Post Consultation Report

Greenway Road – Priority Narrowing Removal

Project No: CO19064

A consultation was held on the above scheme proposals between 2nd August 2019 – 23rd August 2019, although any correspondence that was received shortly after the deadline was still included as part of this report. 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 approximately 160 properties consulted and 10 site notices displayed on site, 4 individual responses were received, these have been summarised as follows:

- 3 – Support the Proposal
- 1 – Support the Proposal but not the location of the proposed Tabled Zebra Crossing

The concerns and comments are summarised as below, along with the Council’s response in Italic.

Recommendation

In view of the below it is proposed to proceed with the proposal subject to available funding.

The scheme will remove the existing priority narrowing’s Greenway Road and replace them Tabled Zebra Crossings. This will help reduce vehicles speeds along this route which will improve overall road safety in the area for all road users.
The below are comments received during the consultation period that support the proposal:

“I am emailing to inform you that I welcome the proposed changes. Living right by one of these narrowing’s I can confirm that they do little to reduce speed and in my mind increase the risk of crashes as people fail to give away. During rush hour they also create a backlog of traffic. I honestly feel that the proposed changes would be a much better option for the road and local community.”

“My thanks for circulating the above consultation. My wife and I are both in complete agreement with your plans. One comment please: the "built-out" one, just down from Heron Road... given that the intention is to ensure smoother but safe two way traffic, one suggests that the built-out bit needs to be fairly narrow? But, either way, we support your plans.”

“I live on Greenway Road and got your letter about the removal of the priority bottlenecks on the road. I have little problem with this however, I have seen especially late at night, from around 9pm, drivers do speed quite a bit. I fear that with an open road and nothing to stop them, there will be much more speeders on the road. I would like you to consider that during your consultations into these plans that you set up either speed bumps or speed cameras with the removal of these bottlenecks. If not possible, are there any other speed regulating measure that could be taken?”

The above paragraph states that the respondent supports the scheme but has commented that the removal of this narrowing and not introducing an alternative measures will increase vehicle speeds. However, under this proposal we are replacing the existing Priority Narrowing’s with Tabled Zebra Crossings that will ensure vehicle speeds are reduced. Therefore, the concerns raised above is not valid and does not require a formal response.

The below are comments received during the consultation period that are against the proposal:

Issue “I would like to raise my objection to the current proposed Transport Project Scheme. I have lived at Greenway Road for the past two years, and I am unfortunate enough to have a road merger outside of my property.

Since purchasing the property, I have witnessed 2 separate road accidents as a direct result of the road merger and there is also constant noise pollution, due to vehicles excessively using their horns when approaching the road merger to warn off any other vehicle.

I have previously raised these concerns around the road merger outside of the property to both Jacqueline Parry and Bob Derbyshire; local council officials.

The current plan to remove the road merger would be welcomed, however I strongly object the plan to install a zebra crossing in this location as it would prevent vehicle access to my property.”

As part of a City Wide review we are removing a number of existing Priority Narrowing’s and replacing them with alternative features (such as speed tables) when there is funding available to do so. Surveys were undertaken during the initial design stage which identified that currently pedestrians crossing at this location in proximity to the existing priority narrowing.
Under the Highways Act 1980, anyone wishing to drive across the footway to park on their property must have an authorised vehicle crossover constructed. Vehicle crossovers are where kerbs are dropped from their normal height and the pavement or verge is strengthened to take the weight of the vehicle crossing it to avoid damage to the pavement, pipes or cables buried beneath it.

Currently there is no vehicle crossover at this location and therefore any residents who drive over the footway where there is no vehicle crossover are doing so illegally.

Vehicle Crossover applications are under the responsibility of our Highways Licensing Team. If residents wish to apply for formal vehicle crossovers further details on how to apply can be found here:


In order to protect pedestrians using the crossing there will be a requirement to introduce a bollard in close proximity to the proposed tactile paving location. However, there will still be sufficient width remaining should any residents wish to formally apply for a vehicle crossover at this location.

Issue: “I would also like to raise the fact that there is other locations available in the vicinity which would provide the same results without blocking access to any property, as this could be placed outside the flats of 1-33 and 62-84 Greenway Court as the access to these properties would not be prevented by the placement of a zebra crossing.”

Following the feedback received as part of this consultation we arranged for our Detailed Design Team to investigate if the proposed Zebra Crossing could be relocated further north nearer the junction of Heron Road. Topographical Surveys were undertaken which identified that there was not sufficient width to introduce a Tabled Zebra Crossing at this location, and therefore the only feasible location for the proposed Tabled Zebra Crossing was as originally proposed.
Following the recent consultation on a traffic management proposal, the Council is preparing to implement the scheme based on the plan shown. Further details about this consultation are available at cardiff.gov.uk/TransportProjects using the 'view consultations’ link.
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