked for this term.

Cyclist of the Year (COY)

The 7th July saw our annual **Cyclist of the Year** event where 70 cyclists from primary schools across the Borough attended Norman Park to compete to become the 2018 champion.

The challenges were varied and ranged from a 'Lazy Limbo' to a cycling themed treasure hunt, with the main aim being to have fun!

After an action packed morning, a pupil from Warren Road Primary School took the top prize, with two pupils from Crofton Junior School taking 2nd and 3rd place.

ESCORTED RIDES

These are offered to help people find the best route to and from work as well as to build confidence.

One example has seen a **journey time halved** from 1hr 30 mins by train/bus, to 45 minutes by bike, door to door! If you are interested in any cycle training please contact the RSU.

DR BIKE

Over the summer months the Road Safety Unit ran **Dr Bike** sessions at Norman Park every other Saturday morning. These sessions offered members of the public the opportunity to bring their bicycle along for a free check-up by one of our in house qualified cycle mechanics.

These events were a huge success, with a good attendance at each session.

BLUE BADGE

A reminder that Blue Badge holders must never allow friends or relatives to use the badge to run an errand on their behalf and should not wait in the car while a friend or relative goes shopping. A Blue Badge should only be displayed if the badge holder is travelling in the vehicle as a driver or passenger, or for the badge holder to be picked up or dropped off and not be used by a visitor, unless they have parked to pick up the badge holder.

To report suspected misuse, please complete the online form on the Council website:

www.bromley.gov.uk/reportbluebadge

Or call: 020 8313 4800

6 Traffic Engineers Report

The Traffic Team are to implement the following schemes:

- Croydon Road junction with Anerley Road improvements – this is a widening of the carriageway outside Aldi Supermarket including safety improvements to the road surface. This scheme should also help ease congestion. – delayed due to further investigations.
- Bourne Way junction with Hayes Station Approach - improved crossing facility and inset parking bays – expected by end of March.
- Warren Road junction with Court Road – the original roundabout design has been changed and has been submitted for a safety audit – expected to start early autumn.
- Crofton Road Cycle Route – expected early Autumn.
- Red Lodge Road junction with Station Road, West Wickham – Starting February.
- Biggin Hill Bus stop Linking to museum – starting December.
- Biggin Hill 30mph gateway near airport terminal – starting January.

7. Chairman's report

The Chairman reported that, following co-operation with the Borough Senior Travel Planner Alexander Baldwin-Smith, a new enclosed 50 capacity bike store had been installed at Elmstead Woods Station.

The Chairman has proposed that this storage be made secure and accessible by code or card to improve usage and this proposal has been put to South Eastern Rail for consideration.

The Chairman has arranged for the Station Manager to keep a log of daily usage of the storage and corresponding weather conditions. This will provide a "before and after" comparison of usage if the enclosure is subsequently made more secure.

It was noted that the planning appeal for Bullers Wood Boys School to be sited at the St Hughes playing fields was underway at the time of the meeting. If approved, road safety issues may need to be addressed.

TFL have stated a target of zero KSI accidents and this was considered to be very ambitious. Following reports that two thirds of drivers are unaware of the new law that there is a six points penalty for mobile use when driving and therefore loss of licence for two offences, some roadside signs are proposed to flag this up with drivers. Implementation is waiting a budget go ahead for this. For new drivers, the licence is lost with one mobile use and the driver must take a retest. Following representation from parents, the Chairman requested some double yellowing lining adjacent to the zigzags outside Southborough Primary school and this is being implemented early in the New Year, together with a double yellow line extension on the corner of Oxhath Crescent. Following a serious incident in Croydon involving a bus driver under the influence of drugs, it was noted that TFL should be contacted to ask for regular drug testing of drivers similar to testing for alcohol by National Express drivers before every journey.

8 Matters Raised by members

HV There are severe problems with speeding down Bourne Vale and West Common Road.

The West Croydon bus crash, after which a driver had been arrested on suspicion of drug driving, indicates that TFL should be more circumspect about its drivers. Often employers use random drug testing, but National Express's drivers, for example, cannot start up their coaches without performing an on-site test. It was agreed that either the Chairman or the Portfolio holder would write to TFL to express the Panel's concern about the incident and request speedy improvement to testing procedures for drivers.

KR Query about single white lines on speed tables (Broomhill Road in specific). These white lines are advisory, not enforceable, to encourage drivers not to park on speed tables.

BR Concerns about speeding in Bourne Vale, Cameron Road, Barnhill Avenue, putting schoolchildren and residents at risk.

In the New St Marks Square development it is not obvious whether there will be cycling facilities, for example at the railway station front and opposite the Police Station. These matters should have been covered in the planning application, but would be raised with Highways Planning Officers. Cycling officers can help with advice on how to deal with five lanes of traffic.

PA In 20mph zones TFL have a healthy Streets scheme, as play streets, which adds to the congestion caused by 20 mph schemes.

PF A recent Radio 4 charity appeal for the Back Up Trust (<https://www.backuptrust.org.uk>) highlighted their work in helping wheelchair users cope with narrow and damaged pavements. Contact information would be forwarded for information of Panel members. Radio 4's Call You and Yours (13.11.18) had focused on the difficulties facing disabled people wishing to shop on High

Streets (as opposed to in supermarkets). In addition to problems physically accessing shops and cafes, together with restrictions on parking, research indicated that visually impaired and walking impaired shoppers tended to avoid centres with shared access for pedestrians and wheeled travellers. Visually impaired shoppers could not make the required eye contact with wheeled travellers in order to cross safely from side to side of rows of shops etc. They also no longer had the help of audible crossing systems. Walking impaired shoppers felt unable to move quickly enough when faced with a vehicle.

Locally, concern had been expressed about the combination of small children exiting the Green Lane Library and motorists pulling on to the pavement to park. The possibility of a physical disincentive to motorists breaking the law would be looked into.

SU Had there been a government report on how infrastructure should be improved? This was thought to be a Local Implementation Plan (LIP) report.

It was noted that Bromley Council had agreed to look at Road Safety measures in view of representations made by councillors, and that a public consultation should take place between 5 November and 19 January on the Borough's draft revised road safety LIP, drawn up to help implement the Mayor of London's new road safety strategy. The Secretary of the Panel had circulated a link to the draft paper to Panel Members, and member organisations were invited to put forward suggestions on potential systemic improvements that would complement the Mayor's targets to dramatically reduce the number of people killed or seriously injured on our roads.

9 Matters for the attention of the Portfolio Holder There were no matters for referral to the Portfolio Holder

The meeting was closed at 9pm

Date of the next meeting: 19th March 2019