

**EXECUTIVE**  
**17 September 2011**

**Petitions - school crossing patrols**

The following petitions, each signed by at least 50 residents or people who live and work in the borough have been submitted in accordance with Standing Orders:

**1. Save Brent's Lollipops**

"I believe the safety of children is very important. I oppose Labour's plans to scrap my local lollipop person and the school crossing patrol they provide."

*(Some with above generic statement, others include specific reference to particular crossings in the borough in Sudbury, Convent of Jesus and Mary Infants, Park Avenue and High Road Willesden). (529 signatures approx.)*

From: Brent Liberal Democrats

**2. Petition is support of Simon Isaacs from the Parents of Gladstone Park Primary School**

"We the undersigned wish to express the strongest possible support for Simon Isaacs our school crossing patrolman. We want to emphasise the quality of his personal influence on the safety of children. Pointing out how his happy, positive and inclusive manner affects the whole community crucially including passing drivers with no connection to the school. This criterion to the exclusion of others should be the most important for judging whether he remains in post."

From: Gladstone Park Primary School PSA Committee (301 signatures approx.)

**3. The proposed plans to cut the fund for our School Crossing Patrol**

"We the parents and children of Leopold School and residents object to our school losing our lollipop lady during the staff cutbacks. She is a valuable community member actively preventing accidents and fatalities around the school in the morning and afternoon. We would like Brent Council to reconsider its decision and keep our lollipop lady."

From: Leopold Primary School (321 signatures approx.)

**4. Petition – objection to proposed changes to the School Crossing Patrol**

"We the undersigned are deeply unhappy at Brent Council's decision to sack 30 of the 47 School Crossing Patrol Officers currently working near Brent's schools, despite the high rates of child injury and fatality in this country, including many tragic accidents in Brent. We are also very unhappy at Brent allowing just one month for consultation, which gives no real chance for views to be gathered or for preparations to be made. The so-called consultation process is woefully inadequate.

We therefore demand that Brent's current plans be suspended, pending adequate consultation and consideration of all the issues."

Lead petitioner: George Burn (682 signatures approx.)

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