

Penylan: Howardian Primary School: Road Safety Measures

Consultation Report

Project No: CO17003

A consultation was held on the above scheme proposals between 03/10/2017 and 18/10/2017.

The purpose of the consultation was to obtain information from the local community in order to improve the scheme and if possible address any local concerns.

From the 280 properties consulted and 3 site notices displayed on site, 11 individual responses were received.

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| 10 | Supports scheme, some provided additional comments/suggestions |
| 1 | Disagree with proposals |

The concerns and comments are summarised in *italics* below, along with the Council's response.

Recommendation

In view of the below it is proposed to proceed with the implementation of the scheme as outlined in the consultation plan.

Issue relating to Driveway Access

Resident was concerned about their driveway being blocked by parents parking close to the school.

The obstruction of driveways and failing to comply with parking restrictions is a matter that may be dealt with by the Council's Civil Parking Enforcement Officers who are available on 029 2087 2087 seven days a week between the hours of 0700 and 2200. Individual incidents should be reported directly to them, requesting their assistance.

Issue – Zebra crossing location

Resident suggested that the zebra crossing should be located closer to the park entrance, as a number of parents access the school from this route.

The zebra crossing location was identified during the Transport Assessment which was carried out as part of the planning application process. It is considered that the location shown in the consultation plan would best serve the pedestrian routes into the school.

Additional transport surveys have been requested to assess whether there is justification for an additional crossing facility to be placed near the park entrance. If there is demand for this additional facility it will be delivered subject to funding being available.

Issue – Road narrowing affect cyclists

narrowing the width of a road to calm traffic is an absolute nightmare as cars attempt to squeeze past and you end with a much higher likelihood of being knocked off.

The road width will not be reduced significantly, and a minimum width of 6.1m will be maintained at the zebra crossing. It is proposed to reduce the speed limit 20mph on Hammond Way, reducing the vehicle speeds will help to create a safer environment, particularly for vulnerable road users such as cyclists and pedestrians.

Issue – Speed hump

I also take issue with the proposal for a speed table to be put in as you turn off of Colcester Avenue. As air pollution is becoming more and more of an issue and speed bumps and speed tables are now not favoured as nobody wants cars decelerating and accelerating producing lots of fumes right next to their house.

Traffic calming is proven to be an effective way of reducing road casualties. The traffic will be driving at slower speeds which will create a safer highway environment for all road users.

The Government's latest national air quality strategy suggested that removing road humps could be considered as an alternative to charging Clean Air Zones, however road safety groups have raised concerns that this may lead to an increase in collisions and reduction in road safety. At present Cardiff Council have no plans to remove road humps, particularly from residential areas with low traffic flows, such areas do not usually have air quality problem, so speed humps do not significantly contribute to the total amount of pollutants.

Issue – North Access to the School

A number of parents welcomed the proposals for Hammond Way, but requested additional road safety measures on Hampton Court Road.

As a resident on Barons Court and parent at Howardian, I must draw your attention to the dangerous and often inconsiderate drivers passing on both of these roads.

Parents parking on either side of the road causes congestion at the rear gate to the school. There are no safety signs and no clear point to safely cross the road and I have witnessed first hand far too many near misses.

Have you got plans to look at the Hampton Court Road situation, a few zebra crossings wouldn't go amiss there too, specially near the gate. This area gets very crowded on school pickup

This entrance is becoming increasingly congested with vehicles during school drop off and pick up times and is on a tight corner. We also witnessed a car crash into the street sign right outside the gates during the summer, so I strongly believe this area should be considered to have the same traffic management proposals as Hammond Way.

there is no consideration for school safety / yellow lines/ zigzags on Hampton Court Road.

There are proposed highway improvements for Hampton Court Road which will include a 20mph speed limit, uncontrolled crossing facility and parking restrictions. These proposals are currently being finalised and will be subject to a separate consultation process, this is due to be issued at the end of November 2017.

Issue – junction of Hammond Way with Colchester Avenue

Respondents raised concerns about the operation of the signalised junction.

There is a high number of instances speeding motorist and red light jumpers

The sheer amount of traffic that don't conform with the red light, specially the ones coming from Newport Road way that get sandwiched when there are queues and the light runs red

The traffic lights at the junction with Hammond Way there is a sequencing issue. We could do with a filter arrow as people have to turn on the amber(if it's green and busy you have to hope someone lets you turn or you get stuck in the junction and block traffic wanting to turn right from Hammond way). Children and the elderly have had near misses here with traffic going through red lights.

A yellow box road marking will be placed across the junction, which will help to keep the junction clear of queuing traffic.

Speed cameras and static red light cameras are not operated by the Council, these are managed by GoSafe. We have raised this location and the concerns with them, requesting that they review this location as a community concern site.

The timings of the signals will be reviewed to assess whether additional time should be allocated to pedestrians using the crossings.

Issue – Internal School Layout

We require a crossing on the road directly in front of the school. This is needed for people walking to school from Hampton Court Road and for anyone coming towards the school from Hammond Way.

Inside the school campus itself continues to pose a massive risk with people attending the Adult Education Centre and driving up the school drive at speed and without due care and attention. Again, there are no speed safety signs, other than hand made ones from the school. These do not act as an adequate deterrant. Also there is no adequate pathway or crossing.

The road within the school grounds is not part of the Adopted Highway, and we are therefore unable to address these concerns as part of these proposals. However, this issue has been raised with the Schools Organisation Planning team and it will be addressed as part of the delivery of the new school building.

Support for the scheme

Thank you for the consultation proposal to implement a traffic management scheme on Hammond Way. We fully endorse this proposal.

I approve of the proposals

I am writing to add my support to the proposed plans to introduce a school safety zone and reduced speed limit on Hammond Way. I think this is a good proposal

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