

Council, Tuesday 13 July 2010

Motion 3.2: Councillor Geof Cooke

Road Safety in Barnet

Council welcomes the fact that fatalities from road traffic accidents have reduced in Barnet over the last year, but notes that Barnet has the second highest number of casualties from road traffic accidents in London. In 2009 there were 1,403 casualties in Barnet which is a rise of 15% since 2008 and is in stark contrast to the reduction in casualties in most of the rest of outer-London and London as a whole.

Council also notes that Barnet's Cabinet Member for Environment has recently ruled out introducing any new road safety measures to combat the problem – despite saying his focus would be on “roads, roads and roads”.

Council further notes that Mayor Boris Johnson is proposing to remove 145 traffic light and pedestrian crossings across London including 3 in Barnet, which will aggravate speeding traffic and make crossing the road more dangerous in many locations.

Council asks Cabinet to investigate the recent increase in casualties from road traffic accidents, and come up with a plan to ensure our roads are safer for motorists, cyclists and pedestrians alike.

Under Standing Order Part 4, Section 1, 31.5: if my item is not dealt with by the end of the meeting I ask that it be voted upon at the council meeting.