

Post Consultation Report

Hamadryad – Avondale Road – Pedestrian Facilities

Project No: CO17120

A consultation was held on the above scheme proposals between 23rd March and 27th April 2018 with the purpose of obtaining information from the local community, in order to improve the scheme and if possible address any local concerns. Five individual responses were received from members of the public and these have been summarised as follows:

- 1 Against the proposed scheme
- 4 of the individuals also raised additional comments for which are outlined below

The comments and Cardiff Councils responses are summarised below. For data protection reasons, the full comments are not shown with only the main observations included. However, the response takes into consideration the full content of the comments received.

Recommendation

During the detailed design stage for this scheme it has been identified that there is not sufficient funding to deliver the entire scheme within the budget available. Therefore it is proposed to only progress with the changes to the roundabout at the junction of Avondale Road, Clarence Road and Corporation Road as shown on the attached site notice.

However, the other elements of the proposed scheme may be delivered in the future should funding become available. Our Transport Vision, Policy & Strategy Team have a future programme to deliver a 20mph scheme in the Grangetown Area and these elements could be considered as part of these works providing there is sufficient funding available.

Concerns / Comments Received:

The consultation comments are shown in *italics* with Cardiff Councils responses shown in normal print.

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

Comment 1.1:

“There is nothing wrong with the access and visibility from Avondale Gardens on to Avondale Road, if you want to make Avondale Road safer what is needed is a speed camera, but of course your not interested in that”

The proposed changes to the junction of Avondale Road / Avondale Gardens are to introduce drop kerbs around the junction and also tactile paving, this will create a safe route for pedestrians along this route. These proposed changes will also encourage pedestrians to walk to school which promotes Active Travel. The dropped kerbs and tactile paving is aimed at improving access for wheeled and partially sighted footway users.

Speed Camera are not introduced by Cardiff Council they are operated by the Wales Casualty Reduction Partnership (known as GoSafe www.gosafe.org) and are provided according to criteria as set out in their Site Criteria document.

Cameras can only be used in one of three circumstances: where people have been killed or seriously injured; at sites of community concern and a survey confirms that there is a genuine speeding problem and as part of special operations, such as roadworks and educational campaigns.

You could register your concerns on the GoSafe site under Contact Us > Community Concern and then GoSafe will investigate the issue.

The below are additional comments that were received during the consultation period regarding other matters arising from the consultation:

Comment 1.2:

“I have lived in Kent Street for XX years and during that time have found parking increasingly difficult due to the rising number of cars over the years. My fear is that the proposed improvements would see the street lose a significant number of parking spaces. Would you let me know how many parking spaces you expect to be lost by the 'improvement works' and what options are available to me with regards parking?”

The proposed build outs for the junction of Kent Street only remove a low number of legally parked vehicles. Parking within 10 metres of a junction is contrary to the guidance provided in the Highway Code, and also recommends drivers should not park on a road where it would endanger, inconvenience or obstruct pedestrians or other road users. Therefore any vehicles which currently park within 10 metres of the junction are not counted as legal or safe parking. I can confirm the proposed build outs for Kent Street will remove approximately 10 metres of legal/safe parking, this equates to a maximum of two vehicles.

Comment 1.3:

As residents of Avondale Road we are extremely concerned that the proposed Avondale Road Access Improvements are insufficient in terms of road safety for pedestrians and residents. Avondale Road has become a busy commuter route. In 2017 new bus routes were established along Avondale Road, adding to the number of traffic movements. Frequent speeding can be observed at all times of the day, making it extremely dangerous for local children. Journeys to Hamadryad School will exacerbate this issue, particularly in the vicinity of Grangetown Nursery School. There has also been at least one recent incident where speeding traffic has collided with a car leaving its driveway.

It is our position that the proposed 'safe and convenient' access associated with the scheme cannot be possibly achieved without traffic calming measures, which include tabling the two existing pedestrian crossings, additional speed tables, and road space reduction. This would be of greater value to the community, and should be prioritised over the proposed Junction buildouts. In 2014 Cardiff City Council identified Avondale Road as an 'Area of Concern' requiring traffic calming measures to be installed. The Council proposed that the existing crossing outside 13 Avondale Road be tabled to help reduce traffic speed. This has not yet been done and should be incorporated of the above scheme.

As part of the initial planning of the Hamadryad School discussions were undertaken between Transport Projects and Planning regarding how funding should be allocated within the vicinity of the proposed School. As there was only a limited amount of funding available it was agreed that the main priority for the funding would be targeted towards introducing new facilities in the immediate vicinity of the school and then facilities for the wider area would be introduced where funding permitted.

Therefore Traffic Calming features for Avondale Road still remain on the Area of Concern list should future funding become available for this area.

However, I can advise that our Transport Vision, Strategy & Policy Team have identified that Avondale Road is one of the roads which will be included in 20mph zone for the Grangetown Area. The introduction of a 20mph speed limit along Avondale Road will also include the introduction of Traffic Calming Features, this 20mph scheme is on a future programme list and will be introduced when funding becomes available.