



**Highways Committee**  
10 December 2013

**Report from the Head of Transportation**

For Action

Wards Affected:  
Alperton

**Petition requesting the installation of speed cameras in Ealing Road, Alperton**

**1.0 Summary**

- 1.1 This report informs the Committee of a petition requesting the installation of speed cameras on Ealing Road between Hanger Lane and Carlyon Road, Alperton.
- 1.2 It advises members that it is the responsibility of Transport for London to work with Boroughs to identify locations for speed cameras in the capital through application of agreed prioritisation criteria.
- 1.3 The report informs the committee of measures that will be taken to investigate accidents along this section of Ealing Road with the London Borough of Ealing and assess future measures to improve safety.

**2.0 Recommendations**

- 2.1 That the Committee notes the contents of the petition and the issues that were raised.
- 2.2 That the Committee notes the outcomes of preliminary investigations, which indicate that, on review of TfL's criteria for provision of safety cameras, there would be insufficient justification for a speed camera to be considered within Brent.
- 2.3 That discussions be held with Ealing Council to consider whether there could be justification for a speed camera within Ealing, and to investigate whether a local or

joint road safety scheme could be prioritised for a possible funding bid during 2014-15.

- 2.4 That the main petitioner be informed of the outcome of the Highways Committee decision in regard to this matter.

### **3.0 Details of Petition**

- 3.1 A petition has been received by the Council from the Cromwell and Burns Residents Association in Alperton. The petition has 83 signatories and has been verified in accordance with the council's procedures.

- 3.2 The full wording of the petition is:

*"We the undersigned are increasingly concerned by the number of accidents on the stretch of Ealing Road between Hanger Lane roundabout and the traffic lights at the junction of Carlyon Road and Ealing Road.*

*We are also worried about the blatant disregard, for the 30mph speed limit, by many motorists and, in particular, motorcyclists, along this section of road and the obvious danger this causes for the people who use the zebra crossing close to the junction between Alperton Lane and Ealing Road.*

*We therefore call upon Brent Council to enter into discussions with Ealing Council about the placement of SPEED CAMERAS along this section of Ealing Road in order to ensure the safety of their constituents."*

Copies of the petition are available for inspection by Members of the Highways Committee.

### **4.0 Background**

- 4.1 The A4005 Ealing Road is part of the borough's Principal Classified (A Road) network and as such is an important route through the borough. The section between Hanger Lane roundabout and Carlyon Road is shown in **Appendix A**. It is fronted by a mixture of residential and retail properties on both sides of the road. Hanger Lane roundabout is a busy gyratory where high volumes of traffic from the A406 North Circular Road and A40 Western Avenue merge.
- 4.2 The petitioner's concerns relate to their perception that high speed traffic passing along the Ealing Road creates a safety hazard for pedestrians. They have requested speed cameras to enforce lower speeds on this section of road.
- 4.3 Transport for London (TfL) are responsible for London's safety camera programme. Their Surface Planning Team liaise with representatives from the boroughs on improvements to existing sites, identification of new sites and decommissioning sites where it is agreed that cameras are no longer required.
- 4.4 TFL apply stringent prioritisation criteria to determine which sites will have speed cameras installed. There must have been a minimum of 4 killed or seriously

injured (KSI) collisions in a three year period, and at least 2 of these must have been identified in accident reports as being a result of speeding.

- 4.5 There have been 15 personal injury accidents recorded along this section of the Ealing Road between September 2010 and June 2013, resulting in 21 casualties (19 slight and 2 serious injuries).
- 4.6 Of the 15 accidents recorded, nine involved vehicles colliding with each other, three involved motorcycles being hit by vehicles and three were as the result of pedestrians stepping in front of vehicles. Six incidents occurred near the Carlyon Road junction, but there were no common factors involved in these incidents.
- 4.7 Although there have been 21 casualties in the last 3 years, none of the related incidents were reported by attending Police officers as being speed related. Accident data within Brent would not therefore meet the TFL criteria for a speed camera to be installed.
- 4.8 There is no clear justification to apply for a speed camera within Brent, however, the road safety concerns of this resident group have been noted. It is therefore proposed to take the following actions;
- a) Liaise with LB Ealing to review accident data along Ealing Road up to the boundary with Brent to see if there might be justification for a speed camera within LB Ealing;
  - b) Consider whether alternative road safety measures could help to reduce the number of personal injury accidents along this section of Ealing Road within Brent; and
  - c) Determine whether a joint safety scheme could be developed in conjunction with LB Ealing.
- 4.9 If there is considered to be sufficient justification and potential remedial benefits to be gained from delivering a safety scheme, this will be assessed and prioritised during 2014-15 as part of the Local Implementation Plan development process. Data on speed and traffic volumes will be collected to assist in determining whether a viable and effective safety scheme could be delivered.

## **5.0 Financial Implications**

- 5.1 There are no financial implications as a result of this report; further assessments will be carried out using existing resources, with surveys funded from revenue set aside for investigations of this nature.
- 5.2 Any future scheme identified, whether the installation of a speed camera or alternative safety improvements, would be subject to prioritisation against other local safety scheme projects identified within the Borough, and the availability of funding through the Local Implementation Plan.

## **6.0 Legal Implications**

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

## **7.0 Diversity Implications**

7.1 There are no equality and diversity implications arising from this report at this time.

### **Background Papers**

None

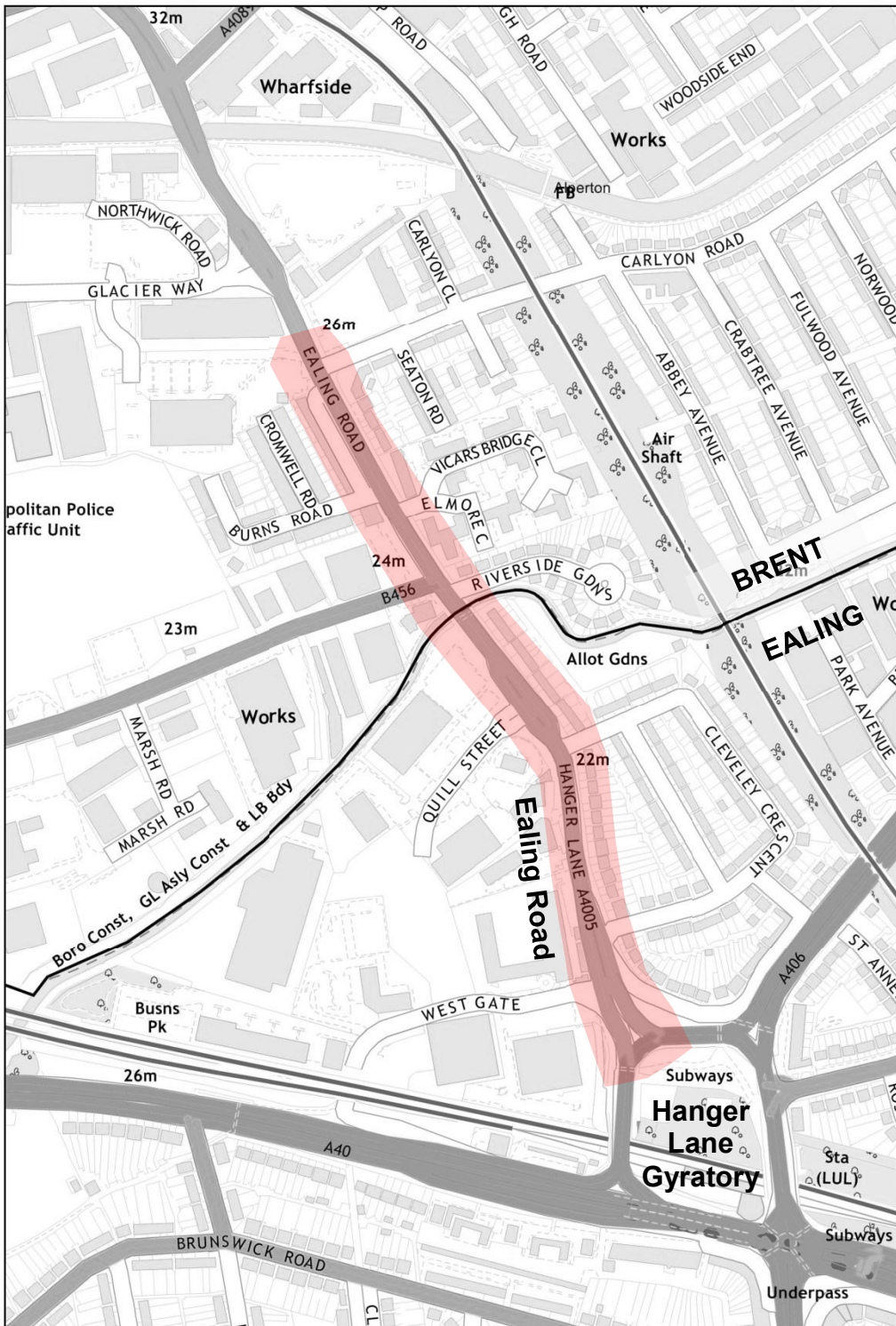
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# Appendix A

## Ealing Road - Hanger Lane to Carlyon Road



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