



Highways Committee
7 February 2013

**Report from the Head of
Transportation**

Wards Affected:
Brondesbury Park; Queen's Park

Petition for 20mph speed restrictions in Chamberlayne Road

1.0 Summary

- 1.1 This report informs the Committee of a petition received from Kensal Rise Residents Association concerning speeding and road safety.
- 1.2 Chamberlayne Road is a two-way single carriageway road located between the A4003 Willesden Lane (to its north) and A404 Harrow Road (to its south). Chamberlayne Road is fronted by a mixture of retail, cafeterias and residential properties and forms part of a bus route linking to Kensal Rise Station. The road is currently subject to a 30mph speed limit.
- 1.3 The section of Chamberlayne Road between Whitmore Gardens and Mortimer Road and its approaches are subject to a high level of personal injury accidents (PIA's). There were 32 (PIA's) along the route in the past three years, leading to one fatal casualty, three serious and 28 slight injuries.
- 1.4 Officers are reviewing the existing Chamberlayne Road corridor including Station Terrace as part of an approved funding submission through the Local Implementation Plan (LIP) programme and have identified a range of measures to reduce the high levels of collisions recorded over the past three years.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 That Committee notes the contents of the petition.
- 2.2 That the Committee notes that funding has previously been allocated through the LIP programme to introduce a safety scheme for Chamberlayne Road and that officers are currently working with the Kensal Rise Residents Association to identify a preferred scheme, which will be subject to public consultation during the current financial year.

3.0 The petition

3.1 The petition, received from Kensal Rise Resident Association requests implementation of 20mph speed restrictions on Chamberlayne Road. The petition has been verified to be in accordance with Standing Orders.

3.2 The full wording of the petition is:

Kensal Rise Resident Association Speeding Petition for 20mph Restriction on Chamberlayne Road, July 2012.

The petition has 70 signatures.

4.0 Existing Situation

4.1 Chamberlayne Road is two-way single carriageway road located between the A4003 Willesden Lane (to its north) and the A404 Harrow Road (to its south). Chamberlayne Road is fronted by a mixture of retail, cafeterias and residential properties. Footways are provided along both sides of Chamberlayne Road.

4.2 Station Terrace is a one-way street located to the west of Chamberlayne Road. It is fronted by a mixture of cafeteria, small shops and residential properties. The main entrance to Kensal Rise Station can be accessed along Station Terrace.

4.3 Kensal Rise Overground Station can be accessed from both Chamberlayne Road and Station Terrace. Services from this station provide connectivity to Stratford and Clapham Junction and to Richmond.

5.0 Detail

5.1 Brent is committed to the continued reduction of personal injury accidents (PIA) and the improvement of road safety on our roads. To that end our traffic management programmes prioritises locations with the most significant problems on an annual basis for the introduction of mitigation measures. The main factors considered in this prioritisation are personal injury accident (PIA) levels, volume and speed of traffic.

5.1 An assessment of the PIA levels on Chamberlayne Road has indicated that there have been 32 PIA's during the past three year period. As a result of this high-level of injury accident occurrence, a programme to implement measures to reduce vehicle speeds has been funded through the LIP programme during the financial year 2013 – 2014.

5.2 Speed and vehicle classification surveys were undertaken from 14th November 2012 to 20th November 2012. The results showed that the majority of traffic was car-based and that average vehicle speeds were generally less than the 30mph speed limit, but were notably in excess of 20mph.

- 5.3 Chamberlayne Road and Station Terrace carry moderate levels of traffic, but traffic does travel at speeds that are higher than would be desirable given the mixed retail use, high pedestrian demand to the Overground Station, and extensive residential frontage. As a result there has been a high incidence of collisions and casualties.
- 6.4 Officers therefore propose to develop proposals to introduce a 20mph speed limit in conjunction with physical measures to reduce traffic speeds and adjust the road layout to change driver behaviour. Consultation on these proposals will take place during the current financial year. This will enable the concerns of the petitioners to be addressed at the earliest possible opportunity.
- 6.5 Member's should note that officers from Transportation met with the Lead Petitioner on Wednesday 5th December 2012 to discuss the issues. A further meeting took place on 10th January 2013 to discuss options for a speed reduction scheme and a preferred option has been identified for consultation.

7.0 Financial Implications

- 7.1 Funding for the Chamberlayne Road Corridor Scheme is available from the Annual Local Implementation Plan (LIP) settlement from TfL.
- 7.2 An allocation of £30,000 is available from the LIP within the current (2012/13) financial year for design and consultation on the Corridor Scheme. A provisional allocation of £100,000 has been identified within the 2013/14 LIP to fund the implementation of the Chamberlayne Road Corridor Scheme.
- 7.3 Budget has therefore been identified to undertake the development and introduction of measures on Chamberlayne Road and Station Terrace to address the concerns of the petitioners.

10.0 Legal Implications

There are no legal implications arising from this report and its recommendations at this time.

11.0 Equalities implications

There are no other equalities implications associated with this issue at this time.

Background Papers

None

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