Consultation Report

Trowbridge: Eastern High School: Highway Improvements

Project No: CO18057

A consultation was held on the above scheme proposals between 3rd August and 24th August 2018. 1 No. response was received. The concerns and comments are summarised as 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 1 – Speed Table.

*Wherever full width speed tables are introduced we always express concern around their profile of them and the ongoing maintenance. Across the city there are many examples where the profiles vary to such a degree that they compromise both our vehicles and quality of ride experience.*

*The ongoing operation over these restrictions hasten the deterioration of components on the bus and thus incur a higher replacement rate and cost of our operation. They also have a detrimental impact on the ride quality, and this can have a negative impact on the number of journeys customers undertake. We note the distance between the proposed the two speed tables is close in the proposal.*

Response

It is acknowledged that there are speed ramps with different gradients across the City and we will try to provide a consistent ramp gradient on all new ramps. In order to provide a comfortable ride for bus passengers, these ramps will be designed with a gradient of 1 in 14, with a minimum 6m plateau length, which should not cause damage to vehicles if driven over at a suitable speed.

Regrettably, one of the only methods we have available to slow traffic down is the use of speed tables. Speed tables are suitable for this location in order to create a safer highway environment near Eastern High School where there are a large number of vulnerable pedestrians.
Issue 2 – relocation of bus stop.

The existing city-bound bus stop on Aberdaron Road is reasonably spaced between its prior stop and next stop and is used not just by pupils at Eastern High School but also local residents. The location of this stop and the next stop on Trowbridge Road have been the cause of a significant volume of ‘unrest’ as result of poor pupil behaviour whilst waiting for buses. We have managed to see this ease significantly and we fear moving will re-open this matter as it will be adjacent to properties who have not had this.

Response

It is not possible to provide a new zebra crossing and to also retain the bus stop on Aberdaron Road at its present location. A bus will not be permitted to stop on the zig-zag road markings. We have considered the option to reduce the length of the zig-zags on Aberdaron Road, but think that this would reduce visibility between approaching vehicles and pedestrians on the zebra crossing which would cause a serious safety concern.

The new bus stop location on Trowbridge Road is to the side of 1 Mullins Avenue, and is not directly outside a residential property. We shall request that the school remind pupils to maintain good behaviour standards when they are walking home or waiting for a bus.
Following the recent consultation on a traffic management proposal, the Council is preparing to implement the scheme based on the plan shown.

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