

Public Questions for Full Council – 20 October 2021

NOTE: 'TCPR' refers to the South Fulham Traffic, Congestion and Pollution Reduction scheme. You can read about the scheme on our website:

<https://www.lbhf.gov.uk/transport-and-roads/south-fulham-traffic-congestion-and-pollution-reduction-scheme>

Question 1 – The TCPR and commitments on health and traffic reduction

From: Nick Smith, Resident

To: The Cabinet Member for the Environment

“Can the Council please confirm that its Eastern TCPR scheme – and the future Western extension – are critical components of its COP 26 Pledge and its local environmental commitments on health and traffic reduction?”

Question 2 – Proposed western TCPR

From: Sarah Law, Resident

To: The Cabinet Member for the Environment

“Please can you confirm the trial East TCPR won't be made permanent without a West TCPR also being implemented. The streets to the west are badly affected by the East TCPR, so it would not be acceptable for the east trial scheme is made permanent while this imbalance persists. Please reassure the residents on the west that the east TCPR won't be quietly rubber stamped.”

Question 3 – Improving access to the TCPR scheme

From: Nicola Dryden, Resident

To: The Cabinet Member for the Environment

“The TCPR implementation in Fulham is making a difference with stats showing that that traffic and pollution in the area is down. Since the TCPR trial scheme began, traffic has reduced by 75% in the streets to the east of Wandsworth Bridge Road (WBR) and by 12% on Wandsworth Bridge Road. Which is a huge step forward for reducing traffic and pollution making the streets and roads safer for local residents. To improve access to the scheme the Ringo App needs some updating to allow more than one person to grant access for visitors. The current challenge is that only one person per household can grant access. This does not always work as the person with access may not always be available. Are there plans to update the app so that more than one person per household can grant visitor access within the app?”

Question 4 – Proposed western expansion to the TCPR

From: Carlos Lutterbach, Resident

To: The Cabinet Member for the Environment

“It is my understanding that the extension to the west together with the east and the measures taken to improve Wandsworth Bridge Road will work in concert to improve the quality of life in the whole area. Could you please expand on how the extension to the west will help the traffic scheme as a whole?”

Question 5 – The traffic impact of the Kings Park and Chelsea Creek developments

From: Natale Giostra, Resident

To: The Cabinet Member for the Environment

“Can the Council give assurances to local residents that the 2,000 flats due to come on-line in Kings Park and Chelsea Creek will NOT overrun the small residential roads (namely Harwood Terrace) around them and that the TCPR will be maintained (especially because all these folks’ car will be in the zone and can travel through the cameras)?”

Question 6 – Implementing the western TCPR

From Jonathan Massey, Resident

To: The Cabinet Member for the Environment

“The existing TCPR on the East side has driven traffic towards the West side. At the same time traffic from the North travels down Peterborough Road and then uses the rat run via Clancarty Road and the streets to the immediate South (Beltran, Ashcombe, Narborough, Friston and Woolneigh), and vice versa. Traders also use this rat run heading North and West from Carnwath Road to avoid congestion on the Wandsworth Bridge Road because they cannot pass through the barrier on the Peterborough Road. There are many schools in this area (Hurlingham Academy, Sullivan Primary, Marie d’Orleac / Holy Cross) whose pupils suffer appalling levels of pollution and a dangerous and hostile environment regarding the traffic congestion. This also applies to people of all ages who use South Park. My concern is that unless the West side TCPR is implemented that traffic levels will continue to increase. It seems to me that the whole scheme, both East and West, has to be implemented or the situation on the West side will deteriorate even further.”

Question 7 – The success of the TCPR

From: Andy Knowles, Resident

To: The Cabinet Member for the Environment

“The Traffic, Congestion and Pollution Reduction (TCPR) scheme appears to residents in Sands End East to have been a great success in its aims of reducing traffic, congestion and pollution, for example with queues now very rarely seen stretching past

the pedestrian entrance to Sainsbury's. Can the council provide data to confirm what we are seeing ourselves?"

Question 8 – Wandsworth Bridge Road Speed Limit

From: Gary Fannin, Resident

To: The Cabinet Member for the Environment

"The Wandsworth Bridge Road is the only road leading to a bridge crossing still at 30mph. SatNavs priorities roads first based on speed limit and then secondly on traffic volumes. This leads to the WBR being prioritised above all other bridge crossing for many through commuters which leads to more and unnecessary congestion. I understand the council conducted a consultation on 20mph some years ago and the public didn't have a strong opinion either way. So therefore, can you please give us an indication when the WBR can have a 20mph speed limit urgently implemented to help create a level playing field with other bridge crossings to help deter commuting traffic?"

Question 9 – Maintain the eastern TCPR and expand to the West

From: Casey Abaraonye, Resident

To: The Cabinet Member for the Environment

"Given the number of schools within the south Fulham area and the failure to implement any school streets to date, will the council confirm that it will maintain the TCPR in the east and imminently implement it in the west as 25% more road traffic collisions occur on minor roads than on A roads¹ and LTNs by whatever name you call them have seen a 2-3 times reduction in road traffic collisions?² Can the council confirm that such a safety outcome is a priority and such evidence a justification for implementation?"

Question 10 – Public consultation on the continuation of the TCPR

From: Donald Grant, Resident

To: The Cabinet Member for Environment

The various traffic management acts and guidance require statutory consultation of affected residents and businesses, before making permanent those traffic schemes implemented using temporary orders. This includes objective measures such as "polling to British Polling Council standards to ensure that the loudest minority voices do not dominate".

The Sands End experimental traffic scheme, which has caused significant public controversy from hurting many more Fulham residents than it has benefited, is due to be removed next January. If the Council intends to continue the traffic scheme unlike Ealing, Hounslow and other London Boroughs have done with theirs, what statutory

¹ See RAS002 under 'Types of accident' - <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistical-data-sets/reported-road-accidents-vehicles-and-casualties-tables-for-great-britain>

² The Impact of Introducing Low Traffic Neighbourhoods on Road Traffic Injuries - <https://osf.io/preprints/socarxiv/46p3w/>

consultation and polling measures does he plan to ensure the Council complies with the law, and will he pledge to give all Fulham residents the final say like neighbouring boroughs have?

Question 11 – Mitigating traffic collisions on Kings Road

From: Francesca Moore, Resident

To: The Cabinet Member for Environment

The area of Kings Road between the Tesco Esso Express filling station at 601 Kings Road and Edith Row has been the scene of too many Road Traffic Collisions, very often because when motor vehicles are stationary and cyclists are riding down the advisory lane on the inside, drivers turning into either the filling station or the road are unsighted until it is often too late to avert a collision.

This can be mitigated by design and the filling station is currently closed for works. Can the council urgently redesign this hazard zone or acknowledge its responsibility for this dangerous layout?

Question 12 – Ending the TCPR experiment early

From: Caroline Brooman-White, Resident

To: The Cabinet Member for Environment

“As it has now become clear that the residents and businesses on the Wandsworth Bridge Road are suffering so badly from the impact of the experimental East scheme, will the Council end the experiment earlier than the January deadline?”

Question 13 – Will there be a western TCPR

From: Caroline Shuffrey, Resident

To: The Cabinet Member for Environment

“Cabinet is considering whether to remove the Sands End East TCPR or make it permanent in the last quarter of 2021. Should it decide to make the TCPR permanent will it bring in a temporary or experimental TCPR on the West Side of Wandsworth Bridge Road at the same time or at a later date – and what consultation will the council undertake before doing this?”

Question 14 – King Street Safer Cycle Way

From: Henrietta Bewley, Resident

To: The Cabinet Member for Environment

“HF cyclists are pleased to see the progress being made on the King Street Safer Cycle Way. Will the new temporary cycle lane be able to carry cycle traffic, including cargo bikes, adapted tricycles and Dutch family bikes in both directions, all the way from Hounslow to Kensington? And while works are ongoing can there be signposting to direct riders as to what to do or which way to go when approaching from the west going eastwards, or temporary safe provision be made for them?”

Question 15 – Wandsworth Bridge Road, A High Street for All

From: Perunika Petkova, Resident

To: The Cabinet Member for Environment

Improvements to North End Road are underway and will benefit one of London's oldest street markets at a time of great need. We would like the council to note our expression of support for this scheme. Wandsworth Bridge Road is a similar road that would benefit from transformation from a highway into a high street. The proposals to do this have been supported with a successful bid to the Mayor for London's "High Streets For All" challenge³. Will the council allocate effort and resources to bring this vision to life, and consider how it's benefits can be implemented in other parts of the borough?

Question 16 – A borough-wide 20mph speed limit

From: Kenneth McCosh, Resident

To: The Cabinet Member for Environment

I applaud the Council's work to make cycling and walking easier and safer throughout the borough, including the imposition of the 20mph speed limit in many streets. However, I consider that the existence of different speed limits throughout the borough tends to make drivers inattentive to safe speed requirements. Given the lack of segregated cycle lanes and the broad support for motoring speed reduction, could the Council please implement a borough-wide general speed limit of 20mph?

³ Wandsworth Bridge Road, A High Street for All - <https://wbrassociation.org.uk/a-high-street-for-all/>