



Executive
10th April 2006

**Report from the Director of
Environment and Culture**

For Action

Wards Affected:
Kensal Green

**Petition for CCTV Cameras and Lighting in
Bathurst Gardens**

Forward Plan Ref: E&C-05/06-060

1.0 Summary

The attached petition asking for CCTV cameras and lighting was received. The petition has been processed in accordance with Brent Council's Constitution. The lead petitioner has been informed that this petition will be considered by the Executive on 10th April 2006. This report looks into the standard of lighting and the provision of CCTV in Bathurst Gardens.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 The Executive notes that the standard of lighting in Bathurst Gardens meets the British Standard 5489 and resolves not to change the current British Standard of lighting in this road.
- 2.2 That officers approach Silverlink and ask them to reposition their camera on the station roof as suggested in paragraph 3.8
- 2.3 That officers approach Transport for London for funding to position a camera on 639 Harrow Road NW10 as recommended by the Crime Prevention Manager.

3.0 Detail

- 3.1 On 18th January 2006, a local resident was attacked in Bathurst Gardens and died as a result of the attack, while walking home from Kensal Green Station.

In an entirely separate incident another man was shot and killed on Hazel Gardens/ Park on 30th August 2003 after the Notting Hill Carnival. In response to the residents concerns local councillors, the former MP Mr Paul Boateng, representatives from Silverlink, British Transport Police and Council officers met with residents and agreed to install lighting in the Park, to upgrade the lighting around the station and to reposition one of the station's internal cameras to the station roof so it could better cover the outside of the station and provide a deterrent to criminal activity in the area.

- 3.2 All these arrangements were implemented and in July 2005 residents were introduced to the Kensal Green Safer Neighbourhood Team which consists of a Police sergeant, two Police officers and three Police community support officers.
- 3.3 The recent death of the local resident in January 2006, has renewed residents fears and concerns and the petition from residents in Bathurst Gardens essentially highlights their anxiety and worry about their safety.

LIGHTING

- 3.4 In response to the petition the Assistant Director of Environment and Culture, commissioned an independent survey of the lighting in the area that is Bathurst Gardens. T. Cartledge Limited, an independent lighting contractor (and not our current contractor), carried out a survey on the 23rd February 2006 to ascertain whether or not the lighting in Bathurst Gardens complies with the contract set requirement which is British Standard BS5489.
- 3.5 The survey was carried out at 8.00pm in the evening; the site conditions were wet and raining. Survey findings indicate that lighting between the columns was at a minimum lux level of 2.9 and beneath the column at a maximum lux level of 20. To comply with BS 5489 (category 3.2), there must be a minimum lighting lux level of 2.3 on each of the columns on Bathurst Gardens. The survey findings confirm that the light projected on the ground from each of the columns on Bathurst Gardens complies with BS5489 and therefore meets the set lighting requirement under the Street Lighting PFI Contract. This also confirms the inspection report from the Councils Street Lighting Engineer. Appendix 1 shows the result of the Cartledge survey report.
- 3.6 It is important to note that the British Standard 5489 is our design standard for Street Lighting across the borough.

CRIME STATISTICS FOR THE AREA

- 3.7 The British Transport Police crime statistics data for August 05 to January 06 for Kensal Green station suggest that the Kensal Green is the second safest

station in its cohort of 10 stations. An analysis of Metropolitan Police data for Silverlink / Bakerloo line stations, for July 05 to January 11.06, on reported robbery and snatch offences within a 350m radius of the station, suggest that the area is the fourth safest in that group.

The data is attached as Appendix 2.

CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION CAMERAS

3.8 The Councils CCTV manager and the Metropolitan Police Crime Prevention Officer, and CCTV advisor, were asked to advise on how the area around the station could be made safer and to identify the most appropriate potential site for a CCTV camera in Bathurst Gardens. Their advice is as follows:

- (i) To ask Silverlink to reposition their CCTV camera currently on the side of the station to the front of the station this will give greater coverage of pedestrians walking to and from the station.
- (ii) That the phone kiosk and free newspaper stands should be removed to discourage loitering in the area.
- (iii) That a camera in Bathurst Gardens on its own at either end or in the middle would be of very limited intelligence gathering. Using it would not be cost effective as it would not benefit the community as a whole. However, a potential site for a CCTV camera to achieve views from Kensal Green station to Bathurst Gardens is to place a camera on the building (639 Harrow Road, NW10.) This would require the landowners agreement.

This particular location was considered to be a primary site and best position for a CCTV camera in Kensal Green by the Crime Prevention Officer. However, it is important to note that the location will at best achieve partial coverage of Bathurst Gardens. On reflection officers also believe removing the phone kiosk and newspaper stands will also further isolate the area.

OTHER SECURITY MEASURES

3.9 The Metropolitan Police have agreed to patrol the area around Kensal Green station as part of the Safer Neighbourhood Team's regular beat.

4.0 Financial Implications

4.1 The cost of installing a CCTV camera and connecting it to the Brent CCTV Control Room is estimated at £30,500, there is also an additional annual revenue cost of £3000 for maintenance and for operating and monitoring the camera.

4.2 There is currently no capital or revenue funding identified for CCTV at Kensal Green Station in the 2006/07 capital programme or revenue budget. Officers are in the process of asking Transport for London for funding to cover the

capital costs of purchase and installation of a CCTV camera at the building at 639 Harrow Road NW10.

5.0 Legal Implications

- 5.1 The Council has the power under section 163 of the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994 to provide CCTV cameras and other apparatus if it considers that this will promote the prevention of crime or the welfare of the victims of crime. The Council is required to consult the police before installing CCTV cameras or apparatus.
- 5.2 Under section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 the Council has a duty to exercise its various functions with regard to the likely effect on, and the need to do all that it reasonably can, to prevent crime and disorder in its area.

6.0 Diversity Implications

- 6.1 The proposals in this report have been subject to screening and officers believe there no diversity implications which require partial or full assessment. The lighting improvements benefit all residents and visitors to the borough.

7.0 Staffing/Accommodation Implications (if appropriate)

- 7.1 The schemes are and will be managed by StreetCare and there are no accommodation implications that have been identified at this stage.

Background Papers

Petition from local residents.

Contact Officers

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