

Queen's Park Ward Panel Meeting, Thursday 4th June 2026

Venue: first floor, The Avenues, 3-7 Third Avenue, London W10 4RS

Start: 6:00 pm

Agenda

Note: Queen's Park Community Councillors (QPCC) attend as residents rather than as Councillors. This enables them to express their opinions as individuals.

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Any Apologies for Absence
3. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes?
4. Murder investigation launched after man dies in Ashmore Road W9
– PC Ashley Dennis
5. Tackling Increase of Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) around Queen's Park
Mozart Estate and Portnall Road have both seen an increase in ASB
6. Update from Metropolitan Police Service – PC Ashley Dennis
Ward Priorities: **Youth Violence, Squat related ASB and Burglary.**
7. Community Crime Reduction Walkabout – PC Ashley Dennis
Kilburn Lane (north-west), Oliphant Street (west), Peach Road,
Sixth Avenue (north), Ilbert Street (west)
10th June 2026 at 6pm – 7:30pm
Meeting point: Kilburn Lane junction with Sixth Avenue
8. Queen's Park Neighbourhood Watch Scheme – Lydia Abou-Jaib
9. Additional Topics for Discussion
10. Ward Crime Statistics – Ray Lancashire (If time permits)
11. Future Meetings – Where and When?
12. Any Other Business.

Safer Neighbourhoods Board – Adoption of Terms of Reference

NB. The order of main headings may change depending on the Police schedule.

Queen's Park Ward Panel Meeting Minutes Meeting Minutes

Date: 4th June 2026

Time: 18:00hrs – 19:30hrs

Venue: The Avenues, 3-7 Third Avenue, London W10 4RS

Welcome and introductions

The Chair, John McArdle, opened the meeting at 6:00 pm, welcomed those present and thanked residents for their continued engagement with local ward matters. Attendees introduced themselves.

Matters arising

No matters arising were raised.

Police update

Recent fatal incident

Police provided an update concerning the recent fatal stabbing in the Ashmore Road area. A suspect had been arrested and remanded in custody while legal proceedings continued.

Residents expressed concern about community safety, the effect of rumours and the police response to serious violence. Police advised attendees to rely on confirmed information and avoid circulating unverified accounts.

The wider problem of violence involving children and young people was also discussed. Residents were encouraged to continue reporting concerns so that the police could build an accurate intelligence picture and direct resources appropriately.

Police visibility and local facilities

Residents called for a more visible police presence, with one attendee suggesting that reopening local police stations would help reassure the community.

Police explained that the former Harrow Road facility had received very few visitors and that the cost of operating permanent or mobile police facilities could not currently be justified. A suggestion was made that a community venue, such as the Happy Hub, might be used to provide a local police presence.

Police surgeries and community events, including **Coffee with a Cop** and bicycle-marking sessions, were identified as useful opportunities for residents to speak directly with officers.

Reporting crime and antisocial behaviour

Police stressed that incidents must be reported, even where residents feel that previous reports have not produced an immediate result. Reports help establish patterns of offending and enable resources to be prioritised.

Concern was raised that some older residents may be reluctant to report incidents or may lack confidence using online services and smartphones. It was suggested that police should provide additional reporting opportunities at local events and community venues.

Residents were also encouraged to use **Met Engage** to receive local policing information and updates.

Antisocial behaviour and noise

Residents reported continuing antisocial behaviour, including:

- Late-night music and noise, sometimes continuing until around 2:00 am.
- Groups gathering near licensed premises and on the opposite side of the road.
- Young people gathering in residential streets.
- Antisocial behaviour on the Mozart Estate.
- Benches and open spaces becoming focal points for gatherings and nuisance.
- Motorcycles being ridden along the canal towpath.
- Bicycles being ridden through alleyways near Chippenham Road.

Police advised that serious and persistent antisocial behaviour was being addressed and that plans were being developed for increased activity during the summer months. Regular ASB patrols would continue, subject to available resources.

Concerns relating to Harrow Road should also be directed to the Harrow Road Safer Neighbourhood Team where appropriate.

Drugs

Residents asked what types of drugs were being encountered locally and whether they were being produced locally or brought into the area. Police referred to cannabis, Class A drugs and drugs entering the country through organised supply networks.

Police reported that four drug warrants had been executed during the year. Enforcement work was continuing, including action undertaken jointly with Immigration Enforcement.

The widespread availability and misuse of large nitrous oxide canisters were discussed. Police explained that enforcement activity was intended to disrupt dealers

and make local supply more difficult. Residents were reminded that inhaling nitrous oxide can cause serious harm.

Concern was also raised about young children using vapes and the possibility that some devices could contain illegal or harmful substances.

Mozart Estate and CCTV

Antisocial behaviour affecting Naylor House and Purday House on the Mozart Estate was discussed.

Police confirmed that they were working with Westminster City Council's CCTV team. Cameras and live feeds could assist in identifying individuals involved in antisocial behaviour, although concerns were expressed about the availability and funding of CCTV coverage.

Residents were again asked to report every incident to the police so that evidence could be gathered and patterns identified.

Welfare and mental-health incidents

Concern was raised about the length of time taken to conduct a welfare check after police had advised that an ambulance should be called. Attendees felt that a wait of several days was unacceptable.

The meeting discussed the need for appropriate mental-health services to respond to people experiencing a mental-health crisis. It was acknowledged that police officers are not mental-health professionals. St Charles Centre for Health and Wellbeing and other specialist services were mentioned during the discussion.

Community safety walkabout

The Avenues were identified as an area of particular concern for the next community safety walkabout.

Issues to be considered during the walkabout included:

- Inadequate street lighting.
- Overhanging vegetation.
- Speeding vehicles.
- Locations associated with crime and antisocial behaviour.
- Safety concerns raised by women and girls.

It was suggested that the walkabout should include both male and female participants and incorporate the issues that would normally be examined during a women's safety walk.

Other local concerns

Licensed premises and gatherings

Residents raised concerns about continuing gatherings and antisocial behaviour around a local public house. Some attendees called for stronger action against the premises.

Alleyways and suspected drug activity

Bicycle and motorcycle use in alleyways near Chippenham Road was reported. Residents also expressed concern about possible drug activity in or behind one of the alleyways.

Bravington Road property

An attendee asked for an update regarding a property in Bravington Road, following the closure of its previous use. No new public update was available. It was understood that planning enforcement matters remained under consideration.

Queen's Park Canalside

Continuing concerns were raised about motorcycles being ridden along the canal towpath and antisocial behaviour around the canalside and nearby play areas.

Shoplifting

Police advised that shoplifting was not one of the ward's current policing priorities. The existing ward priorities remained focused on the most serious locally identified concerns.

Current Ward Priorities: Youth Violence, Squat related ASB and Burglary.

Criminal justice process

Attendees discussed what happens after a person is arrested, including the process of appearing in court. Concern was expressed that outcomes following arrest do not always meet community expectations.

Community communication

Residents were encouraged to contact their local councillors about persistent neighbourhood problems. Where a councillor was not directly responsible for a crime or policing matter, they could help direct the information to the appropriate police officer or council service.

Thanks were expressed to local police officers, councillors and community representatives for their work.

Next meeting

Possible venues for the next Ward Panel meeting included:

- Beethoven Centre.
- The Avenues Youth Club.

The date, time and venue would be confirmed separately.

8. Close

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and for their constructive contributions.

The meeting closed at **7:50 pm**.