Rumney & Trowbridge – Greenway Road: Priority Narrowing Removal (CO19064)

Description of Scheme Proposal

The Council is informing residents about plans to make changes to the highway on Greenway Road.

There are three existing priority-narrowing features along Greenway Road which reduce two-way traffic flow down to single file, one near its junction with Heron Road, one near its junction with Rhyl Road and one near its junction with Ferntree Drive.

It is proposed to remove these features and replace them with alternative traffic calming features along this route. Priority narrowing’s can impede traffic flow, can result in driver aggression, and can lead to bus journey time delays. Removing the priority narrowing’s will improve bus journey time reliability by helping bus movements.

Greenway Road / Heron Road – the existing priority narrowing will be removed and replaced with a built out tabled zebra crossing.

Greenway Road / Rhyl Road – the existing priority narrowing will be removed and replaced with a tabled zebra crossing.

Greenway Road / Ferntree Drive – the existing priority narrowing will be removed and replaced with a built out tabled zebra crossing.

The above traffic calming measures will improve pedestrian crossing facilities in the area for pedestrians but also assist in reducing vehicle speeds along Greenway Road which creates a safer highway environment for all users along this route.

The scheme is being funded from the Welsh Government – Local Transport (Bus Priority) funding which aims to reduce public transport journey times.

We would appreciate any comments you may have regarding the proposals. We understand you may have suggestions for other improvements to increase safety along Greenway Road. Due to funding constraints we may be unable to accommodate any significant changes to these plans at this time, however we will keep a record of any suggestions we receive to incorporate into future schemes.

If you would like to make any comments about this proposal please let us know by 23/08/2019 by email to TransportProjects@cardiff.gov.uk
**Additional Information about traffic management measures**

**Traffic Calming Features.** This term refers to specific physical traffic management measures which force drivers to reduce vehicle speeds. These include road humps, speed cushions, speed tables, priority narrowings, chicanes, gateways, roundabouts and other similar features.

**Speed Table.** This is a variation of the speed hump where the top of the raised (tabled) area is over two metres wide. This causes less discomfort to bus passengers as the rise and fall actions are separated by the level section. These are sometimes used in conjunction with pedestrian crossings to reduce speeds and to make the crossing more noticeable to drivers.

**Zebra Crossing.** This type of crossing is suitable for sites with medium levels of pedestrian demand and vehicle flows where a puffin crossing is not justified. They can provide a better level of service for pedestrians as there is no minimum time waiting for the right to cross. They can be usefully combined with build-outs which improve visibility to and from vehicles, reduce crossing distances and clarify that pedestrians are intending to cross the road.

**Tabled Zebra Crossing.** This is where a zebra crossing includes a speed table, or is sited at a tabled junction, either as part of a wider set of traffic calming or on its own.

**Build-out.** This is a section of widened footway. These can be used in several ways such as reshaping junctions, defining parking areas and reducing distances that pedestrians have to cross the road. They can improve visibility to and from pedestrians or drivers waiting at a junction.

**Priority Narrowing.** This is a form of traffic calming where build-outs narrow the road so that only one vehicle can pass at a time. In all new road narrowing schemes, one direction is given priority. They can also assist pedestrians to cross as the road is narrowed and visibility is improved. They are most effective where a similar number of vehicles use the road in both directions and there is about 10 to 20 vehicles per minute in the peak hour.

**Vehicle Crossovers.** A vehicle crossover allows you to access your property legally, safely and easily when you are using a car or other domestic vehicle. This means that the kerbs are dropped ("dropped kerb") from their normal height to carriageway level and the footway, or verge, is strengthened to take the weight of the vehicle crossing it. It is an offence to drive on a footway unless a vehicle crossover has been authorised and put in. In addition to the safety reasons, this is because you may damage the footway or any pipes or cables that are buried underneath it. The crossover allows you to pass safely from the carriageway, preventing any obstruction to the highway. As part of our improvement schemes, it is possible to make provision for new vehicle crossovers, subject to the necessary terms and conditions. However, those seeking a vehicle crossover must obtain a prior Highway Agreement from us. Depending upon the Classification of the road, it may also be necessary to obtain Planning Permission. Further information is available on www.cardiff.gov.uk
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