

## **Opposition Priority Business**

### **Street racing on the A10 Great Cambridge Road**

#### **1.0 Executive Summary**

- 1.1 Street racing has occurred on the A10 Great Cambridge Road for many years.
- 1.2 This activity is continuing to inflict distress to Enfield residents.
- 1.3 This paper sincerely acknowledges that both political parties have tried to highlight the issue but, as yet, a solution has not been found.
- 1.4 Resolving this issue aligns with several elements of the Councils' Corporate Plan.
- 1.5 This OPB paper includes four recommendations.

#### **2.0 Recommendations**

- 2.1 For the Leaders of both groups to write a joint letter to the Mayor and ask for the following:
  - To commit to placing average speed cameras on the A10 Great Cambridge Road;
  - Until cameras are installed, request that the police presence (Operation Vision Zero) remains fully funded to combat speeding/racing at the known prevalent times when operationally appropriate.
- 2.2 Council to lead on arranging a multi-agency meeting(s) as required with key stakeholders including Transport for London (TfL), Police and Retail Parks to ensure a coordinated response to the tackling the problem.
- 2.3 That the Council communications team actively work with the Police to raise awareness in the community of the Vision Zero strategy, new Dashcam enforcement process and dangers of speeding.
- 2.4 Council to conduct a review of how many times the PSPO power has been implemented, its effectiveness and if it can be deployed better in tackling large gatherings on the retail parks.

#### **3.0 Background**

- 3.1 The street racing activity is particularly prevalent at the weekend.
- 3.2 The noise from the racing can be heard by many residents; not just those who live on or adjacent to the A10 Great Cambridge Road.
- 3.3 The issue is regularly raised on the doorstep as well on social media community discussion forums.
- 3.4 In 2015 TfL removed safety cameras from the A10.

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- 3.5 It is understood that discussions between the Council and TfL gave the impression that the latter would roll out average speed cameras over a phased three-year timescale.<sup>1</sup>
- 3.6 The Council has introduced Public Space Protection Orders with the aim of combating the large gatherings on the retail parks.
- 3.7 The lead officer that gave the undertaking has left and TfL have placed the matter on hold whilst they review the criteria for speed camera deployment.<sup>2</sup>
- 3.8 Following community pressure the police have implemented Operation Vision Zero to tackle the significant speeding on the A10.<sup>3</sup>
- 3.9 The Police have requested residents send in dashcam footage of dangerous driving.
- 3.10 The Conservative Group has been in contact with the Council, TfL and Police to raise the importance of this issue. In addition to being featured on BBC regional news<sup>4</sup> and hi-lighting the issue on social media. Moreover, ensuring that the Mayor of London has been asked questions during his 'Question Time'<sup>5</sup> sessions.
- 3.11 Residents and community groups have shown their clear concern on the issue through several channels including social media and writing to TfL. During the Bush Hill Park by-election, it was clear that this was a major and significant issue on the doorstep.
- 3.12 The Police presentation at the recent Bush Hill Park Ward Forum underlined the effectiveness of the enhanced policing presence through Operation Vision Zero. In addition, it is already starting to change behaviour of drivers on the A10.

#### **4.0 Concerns**

- 4.1 The concerns mentioned by residents are:
- Road safety for those doing the racing and as well as other road uses;
  - Noise especially late into the night;
  - Pollution.

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<sup>1</sup> Position statement following 04/10/17 meeting with TfL.

<sup>2</sup> Letter from TfL to the Leader 26/04/19.

<sup>3</sup> <http://news.met.police.uk/news/policing-operation-to-target-dangerous-drivers-on-the-a10-367898>

<sup>4</sup> BBC London News, 02/01/19.

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.london.gov.uk/london-assembly-mayors-question-time-2019-01-17>

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4.2 Businesses on the A10 leave their car parks open providing meet places for the street racers.

4.3 There have been recorded fatalities on the A10 in recent years.

**5.0 Police activity**

5.1 We thank the police for its work to tackle the problem.

5.2 The Road Traffic Police Command have made many successful arrests and vehicle seizures following its recent work. This has been welcomed by residents and councillors.

5.3 However, we cannot expect the Police to provide that level of continued operational cover on a permanent basis.

5.4 Therefore, an effective solution must be found.

**6.0 Conclusion**

6.1 The people of Enfield want action on this issue.

6.2 This issue is a longstanding one that is impacting residents.

6.3 Resolving the problem aligns with the Councils Corporate Plan.

6.4 The recommendations reflect the views of residents and support a cross party approach.