

**Full Council – 18 September 2023**

**Conservative Group Motion**

**Management of Road and Utilities Work across the borough**

The Brent Conservative Group is concerned about the lack of coordination and management of the many road works, repairs and temporary traffic lights in our borough.

This Council have had numerous complaints from residents who whilst appreciating that these works need to be carried are very unhappy at the way they are managed and the traffic chaos that they cause.

As an example; it has been taking up to an hour to get through the temporary lights on East Lane in Wembley.

We are also concerned that the utility companies do not coordinate works so that they are carried out together and with minimal disruption.

There are numerous examples of roadworks being started, temporary traffic management put in place but nobody appears to be working for several days or even weeks. Stonebridge has had two sets of temporary lights working against each other for weeks, with no one working there, with disruption at Blackbird Hill, Preston Road, Watford Road near Northwick Park Hospital to give just a few further examples.

Council is therefore asked to note the following concerns:

- Roadworks, though essential, cause major traffic hold ups including in some cases gridlock, can lead to road rage and leads to an increase in pollution.
- There is no interaction between the various agencies who own the services beneath our streets.
- There is no coordination to ensure that roadworks are carried out in such a manner so they do not interact to cause further disruption.
- There 'appears' to be no measures to ensure that roadworks are timed and coordinated so as to cause the minimum disruption to road users.

As a result of the concerns highlighted the Cabinet Member for Environment, Infrastructure and Climate Action is asked to ensure:

- (1) That, with the exception of emergencies e.g. burst water mains, when a utility company applies for permission to carry out road works, the Council notifies all other utility companies to see if they need to carry out works so that it can all be done at the same time.
- (2) That roadworks are planned so that other roadworks are not carried out at the same time within ½mile of the application.
- (3) That companies who apply for permission to carry out works must do so within a certain time frame and if not completed on time, should be fined by the local authority.

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