

# St Mary's Ward Partnership Meeting

Islington Town Hall

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2020

## Notes of meeting

### Attendees

Cllr Nurullah Turan

Cllr Angela Picknell

Cllr Rowena Champion

Liz Wathen (Traffic and Safety Manager)

Sarah Armstrong (Ward Partnership Co-ordinator)

No	Item
	Welcome and Introductions
1	<p><b>Highbury Corner Roundabout – Traffic Congestion</b></p> <p>Major works are now completed and we are half way through a yearlong monitoring and evaluation period.</p> <p>Concerns raised by residents included</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- The pedestrian crossing by the Hen and Chicken Theatre and vehicles going through when on Green for pedestrians.</li><li>- Increase in standing traffic – primary school nearby has had to close playground more frequently because of pollution.</li><li>- Car waiting time increased from 3 – 5 minutes.</li><li>- Pollution at dangerously high levels.</li><li>- Traffic pushed to other roads including Canonbury road and Liverpool Road (a pupil did get knocked over outside school by a car doing a U-turn because of congestion).</li><li>- Road markings around Highbury Corner seem unfinished, signage is unclear.</li><li>- Issue with the lights from Waitrose to St Pauls road – no keep clear markings and cyclists almost knocking over pedestrians.</li></ul> <p>The bus stop on St Pauls road with the built out pavement for pedestrians has been identified as contributing to the congestion – work will start in next 2 – 3 weeks to create a passing space.</p>

	<p>Monitoring is currently taking place – this is completed by TfL rather than Islington Council and takes this long to allow traffic to settle – proper surveys will be taking place in June and changes will likely be made.</p> <p>There was a suggestion that TfL had committed to providing some 6-month data and this will be followed up the Traffic and Safety Team.</p> <p>When considering any measures to tackle traffic displacement we will have to look at areas rather than roads in Isolation. Islington will consider the use of experimental orders for 18 months and monitor and will liaise with transport planning.</p> <p>Additional signage and clearer road markings will be requested of TfL.</p> <p>It was suggested that a further public meeting with TfL be arranged and residents from all affected ward – St Mary’s, Barnsbury, Highbury West etc. - be invited.</p>
<p><b>2</b></p>	<p><b>Islington Square impact on residential parking</b></p> <p>A number of residents from roads surrounding Islington Square were in attendance to again raise concerns about the impact of Islington Square in increasing traffic to the area and subsequent parking issues for residential permit holders.</p> <p>It was appreciated that the residential properties within Islington Square are not given parking spaces and will not be eligible to apply to Islington for an on street parking permit but it is recognised that they will have visitors and will be able to buy visitors vouchers to allow parking sporadically.</p> <p>There is to be a nursery, gym, restaurants, theatre and cinema all opening at the location and whilst efforts have been made to encourage the use of public transport the reality is that some people will drive.</p> <p>Parking issues are already very apparent but are getting and will continue to get worse as more of Islington Square becomes operational.</p> <p>Residents have concerns about increased pollution and idling cars waiting to pick up passengers, those in serviced apartments without a car parking space will probably use taxis and there will be an increase in idling vehicles.</p> <p>The exit into Almeida street is not open – lots of lorries coming the wrong way down Studd street.</p> <p>Liz Wathen stated that Islington are looking at the suggestions put forward by residents – extended restrictions / sub zones / surveys commissioned.</p>

	<p>It was agreed to wait until Islington Square is fully operational before a true assessment of traffic is taken so we can look at capacity and where the stresses are – we need to know where it’s going to go and if further restrictions are implemented where else will be affected.</p> <p>Can we circulate original reports from planning app for Islington square on traffic and traffic movement? – info is on the planning portal – will circulate the planning reference.</p> <p>Concerns were that consultation in such a big zone will not be reflective of the issues of the people living in the area.</p> <p>Can businesses be used to get messaging out to their customers / patrons i.e. Not to park or bring cars.</p> <p>Can we have Islington as an anti-idling borough? – need permission from central government but in the meantime there is a need for better publicity of anti idling campaigns.</p>
3	<p><b>St Mary’s Community Plan</b></p> <p>Feasibility study for Liverpool Road – residents said please don’t close the road but happy to look at other ways to improve the experience for pedestrians – maybe get rid of the taxis – would also decrease idling.</p>
4	<p><b>A.O.B</b></p> <p>There has been a notable increase in noise from the tube for the past year – Highbury &amp; Islington to Kings cross, possibly because they have changed sleepers and clips.</p> <p>Please report to Islington’s ASB service re: persistent noise nuisance so that a noise assessment can take place.</p>
	<p><b>END</b></p>
	<p>Any questions please contact <a href="mailto:sarah.armstrong@islington.gov.uk">sarah.armstrong@islington.gov.uk</a></p>