



**Highways Committee**  
16 March 2016

**Report from the Head of  
Transportation**

For Action

Wards Affected:  
Queens Park

**Petition requesting new zebra crossings in Chevening Road  
and Kingswood Avenue**

**1.0 Summary**

- 1.1 This report informs the Committee of a petition received from the Al Sadiq & Al Zahra School, Islamia Primary School and Al Ghadeer Nursery requesting the installation of new zebra crossings.
- 1.2 It provides information on road safety improvements to the local area in recent years and potential future improvements to pedestrian accessibility in the vicinity of the local schools.

**2.0 Recommendations**

- 2.1 That the Committee notes the contents of the petition, previous road safety improvements and funding availability.
- 2.2 That the Committee instructs officers to work with the local schools and residents' groups to consider and develop pedestrian accessibility improvements through assessments, and explore future funding opportunities to consult and fund identified improvements.
- 2.3 That subject to securing funding and the outcome of public consultation, the Committee authorises the Head of Transportation to take the necessary steps to implement improvements, subject to addressing or reporting back to the highways committee any substantial objections received during the statutory consultation process.

2.4 That the lead petitioner is informed of the Highways Committee decision.

### **3.0 The Petition**

3.1 On 17<sup>th</sup> December 2015, the Council received a petition from Mrs Thamer (lead petitioner) a member of Parent Teachers Association on behalf of the Al-Sadiq & Al-Zahra schools

3.2 The petition stated:

*“ We undersigned petition to the council to put a Zebra Crossing Area on Chevening Road and Kingswood Avenue, just by Al Sadiq & Al Zahra School, by Hopscotch Nursery and another one by Queens Park. We are asking Brent Council to give consideration, as there are Nurseries (Hopscotch and Al Ghadeer), Primaries Schools (Al Sadiq & Al Zahra and Islamia ), Secondary School ( Al Sadiq and Al Zahra ) and over ground Station ( Brondesbury Park) near. It is very difficult for children, parents, elderly, disabled and pedestrians each morning and evening crossing Chevening Road to or from Nurseries, Schools and Stations. These roads are really busy especially morning and evening and drivers sometimes do not acknowledge pedestrian, especially little children who are harder to see. Kingswood Avenue is busy either morning and evening, drivers using it as short cut between Harrow Road A404 and Salusbury Road. To make The Pilot parking scheme safer for every one establishing Zebra Crossing Area, will encourage drivers to slow down so it's safer to cross Queens Park. It is a hazard and something needs to be done, it is extremely stressing situation for the majority of parents.”*

3.3 Attached to the petition were letters of support from the Al-Sadiq and Ah-Zahra Schools (see Appendix 1), Islamia Primary School (see Appendix 2) and Al-Ghadeer Nursery (see Appendix 3).

3.4 A total of 138 people signed the petition.

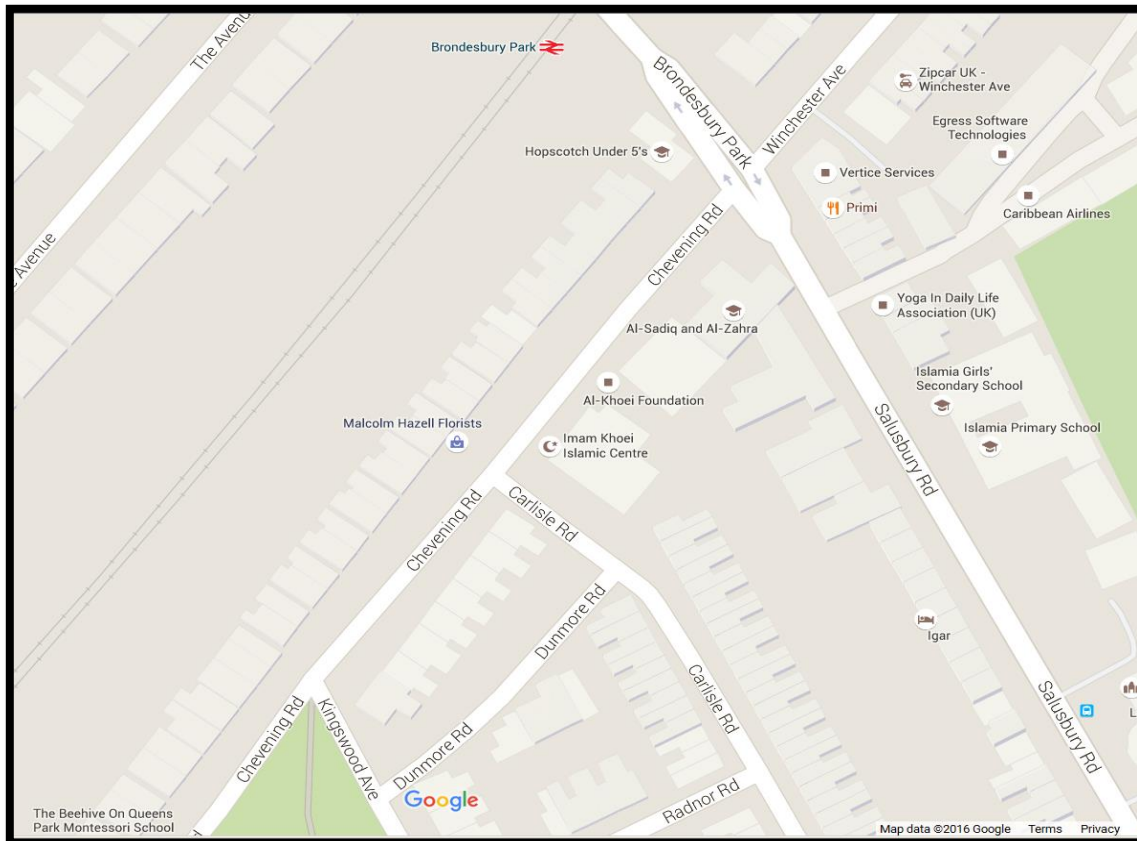
3.5 Officers were not able to verify whether the signatories live within the borough as their addresses were not provided.

3.6 Although we were not able to validate the signatures, in consideration of the number of signatories and local road safety concerns, it was decided by senior officers and Councillor Southwood, Lead Member for Environment that the petition should be considered by the Highways Committee.

### **4.0 Background**

4.1 Al-Sadiq and Ah-Zahra Schools and Al-Ghadeer Nursery are located at 134 Salusbury Road with an entrance on Chevening Road. Islamia School is located at 129 Salusbury Road. Hopscotch Under 5's Nursery is located at 215A Chevening Road (at the junction with Salusbury Road), and Beehive on Queens Park Montessori School is located at 147 Chevening Road (South East of the Junction with Kingswood Avenue).

Figure 1 below shows the location of these schools.



- 4.2 Chevening Road is an unclassified road situated between the junction of Salusbury Road and Brondesbury Park to the East, and Chamberlayne Road to the West. It is a residential street with access to Queens Park. There is a median strip at the junction of Brondesbury Park and Salusbury Road with access into Chevening Road from Brondesbury Park or into Chevening Road from Winchester Avenue and into Salusbury Road from Chevening Road prohibited.
- 4.3 Salusbury Road is a main link between Queens Park Underground Station and Brondesbury Park Station. It is approximately 1 km long and carries high volumes of traffic (approximately 16,300 vehicles per day in June 2012), and it is serviced by buses (route 206).
- 4.4 Salusbury Road has a mix use environment with residential as well as business properties. There are many other amenities present which include churches, a mosque, schools, a library, and local shops.

### Road Safety

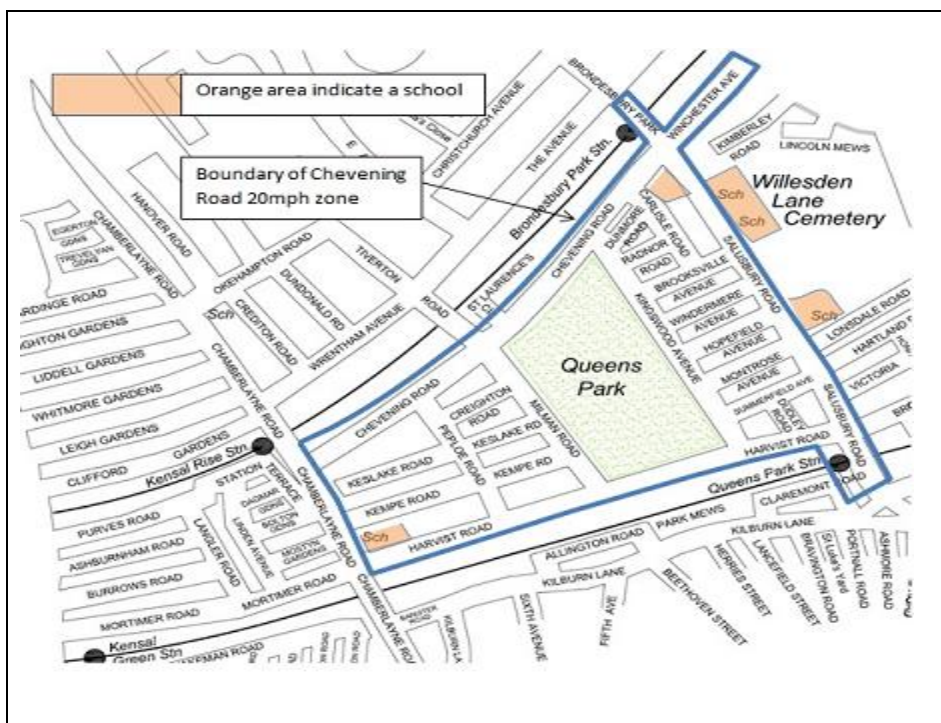
- 4.5 In recent years, various road safety measures have been implemented through the Council's Transport for London funded Local Implementation Plan (LIP) budget allocations to reduce the number of collision accidents in the area. This is the primary source of funding for schemes and initiatives to improve transport

infrastructure and travel behaviour. Section 106 Developer contributions have also been commissioned as a contribution to funding these improvements.

4.6 In 2013/14 the Queens Park Road area 20mph zone was implemented utilising approximately £180,000 of LIP funding. Measures included:

- Speed cushions and sinusoidal road humps in roads that did not have traffic calming measures.
- Introduction of speed tables (replacing existing speed cushions) at (or near), pedestrian crossing locations.
- Introduction of a 20 mph zone to residential roads around the Queens Park area.
- Introduction of 20 mph signs and road markings on Salisbury Road.
- A review of and provision of new signage for the existing 7.5 tonne weight restriction.
- Amendments to small sections of waiting and loading restrictions to improve visibility and road safety.
- A Vehicle Actuated Sign (VAS) to encourage vehicles to travel within the 20 mph speed limit on Salisbury Road.

Figure 2 below shows the extent of the 20mph zone and the location of schools.



4.7 In 2014/15 the Salusbury Road Local Safety Scheme was implemented utilising an allocation of approximately £95,000 of LIP funding and £100,000 of Section 106 agreement developer contributions that were available for the Queens Park area. Measures included:

- Traffic calming features including new speed tables and speed cushions to reduce vehicle speeds and improve road safety.
- Provision of a raised pedestrian crossing at the southern end of Salusbury Road.
- Widening of the pedestrian refuge median strip at the junction of Salusbury Road with Chevening Road.
- Advisory cycle lanes with cycle symbol markings towards Brondesbury Park and Queens Park stations.
- Additional Vehicle Actuated Signs (VAS) to encourage vehicles to travel within the 20 mph speed limit on Salusbury Road.

#### Accident Reduction

4.8 The Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) collates and processes data about reported personal injury accidents (PIAs) in Greater London. Transport for London (TfL) receives the Stats 19 accident data from MPS which is provided to the boroughs so they can identify trends (usually over 3 years) and target accident reduction.

4.9 An assessment of the latest available accident data has been carried out and reports the following for the 3 year period between 1<sup>st</sup> June 2012 and 31<sup>st</sup> May 2015 that:

- Chevening Road and Kingswood Avenue had no pedestrian accidents over the 3 years.
- Chevening Road shows 3 accidents near Tiverton Road, 2 involved cyclists and all occurred before completion of the 20mph zone scheme (June 2014).
- Salusbury Road between the Islamia School and Chevening Road junction shows 3 accidents, 2 involved pedestrians. All accidents happened prior to the implementation of safety measures (June 2014).

4.10 A number of vehicle speed surveys have been carried out on Salusbury Road. The results of the most recent survey south of Chevening Road (near Islamia School), carried out in November 2015 identified that average speeds have reduced from 28.3 mph to 19 mph since the scheme was implemented with 85%ile speeds reduced from 32.9 mph to 22 mph. The results indicate that traffic speeds are now within an acceptable tolerance for a 20mph speed limit.

- 4.11 There is no recent speed survey data available for Chevening Road but officers have observed that traffic has slowed considerably since the introduction of traffic calming measures were introduced.

### Parking

- 4.12 In early September 2015 in response to requests from local schools and complaints by local residents regarding inconsiderate and illegal parking in the area, the Council introduced a pilot scheme allowing parents and carers taking their children to local schools, to park free of charge in pay and display parking bays on Chevening Road and Kingswood Avenue between 3.00pm and 4.30 pm.
- 4.13 The council's Civil Enforcement Officers have been instructed not to issue Penalty Charge Notices to vehicles parked in these Pay and Display parking bays for the non-payment of parking charges during this time period on school days. Normally the parking bays are enforced when operational between 8.30am and 6.30pm (Monday to Friday).
- 4.14 The pilot scheme is currently being assessed and will be reported to Highways Committee.

## **5.0 Response to petition**

- 5.1 The area has been subject to road safety initiatives in recent years and an analysis of accident data has concluded that the number of personal injury accidents (PIAs) is reducing. Although officers will continue to monitor the accident records for the area, it is unlikely that significant LIP funding for a road safety scheme will be prioritised in view of the positive impact previous measures have had.
- 5.2 Future funding for accessibility improvements may however be available from the School Travel Plan - supporting engineering measures programme. This funding is used to provide accessibility and safety improvements around schools with School Travel Plans, including locations where there are barriers to walking in the borough. A budget allocation of £225,000 is available for 2016/17.
- 5.3 Islamia Primary School still has a school crossing patrol service operating in Salusbury Road which they fund.
- 5.4 The Al-Sadiq and Al-Zahra school and the Islamia Girls High School have School Travel Plans to Gold Accreditation. Islamia Primary School has Bronze accreditation. Accreditations are awarded by Transport for London to schools in the Capital that can demonstrate that their travel plans are live and have resulted in modal shift towards sustainable travel. These schools would therefore qualify for consideration of engineering measures to support their School Travel Plans.
- 5.6 Although funding in 2016/17 has been prioritised to maintain child pedestrian safety at locations where school crossing patrol sites have been deleted, confirmation of measures and costs are yet to be determined. This work will be programmed during the first quarter of 2016/17 including the collation of traffic surveys and assessments to determine the most appropriate measures to install. Once scheme costs are

confirmed we can assess if further work can be accommodated within the 2016/17 programme.

- 5.7 In the meantime Officers will work with the local schools and residents groups to assess the local conditions and develop proposals to improve pedestrian accessibility at the locations contained in the petition.

## **6.0 Financial Implications**

- 6.1 The estimated cost for a scheme to be designed, consulted on and implemented could cost up to £60,000, subject to the final design.
- 6.2 Proposals could be progressed using the £225,000 Transport for London capital budget for 2016/17, subject to sufficient funding being available following the consideration of measures at locations where School Crossing Patrol posts have been deleted. Alternatively, funding will be considered in future years.
- 6.3 There are no implications on the council's revenue budgets arising from this report.

## **7.0 Legal Implications**

- 7.1 Any changes identified and approved for implementation will require the amending of the existing traffic regulation order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

## **8.0 Diversity and Equality implications**

- 8.1 S149 of the Equality Act 2010 provides that the Council must have due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations between those who share a protected characteristic, and those who do not.
- 8.2 There are no diversity implications arising from this report and its recommendations at this time. However, an Equality Assessment will be carried out for any future proposals after the consultation with all affected residents, businesses and other stakeholders. This assessment will be included in the Delegated Authority report for approval by the Head of Transportation.

### **Appendices**

- A - Letter of support from the Al-Sadiq and Ah-Zahra Schools
- B - Letter of support from the Islamia Primary School
- C - Letter of support from the Al-Ghadeer Nursery

### **Background Papers**

None

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## Appendix A - Letter of support from the Al-Sadiq and Ah-Zahra Schools



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مدارس الامام الصادق والزهراء (ع)  
Al-Sadiq and Al-Zahra Schools

30<sup>th</sup> November 2015

Dear Mr Kennedy

The PTA from our school have applied for a zebra crossing outside the school to ensure safety for the children.

We would be very grateful for an assistance given to them.

Kind Regards

Mrs M Kassam  
Secretary

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## Appendix B - Letter of support from the Islamia Primary School



### Islamia Primary School (VA)

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Website: [www.islamiaprimery.org](http://www.islamiaprimery.org)

RE: Zebra Crossing on Chevening Road

Date: 11<sup>th</sup> December 2015

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express our school's support for a new Zebra crossing on Chevening Road next to Salisbury Road. A significant number of pupils, parents and staff from our school use Chevening Road every day:

- We have 90 children and 10 staff who are based at Winkworth Hall on the corner of Chevening Road (above Hopscotch Nursery). They are required to cross Chevening Road FOUR times a day to and from the main site on Salisbury Road. We have experienced close encounters with on coming vehicles on numerous occasions as there is nothing encouraging vehicles to stop for pedestrians.
- Numerous pupils from the main site on Salisbury Road and their parents use Brondesbury Park Station and cross Chevening Road to access the school.
- Numerous staff, including myself, from the main site on Salisbury Road use Brondesbury Park Station and cross Chevening Road to access the school.

Our staff and parents have contributed to the petition requesting that a Zebra crossing be installed on Chevening Road (near Salisbury Road) as soon as possible to safeguard our pupils, parents and staff.

Yours Sincerely,

Deputy Headteacher

## Appendix C - Letter of support from the Al-Ghadeer Nursery

Al-Sadiq & Al-Zahra School  
**Al-Ghadeer Nursery**



مدارس الامام الصادق والزهاء (ع)  
روضة الفديير

11<sup>th</sup> December 2015

Dear Mr Kennedy

Following on from the Parent Teacher Association's application for a zebra crossing outside the school to improve safety for the children, we are requesting you to give serious consideration to this application.

We look forward to your response and thank you advance for your support in this important matter.

With kind regards



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