Briefing Note: Highways Committee – 20<sup>th</sup> October 2005 Item No: 6

"Wembley Stadium Event Day Parking: Brent Residents / inc. Toley Avenue Area" - Petition

This briefing note considers a petition organised and re-presented by Mr Robert Dunwell, Chairman, QARA Group of Associations & Barn Hill Residents Association (11 July 2004) in relation to the Wembley Stadium Event Day Parking Controls.

#### **The Petition**

A copy of the petition is appended to this note and the concerns / issues raised therein are summarised below:

- Brent Council has still not provided parking options as indicated in the residents responses to the August 2004 consultation;
- Petitioners reject Brent Council's present event day parking proposals (i.e. full CPZ type scheme)
- Toley Avenue and area be given the option of a 'signs only' scheme as agreed for the Barnhill area.

The petition also authorises Mr Robert Dunwell (QARA Group of Associations / Barn Hill Residents Association (July 2004)) to act as the signatories' representative.

#### Response to the petition

# **Parking options**

In designing the scheme for the Stadium event day parking management, the view of officers was that a robust scheme design was necessary, and one that would be easily recognisable and understood by visitors; hence a scheme combining road markings and strategically located signs indicating permit holder only parking, was designed for consultation. The consultation carried out in summer 2004 on the scheme proposals showed majority support from the Toley Avenue area.

# Petitioners reject proposals of "full CPZ type scheme"

The Event Day Protective Parking Scheme (PPS) does not incorporate the full measures of a Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ); yellow lines will not be introduced other than where necessary to improve road safety, such as at road junctions, and there will be minimum usage of signs.

In designing the scheme officers had been mindful that a wide usage of road markings and traffic signs would have a detrimental visual impact on the local environment, particularly as the PPS would only operate for up to 37 days a year. The scheme design represents a significant departure from a CPZ type scheme and approval has been obtained from the Department for Transport (DfT) to relax the regulations which cover the usage of signs and lines for parking control schemes.

# Option of 'signs only' scheme for the Toley Avenue area

As indicated above the PPS has been designed to ensure that residents have the 'protection' of a robust and credible parking control scheme during major events at the stadium. If Committee is minded to agree to re-consult in the Toley Avenue area on the option of a signs only scheme, the statutory consultation process for the making of the Traffic Management Orders (TMO's) for the entire PPS will be delayed. It is also therefore highly likely that the PPS will not be in place in time for the opening of the Stadium

# **Recommendations**

That Committee;

- 1. Notes the petition,
- 2. Instructs officers to proceed with the originally agreed scheme for the Toley Avenue area.

# **TOLEY AVENUE AREA PETITION**

# Wembley Stadium Event Day Parking: Brent Residents / incl. Toley Ave. Area (22Sept 2005)

Organised and represented by QARA Group of Associations & Barn Hill Residents Asstn. (11 July 2004) chairman R.Dunwell.

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# This follows directly on from the Wembley Stadium Parking Options Petition that many hundreds signed. (8 Sept. 2003 and 6 March 2004 and 12 Oct 2004))

We, the undersigned, residents and traders of the Barn Hill Areaoud Sumunes

- 1 Deplore the situation where Brent Council has still not generally provided parking options, as indicated in the residents' above earlier petitions, and in their Aug 2004 large-scale public consultation document Returns
- 2 Reject Brent Council's present Event Days Parking proposals (i.e. full CPZ type schemes) for our area and all those other areas having at present the same Council full CPZ scheme (incl. Marked out streets with parking bays and accompanying yellow lines). This includes Tokyngton and Oakington presently being re-consulted.
- 3 Require that Brent Council, it's Members and Officers, instead give Toley Avenue Area and other areas in 2 above the same Event Day parking scheme as it's immediately adjacent area Barn Hill. (Le area controlled with streets signs and permits but with No extra street markings such as parking bays and extensive additional yellow lining)
- We, the undersigned, also require and authorise that: 1) Mr R.Dunwell to represent us for this petition and related matters. (Both for internal and external to Brent Council and for other bodies) 2) Brent Council, it's members and Officers to deal with Mr Dunwell in this capacity.