16. SPRINGFIELD/EDGEWARE ROADS INTERSECTION: PROPOSED TRAFFIC LIGHTS

A report from the Project Consultation Leader requested that the Board recommend to the Sustainable Transport and Utilities Committee the construction of the proposed traffic light installation, principally as a pedestrian facility for sight impaired people.

A team from City Streets and City Solutions presented a detailed powerpoint display with the background to the current proposal, including options considered, the objectives of the City Plan, budget considerations and the results of a site visit carried out the previous week. Up-to-date figures would be obtained on a pedestrian count, but the survey carried out two years ago showed a very strong desire by pedestrians to cross Springfield Road at the Edgeware Road intersection.

There was a lengthy debate on various aspects of the proposal and the following amendment was submitted by Megan Evans:

- 1. That the Board recommend to the Sustainable Transport and Utilities Committee that the proposed traffic lights not be installed at the Springfield/Edgeware Roads intersection but that a tactile pedestrian light crossing be installed on Springfield Road between Ranfurly Street and Edgeware Road with a bus stop relocated adjacent to this installation.
- 2. That the loss of private car parking by properties in relation to road widening be revisited.

The motion was seconded but was not put to the vote.

The Board **resolved** that further consideration of this issue be deferred until a special Board meeting to be held on 4 December 2002 (in place of the seminar meeting previously scheduled for this date).

Megan Evans requested that her vote against the above decision be recorded.