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Secretariat memorandum

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Action taken

1 Purpose of report

1.1 To record matters dealt with by the Chair, Deputy Chair, Chief Executive and/or the secretariat since the last meeting.

2 Information

2.1 Bus service change consultations

Following consultation with members and clearance by the Director, Research & Development, responses were sent to proposals by Transport for London (TfL) affecting bus routes 21, 63, 321, 363, N21 and N63

Details of bus consultation responses can be found on the London TravelWatch website at http://www.londontravelwatch.org.uk/document/list/469.

2.2 Guidance on changes to fire safety regulations for sub-surface railway stations

On 29 January 2009 the Safety and Policy Adviser wrote to the Fire Safety Policy division of the Department for Communities and Local Government on the joint behalf of London TravelWatch and Passenger Focus in response to a consultation on the draft text of guidance to be published to accompany the Fire Precautions (Sub-surface Railway Stations) (England) Regulations 2009.

2.3 Proposed traffic orders and planning applications

Responses sent to highway and planning authorities on proposed traffic orders and planning issues (updated to 27 January 2009) are listed in Annex A.

3 Equalities and inclusion implications

3.1 In accordance with London TravelWatch's duties under the Disability Discrimination Act and other legislation, account is taken when responding to consultations on proposals from external bodies of their particular impact (if any) on the needs of people whose access to transport may be restricted by reason of disability or social exclusion.

4 Legal powers

4.1 Section 248 of the Greater London Authority Act 1999 places upon London TravelWatch (as the London Transport Users Committee) a duty to consider - and where it appears to the Committee to be desirable, to make recommendations with respect to - any matter affecting the functions of the Greater London Authority or Transport for London which relate to transport (other than of freight).

5 Financial implications

5.1 No specific financial implications for London TravelWatch arise from this report.

6 Recommendation

6.1 That the report is received for information

Annex A

RESPONSES TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES ON PROPOSED TRAFFIC ORDERS & PLANNING ISSUES : Updated 27 Jan 2009					
Highway Authority	Location	Proposal	Letter dated	Reply sent	Notes
Merton	Durham Road SW20	Introduction of car club parking spaces and 20mph speed limit on a bus route	21-Nov-08	2-Dec-08	Supported car club parking. Asked that traffic calming will be bus-friendly
Brent	Honeypot Lane	Waiting restrictions on a bus route	26-Nov-08	5-Dec-08	Supported
Lewisham	Wickham Road	Waiting and loading restrictions at junction with a bus route	28-Nov-08	5-Dec-08	Supported
Wandsworth	Embankment, etc.	Waiting restrictions and improvements to bus stop clearways	2-Dec-08	5-Dec-08	Welcomed
Croydon	High Street, Purley	New bus stop clearway	19-Nov-08	9-Dec-08	Welcomed Asked for measures to
Merton	(various roads)	20 mph zone	4-Dec-08	10-Dec-08	prevent displacement of parking onto adjacent bus routes
Hounslow Southwark Brent Brent Southwark Bromley Bromley	High Street, Feltham Newington Causeway Willesden Lane Woodcock Hill Peckham Rye Newlands Park area Crown Lane	Bus stop clearways; waiting loading restrictions Bus stop accessibility improvements Waiting & loading restrictions at junctions with bus route Waiting and loading restrictions on a bus route Waiting and loading restrictions on a bus route Waiting and loading restrictions on a bus route (and 24 hour bus stop clearways) Waiting and loading restrictions on a bus route New bus lanes and waiting & loading	6-Jan-09 7-Jan-09 23-Dec-08 07-Jan-09 7-Jan-09 6-Jan-09	22-Jan-09 22-Jan-09 22-Jan-09 22-Jan-09 22-Jan-09 22-Jan-09	Supported Welcomed Supported Supported Supported Supported (welcomed clearways) Supported
Southwark Bromley	East Dulwich Road Shortlands Road, etc.	restrictions Waiting and loading restrictions on bus routes	7-Jan-09 6-Jan-09	22-Jan-09 22-Jan-09	Welcomed Supported
Lambeth	Denmark Hill	Bus lane and waiting and loading restrictions	17-Dec-08	22-Jan-09	Supported, but asked for increased hours of operation