

**Councillor Krupa Sheth, Cabinet Member for Environment
Regeneration and Environment Department
Key Achievements / Headlines 2018 - 2019
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Parks and Projects

- Successful Volunteering day with 100 FA staff at King Edward VII Park in September 2019.
- Notable s.106 Parks partnership working with developers of Chesterfield House to improve King Edward VII Park; including wildflower area, improved children's play area and CCTV (being installed in Feb 2020).
- Bee Corridor – successful implementation of a wildflower meadow scheme across 21 parks in Brent, increasing biodiversity and park perception.
- 8 tree planting events with local community groups; leading to over 700 saplings being planted since 2018.

Neighbourhood Management

- Introduction of a uniformed Neighbourhood Patrol Team to tackle antisocial behaviour such as drinking and other nuisance on the street and in parks including enforcement of a number of boroughwide Public Space Protection Orders.
- Introduction of a boroughwide Community Skip / Clean-up programme to carry out volunteer litter picks and to provide localised opportunities to dispose of household items too big to put in a bin.
- Introduction of a comprehensive highways enforcement programme to better tackle damage to the public highway, encroachment, unlicensed skips, hoardings and scaffolding as well as illegal crossing over of the pavement.

Parking and Lighting

- In February 2019 we completed a £5 million investment in street lighting, replacing 20,000 lanterns with modern LED technology, controlled by a Central Management System. By 2020/21 this will have produced £950k savings p.a. and reduced carbon emissions from street lighting by two-thirds.
- We have increased our enforcement of parking restrictions in Brent to protect parking for residents, businesses and genuine visitors, and to improve road safety. In 2019/20 we expect to issue 128,000 PCNs for parking offences compared to 112,000 in 2017/18. Parking compliance on Brent's streets is now running consistently at more than 98%. All surplus revenue from parking enforcement is used to cover the cost of Freedom Passes for older and disabled residents.
- We have introduced a £50 parking permit surcharge for diesel vehicles and simplified our emissions based permit prices. Both initiatives seek to nudge motorists to switch

to more environmentally friendly vehicles. In the first year of the new pricing scheme, high-carbon emission vehicle permit sales reduced by 20%.

- We have introduced enforcement of moving traffic offences at 13 new locations, to reduce traffic congestion and improve road safety:
 - In High Street Harlesden, contraventions have reduced by more than 300 per month
 - At the Ealing Road/High Road Wembley junction, contraventions reduced from a monthly peak of more than 140 to just 7 in November 2019
 - At several other locations contraventions have reduced by 60-80%

In addition, the below is a corporate achievement which has had input from Planning and Parks as well as Parking and Lighting:

- Since May 2018 we have more than doubled the rate at which new trees are being planted by the Council, in comparison with 2014/18

Highways and Infrastructure

- **Winner Excellence in Walking and Cycling 2019**
Winners of London Transport Award for progress in public realm, policy and initiatives to support active travel. This is particularly pleasing as we were up against a number of established cycling boroughs with substantially more funding i.e. mini Holland etc. to deliver improvements.
- **Injection patching programme – Highways Awards 2019 Finalist - Highways Maintenance Efficiency**
Working in partnership with Velocity Patching, officers developed a priority programme of works for pothole repairs throughout the borough. Over a period of approx. 6 month in excess of 26,000 carriageway defects were repaired in circa 450 roads.
- **£20m Footway investment**
Highways & Infrastructure were successful in securing significant investment of £20m to deliver footway maintenance. The programme will be delivered over 18 months to provide maintenance to and to 97 roads across the borough. ending in March 2021

Climate Emergency

- The Council has declared a climate emergency and we are striving to do all in our gift to aim for carbon neutrality by 2030
- We convened the Brent Climate Assembly to make recommendations to the Council on how we can we work together with the whole community to limit climate change and its impact while protecting our environment, our health and our wellbeing

Commercial Services

- Installation and sale of Vaults at Paddington Old Cemetery to address local concerns of contamination.
- Introduction of Brent's own low cost funeral service to over 200 local residents.
- Brent Pest Control now working with BHM to deliver a quality service to its residents.