

## CARLYON ROAD, YEADING – PETITION REQUESTING THE INSTALLATION OF CCTV AT THE PEDESTRIAN SUBWAY IN CARLYON ROAD

<b>Cabinet Member</b>	Councillor Douglas Mills
<b>Cabinet Portfolio</b>	Improvement, Partnerships and Community Safety
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<b>Papers with report</b>	None

### HEADLINE INFORMATION

<b>Purpose of report</b>	This report seeks to respond to a petition received by the Council to request installation of CCTV cameras at the pedestrian subway (beneath A312 Hayes By-pass) in Carlyon Road, Yeading. It was received by Democratic Services on 16 July 2010.
<b>Financial Cost</b>	Nil cost
<b>Relevant Policy Overview Committee</b>	Residents' and Environmental Services
<b>Ward(s) affected</b>	Barnhill and Yeading

### RECOMMENDATION

**That the Cabinet Member for Improvement, Partnerships and Community Safety considers the petitioners' request, discusses with them in detail their concerns regarding the subway in Carlyon Road, Yeading, and advises petitioners that:**

- 1. Transport for London (TfL) is responsible for the site as it falls within the environs of the A312 Parkway (Hayes By-Pass);**
- 2. the Council shares residents views that this is a priority location for safety and will continue to work with TfL to make sure that improvements are made;**
- 3. TfL have agreed to install CCTV cameras at the entrances to the subway with a target date for installation of the cameras, which are new equipment, by the end of December 2010 (or earlier if possible);**
- 4. other improvements to the area have been made due to liaison between Hillingdon's Community Safety Team and TfL's Community Safety Manager since the attack on a woman at the subway in November 2008. These improvements are:**
  - o up-graded street-lighting giving a much brighter light;**
  - o vegetation on the banks cut back; and**
  - o mirrors installed and paint applied above the subway entrances;**

5. a lighting audit has been carried out and the lighting levels in the subway itself are above the levels required by the Department for Transport; and
6. residents are requested to continue to notify all incidents to the Police on 0300 123 1212 (non-emergencies) or the Community Safety Team via 0800 694 0240 (for non-crimes) in order to continue to identify this area as a priority for action.

## **INFORMATION**

### **Reasons for recommendation**

To address the concerns of the residents.

### **Alternative options considered**

None at this stage – it is felt that if the measures above are implemented then it will not be necessary to consider alternatives.

### **Comments of the Policy Overview Committee(s)**

None at this stage.

### **Supporting Information**

Site meetings have taken place at Carlyon Road underpass, particularly in July 2010 with residents, TfL, the Council's Community Safety Team and Police to discuss what provision TfL intended to make at the location with regard to the installation of CCTV and other measures to increase the confidence of underpass users.

The work on the embankments has budget allocated to it for this financial year. A geographical survey and soil survey have already been carried out, with further surveys to follow to establish the effect on trees, vegetation and wildlife. When these mandatory surveys have been completed, work can commence.

TfL is negotiating with the Council how the CCTV is to be operated and managed once it has been installed.

In addition to the actions noted in the recommendation, TfL has agreed to carry out the following measures:

1. Re-shaping and lowering the embankments on both subway approaches so that the subway entrance is visible from the approach paths.
2. Installing a short section of fencing either side of the subway entrances so that people cannot hide so easily in the blind spot created adjacent to the walls to the sides of the subway entrances.
3. Turfing all embankments to reduce the problems with undergrowth obstructing visibility.
4. Replacing all lamps on the approach paths with sodium lighting to improve visibility.

The Council have further recommended to TfL the following measures:

1. To re-paint the whole of the bridges above the subway entrances to remove the “patched” effect of the current paint and to cover up graffiti.
2. To repair the broken light panel in the subway.
3. To increase the frequency of vegetation maintenance.
4. To trim back vegetation away from the footway alongside the A312 running south towards Dorchester Way.
5. To install mirrors on the walls to the sides of the subway/along the approach paths.

## **Financial Implications**

There is no direct financial impact from this report as the site is the responsibility of Transport for London who would be obliged to meet the costs of the works.

However the Council is considering meeting some part of the costs to make sure that lack of funds is not an obstacle. In this eventuality this would be the subject of a further Cabinet Member report.

## **EFFECT ON RESIDENTS, SERVICE USERS & COMMUNITIES**

### **What will be the effect of the recommendation?**

The measures recommended should improve public safety in the area.

### **Consultation Carried Out or Required**

Consultation has been conducted with Hillingdon Police and local residents and ward councillors. Regular liaison takes place between the Council’s Community Safety Team and Barnhill and Yeading Police Safer Neighbourhood Teams.

## **CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS**

### **Legal**

Under the Constitution the Cabinet Member has the general delegated power to deal with petitions and to accept the recommendation, to note the views of the petitioners and provide advice on the action that is proposed by the Council’s Community Safety Team.

An informal consultation has been undertaken. If the local authority decides to embark on any further consultation made on a formal, but non-statutory, basis the applicable principles are no different from those which apply to statutory consultation: see R (Partingdale Lane Residents Association) v Barnet London Borough Council [2003] EWHC 947 (Admin), [2003] All ER (D) 29.

In considering any consultation responses, decision makers must ensure there is a full consideration of all representations arising including those which do not accord with the officer recommendation. The decision maker must be satisfied that responses from the public were conscientiously taken into account.

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Petition received