



Active travel, policing and justice reform: campaigning in London

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RoadPeace

Mansoor Chaudhry – motorcyclist killed in Oct 1990
by red light offender fined for Careless Driving



His mother--incensed by a justice system
that didn't think a road death was worth mentioning--
founded RoadPeace in April 1992

RoadPeace – a road victims' charity

- Provides support to victims
- Based on road danger reduction
- Focuses on post-crash response by justice system



Key premise

Justice system is complacent towards road danger and road crashes

- Road traffic crime (driving offences) not treated as crime
- Victims of road traffic crime not have same rights as victims of other crime

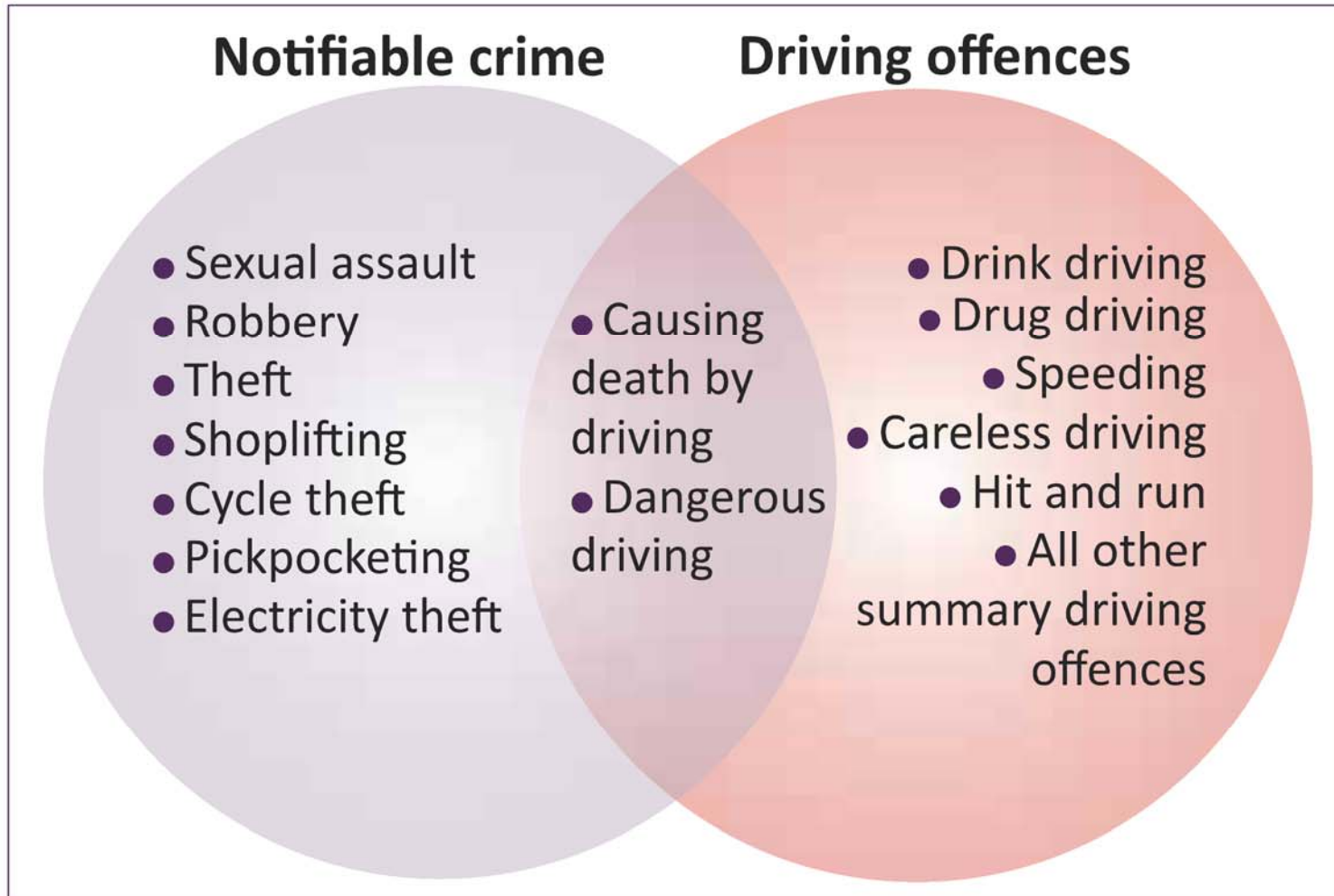
Roads cannot be made safer –

especially for those walking and cycling--

until our justice system is fairer



What currently counts as crime?

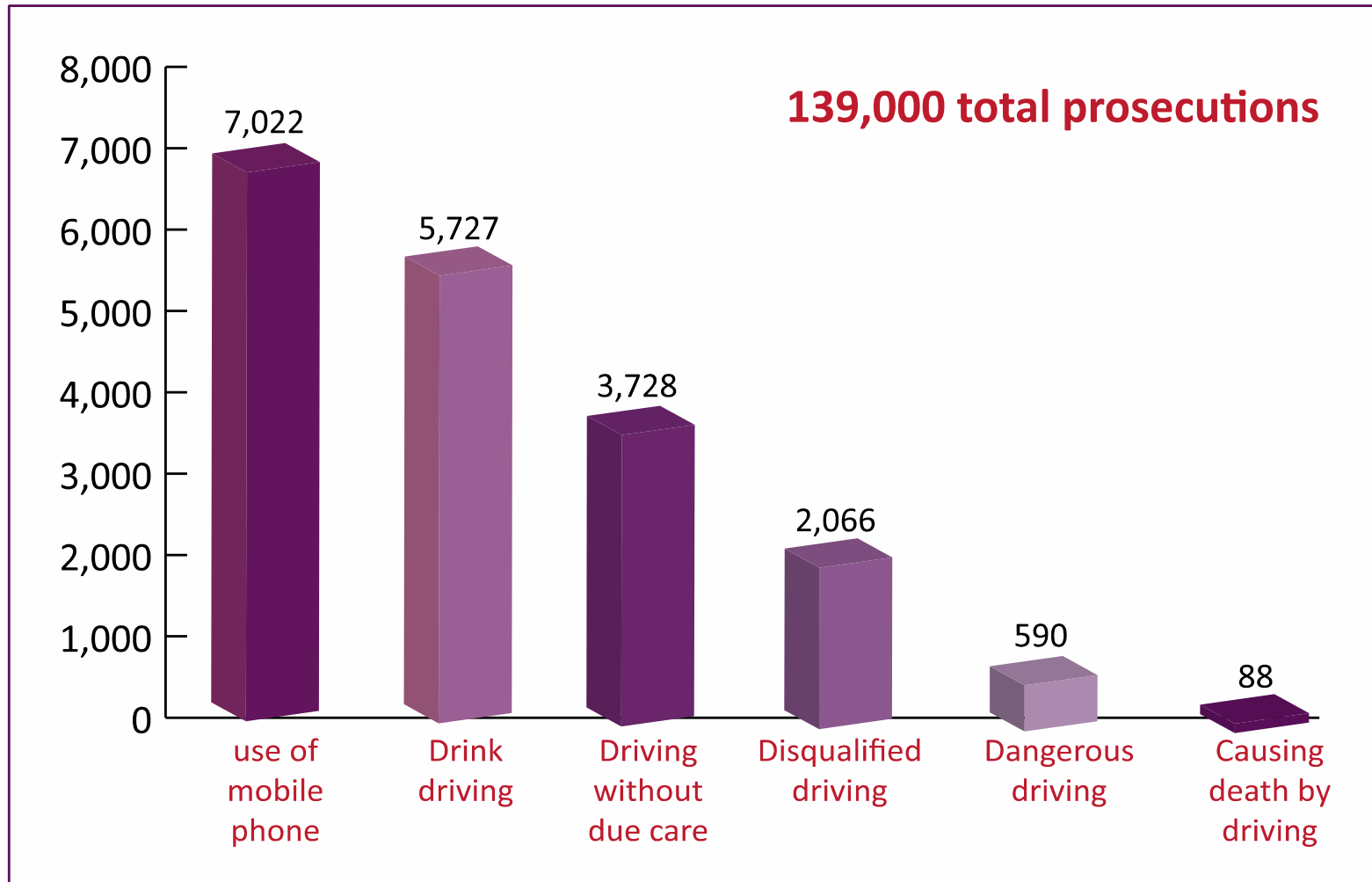


But CPS Charging standards overlap

	Dangerous driving	Careless driving
Disregard of a traffic signal	✓	✓
Use of hand held mobile	✓	✓
Overtaking too closely	✓	✓
Lighting a cigarette	✓	✓
Adjusting a car radio	✓	✓
Failure of regard to VRUs	✓	



London court prosecutions (2013)



RoadPeace Justice campaign



Revise definitions

Ministry of Justice

- Revise definition of victim
- Ensure new Victims' Law applies to all those bereaved and injured by lawbreaking drivers/riders
- Treats road crash victims as victims of road traffic crime until the contrary is proven

Home Office

- Include driving offences in notifiable crime



Connecting justice with transport

Provide the evidence through annual briefings

- Causing death by driving
- Driving bans and motoring offences
- How many vehicle homicides?
- Discrimination summary

Inform the politicians and policymakers

- APPG Justice on Our Roads
- DfT Justice for VRU Working Group
- Victims Commissioner
- TfL Working Groups



Progress in London

Traffic Justice included in road safety

Jun 2013	TfL Safe Streets for London
Mar 2014	GLA Feet First: Improving pedestrian safety in London
Mar 2014	TfL Pedestrian Safety Action Plan
Mar 2014	TfL Cycle Safety Action Plan
Mar 2014	TfL Six Road Safety Commitments
Apr 2014	TfL/MPS Enforcement Working Group
Jan 2015	MPS Roads and Transport Policing Command
Apr 2015	Criminal Justice added to TfL/MPS Enforcement WG



ROAD DANGER REDUCTION AND ENFORCEMENT:

How policing can support walking
and cycling in London

Saturday 1 November 2014
Southwark Council, 160 Tooley Street, SE1 2QH

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Presentations from

- Road Danger Reduction Forum
- RoadPeace
- LCC
- Hackney Living Streets
- Southwark Council
- MPS
- TfL Enforcement



Traffic Justice Alliance

RDRF, RoadPeace, LCC, CTC, Hackney Living Streets and *20sPlenty for Us* founded the Traffic Justice Alliance

Aim: to tackle the inherent motor vehicle bias in the justice system and ensure protects VRUs and helps promote walking and cycling



Proposed TJA calls

Increased transparency

- Judicial outcomes of KSI investigations reported
- Reasons for No Further Action reported
- Collision investigation procedures and budgets published
- Address victim blaming in training of police and CPS

More accountability

- Agreed performance indicators for police and CPS
- Annual reviews of investigation and prosecution
- Survey crash victims' satisfaction & public confidence in CJS
- Careless driving a priority crime in next MOPAC plan



WITHOUT JUSTICE
THERE CAN BE NO PEACE

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