

Dear Nightingale Neighbourhood Association Member,

You will be pleased to hear that further to the open presentation on March 16th at Oak Lodge School attended by about 50 people including four councillors (Ravi Govindia, Guy Senior, Charles Walker and Katy Lindsay), we have now received an initial written response from Councillor Govindia.

If you were not able to be at that meeting, our traffic calming expert Richard Simon gave a detailed professional presentation suggesting measures that might be taken to alleviate traffic concerns and improve the Nightingale Lane environment. Richard Simon's presentation suggested measures ranging from improvements and repairs to particularly troublesome road humps, to a total lorry ban, to more comprehensive and imaginative improvements along the length of the Lane.

There are a limited number of copies of this presentation still available so please contact Francis Carr by phone on 0208 675 5694 if you would like one.

Importantly, it is now clear that an overnight and weekend lorry ban is already in force along the length of Nightingale Lane. This is policed by the Association of London Government and their public complaints line is: **0207 582 1038**. Ban hours are from 7pm -7am overnight and on weekends.

The ALG Enforcement Officer for Wandsworth is Paul Croxton who is arranging to monitor traffic over 18 tonnes/with more than 3 axles over a few days in the immediate future, and will then report back to us. Our Chairman Richard Beastall has explained that he thought the lorry ban was regularly flouted early in the morning including Saturdays so Paul Croxton has said that he would visit Nightingale Lane at 5.30 am!

A lively and constructive discussion followed Richard Simon's presentation. Council representatives were requested to indicate if and by how much the Council would be prepared to back improvements and the Council was also asked to respond to the suggestions outlined in Richard Simon's report. This response has just been received and is reproduced in whole below as follows: -

"Comments on the Nightingale Lane Proposals as presented at meeting on 16th March 2005 on behalf of The Nightingale Neighbourhood Association (TNNA)

Option 1 – Maintenance and Repair

Condition Audit for cushions and repairs – instruction given for this work to be carried out.

Assessment of current design of cushions – Study to be commissioned by the end April 2005, it is intended to include both

noise and vibration measurements, subject to funding.

Option 2 – Easy wins

These proposals will be considered once the outcome of the study into the current design has been determined. The need to replace, relocate or remove traffic calming will also be dependant on available resources and satisfaction that any new measures will not adversely affect the current vehicular speed, and traffic volume along Nightingale Lane. I understand that this was appreciated at the meeting.

Option 3– Holistic design

The proposals detailed under this option including new paving, boundary and landscape treatments, changes to street furniture and re-design of the traffic calming more in keeping with conversation area and the use of vertical and horizontal deflection are unlikely to be progressed as part of a Council funded programme due to the large costs involved. A 'need' to carry out this type of scheme also needs to be established for approval by the Cabinet Member and the RTOSC. These types of schemes tend to be carried out around the major town centre areas of the borough such as St Johns Road where the heavy footfall and associated problems with the highway paving necessitated the need for an holistic design approach which also included associated areas along St Johns Hill and Lavender Hill areas. There are still town centre areas that would benefit from a similar approach such as Putney High Street, therefore it would be some time, funding permitting, before we would even consider looking at Nightingale Lane in this manner.

Option 4– Lorry Ban

Could a 7.5t lorry ban be introduced? It would be unlikely that Officers would propose this for Members consideration. Nightingale Lane is a 'B' classified road i.e. a local distributor and as such it would be expected to carry all types of vehicular traffic accessing the 'A' classified principal roads bounded by this route. There is already a nighttime and weekend lorry ban for lorries over 18T, however enforcement by ALG is poor, resulting in unauthorised lorries using this route. I understand at the meeting that it was made clear that residents should contact the ALG to complain about the level/lack of enforcement along Nightingale Lane. The Chairman of TNNA has contact details for the ALG Lorry ban enforcement Team and promised to distribute among the group.

Bob Langridge

Head of Engineering and Design Services

6th April 2005"

The next TNNA Steering Committee meeting will be held on:

**Tuesday 10th May at 8pm at Oak Lodge School, 101
Nightingale Lane.**

If you would like to come along, please let us know so that the school can be alerted to numbers planning to attend.

One further piece of news: -In order to be able to keep our growing body of supporters fully up to date with developments our web site is now up and running at www.tnna.org.uk

With thanks for your continued support.

David Hornsby

On behalf of the TNNA Steering Committee.

April 15th 2005.