

Hendon Area Committee

Tuesday 15th January 2019

Item 5 Public Comments and Questions

*Note – At the meeting a total of 30 minutes is available for public questions and comments. The questioner may ask one supplementary question at the meeting which will be answered without discussion. The supplementary question must be relevant to the original question put to the Chairman.

Public Comment (Up to 3 minutes per comment)

Agenda Item No	Public Comment Request
Item 9 – Members Items – CIL funding applications	Ms Lisa Zeital

My name is Lisa Zeital and I am a Barnet resident. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to address you.

I am very concerned about the traffic situation around Millway in Mill Hill. ¹Having lived in Mill Hill for over 10 years and recently having moved to a road off Millway I have become much more aware of the dangers of this road use.

Millway is a very busy road especially in the morning and evenings with commuters rushing to work and school children and their parents going to and from school and nursery.

There are 3 main concerns:

- 1) Speed of traffic on the street
- 2) Safety of crossing the road
- 3) Safety of the junction connecting Millway and The Broadway by Costa and Barclays for pedestrians and drivers

Speed of traffic

Millway is used as a way as a quick way to get to the top of Apex Corner from Mill Hill Broadway avoiding part of the A1 and the high street. During the morning and afternoon rush hour cars speed down this road, this is very dangerous.

Safety of crossing road

Firstly, there is no clear visibility down the road. Drivers and pedestrians have to pull out into Millway or walk into the road as there are parked vehicles on both sides obstructing visibility of oncoming traffic. It is very scary with young children – especially if you have more than 2 to hold onto.

Secondly, imagine children doing this alone – including 11 year olds walking to their coach to go to secondary school at 730 am. And imagine further doing this in the dark in winter. And don't forget older people or those with disabilities.

Lastly, imagine parents with buggies trying to do this safely. The Busy Bees nursery is half way up the road. Throughout the day there are people bringing toddlers and babies to the nursery. Trying to navigate buggies and take children safely out of cars is incredibly difficult. I know I've done it. Parking restrictions which coincide with lunchtime pick up times for the nursery do not help this.

Crossing at Costa and Barclays

The corner of Millway and The Broadway is especially dangerous for pedestrians trying to cross between Costa and Barclays with cars coming from 3 directions.

It is also dangerous for drivers as they are having to look in so many directions.

It also does not help that there is no right of way for vehicles pulling out of Millway as drivers have to pull out into the road when there is a perceived gap in the traffic. Avoiding pedestrians, buggies, other vehicles makes it a multi-tasking challenge which could be avoided.

This is not helped by people ignoring the double yellow lines and not respecting the disabled parking bays. This is ignored by people popping into Costa quickly or quickly getting some money out of a cash machine.

This area is congested a high proportion of the time and there have been numerous incidents of road rage caused by this situation.

Potential solutions

I would appreciate it if you could look into safety options for this road - perhaps traffic calming measures, cameras, speed restrictions to 20 miles per hour by the nursery, speed awareness signs, a zebra crossing, changing the parking restrictions on the road, double yellow lines further down the road, and a traffic light at the bottom of the road?

¹ Lisa Zeital, comment for Barnet Council Hendon Area Committee Meeting, 15 January 2019

So, to summarise, there are 3 main concerns: speed vehicles go down Millway, safety concerns for pedestrians crossing the road and the lethal junction at the corner of the Broadway and Millway. Please consider this issue with the seriousness it deserves and take action before something tragic happens that could be avoided.