

Dear resident,

I know many of you have contacted me over the last couple of days voicing your concerns about the events in Rayners Lane.

When something like this happens, the area concerned receives assistance from resources across the Metropolitan Police and although some of those resources will be additional officers to patrol the area, a lot of work will go on behind the scenes to catch those responsible.

Below is a summary of the response from the Borough Commander Simon Rose in relation to the incidents occurring on Rayners Lane and Kingsbury Road.

The events in Kingsbury Road on Monday night on the Brent Harrow borders and in Rayners Lane West Harrow on Tuesday afternoon are obviously shocking. Both incidents are being investigated by detectives from Operation Trident. They are being treated as likely to be linked.

On Monday officers were immediately drafted in from the Violent Crime Task Force in response to the Kingsbury Road incident. A Sec 60 stop and search authority was sought and granted to provide reassurance, deter criminality, deliver highly visible additional policing and generate intelligence. This was focused in Kingsbury, Harlesden and Stonebridge. This generated several arrests and retrieved weapons.

Following the Tuesday evening incident on Rayners Lane a Sec60 authority was also put in place covering a significant area in West Harrow and some of Ealing. This is because the intelligence picture has developed.

There have been additional resources deployed to the area including nine extra patrol cars put out from the Violent Crime Task Force as well as three public order police carriers. (21 officers) briefed at Harrow and Wembley were deployed into the area to target whom we suspect to be involved. This is a very substantial additional level of policing. This violence is unacceptable and will be stopped. Additionally the intelligence development has generated a substantial number of search warrant opportunities. Brent and Harrow gangs officers in conjunction with Operation Trident have executed five search warrants arising from this intelligence and this work will continue with increased pace over the coming days. These warrants are continuing to retrieve weapons and recover drugs. Those identified are being arrested, charged and remanded in custody. There will be a substantial increased overt policing presence in the area whilst the perpetrators and persons involved are hunted down and arrested.

Chief Superintendent Simon Rose
Borough Commander

In addition to the two Safer Neighbourhood Police Officers, you may see more Police and Police Community Support Officers in the Rayners Lane area from other units, please do stop and talk with them about any concerns you have.

As always, if you have information that you want to pass to Police but don't want to give your details please do this via Crime stoppers 0800 555 111 where you will remain anonymous.

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