



Committee
20th January 2009

**Briefing Note from the Director of
Transportation**

For Action

Wards Affected:
Kensal Green

**Briefing Note Title: Petition for Traffic Signals at the Harrow
Road/Wrotesley Road Junction.**

1.0 Summary

- 1.1 This briefing note informs members of a petition that was received from residents via Cllr Powney for the introduction of traffic signals at the junction of Harrow Road/Wrotesley Road. The briefing note informs members that funding for the scheme has been secured and will be implemented before the end of the 2008/09 financial year.

2.0 Detail

- 2.1 A petition has been received by the Council from residents via Cllr Powney requesting the introduction of traffic signals at the Harrow Road/Wrotesley Road junction. The petition has been verified as being in accordance with Standing Orders and reads:
- "Kensal Green residents demand that Brent Council install traffic lights at the junction of Wrotesley Road and Harrow Road, as previously promised."*
- 2.2 Brent has for a number of years had an aspiration to introduce traffic signals at the junction of Harrow road and Wrotesley Road. Within the 2007/08 financial year an opportunity arose to secure funding from Transport for London (TfL) through the Western Extension Zone programme (WEZ). Brent was awarded funding for the scheme in October 2007.
- 2.3 Public consultation on the proposals was undertaken in November 2007 with 67% of respondents supporting the scheme, 27% opposing it and 6%

expressing no opinion. The scheme was authorised for implementation under delegated authority in December 2007.

- 2.4 Traffic signals are installed and maintained by TfL and therefore the implementation of the scheme was subject to TfL's capacity to undertake the works.
- 2.5 Harrow Road forms part of London Strategic Road Network (SRN) and therefore any works like the introduction of traffic signal requires the approval of TfL.
- 2.6 With the short timescales available to deliver the project it became apparent that the works could not be completed prior to the end of the 2007/08 financial year. TfL WEZ were unable to make any commitment to fund the works past the 31st March 2008 and therefore there was no option to Brent but to put the project on hold until an alternative source of funding could be secured.
- 2.5 Since this time officers have actively sought alternative funding opportunities and were finally able to secure an additional £150,000 allocation from TfL through the annual Local Implementation Plan programme in December 2008. It is currently programmed for works to commence on site in February 2009, with the installation of the traffic signals programmed to take place in March 2009.

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