

Council: Tuesday, 15 July 2014

Business Item: Councillor Amy Trevethan

A Borough Road Safety Strategy

Council is saddened at the recent traffic accident on Chesterfield Road, EN5 involving an 8 year old boy who was seriously injured after being knocked off his bike by a bus, and another recent accident involving a ten year old girl on Pollard Road, EN5. Incidents like this show just why residents in many areas - such as those in Victoria Road, New Barnet - are concerned about road safety on their local streets.

Council notes that Barnet has had the second highest number of casualties from road traffic accidents in London for the last two years, with 7 fatalities in 2012 (3rd highest in London), 105 serious injuries (7th highest in London), and 1,150 slight injuries (2nd highest in London).

Council believes that enough people have been killed and injured on Barnet's roads, and asks the Environment Committee to:

- Establish a Road Safety Forum to take evidence over the next 12 months from residents and the emergency services about road safety hot-spots in the Borough.
- Use the evidence gathered to develop a Borough Road Safety Strategy to help LB Barnet reduce the number of casualties from road traffic accidents and meet its Local Implementation Plan targets to reduce those killed and seriously injured.
- Set out what Barnet's policy is on implementing road safety measures, crossings and 20 mph limits in the Borough and how this will be resourced.

In addition, Council supports the request of the residents of Chesterfield Road for:

- a 20mph limit on Chesterfield Rd
- a zebra crossing on Chesterfield Rd and on Mays Lane
- improved local youth facilities so children have somewhere safe to play

Council asks the Chipping Barnet Area Sub-Committee and the Children, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Committee to implement these requests.

Under 23.5 of the Full Council Procedure Rules, I ask that my item is voted on at the meeting.