Penylan: Howardian Primary School: Hampton Court Road

Description of Scheme Proposal

The Council have requested highway improvement works are included as part of the planning agreement associated with the development of Howardian Primary School.

The proposed highway improvement works for Hampton Court Road will include the construction of a speed table which will provide a convenient place for pedestrians to cross, parking restrictions directly outside the school gates, together with bollards to prevent the obstructive footway parking. The implementation of this project will improve road safety particularly for pedestrians.

In addition to these works a new 20mph speed limit will be introduced on Hampton Court Road, and the cul-de-sacs leading off it. This change in speed limit will require a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO), which will be subject to a separate consultation as part of the legal TRO process.

The scheme is required to discharge a planning condition on planning application 16/02710/MJR for which planning permission was issued on 13th February 2017.

Additional Information about traffic management measures

20 mph Zones. At 20 mph a car is able stop in 12 metres (40 feet), compared to 24 metres (75 ft) at 30 mph. In the event of an accident there is only a 1 in 20 risk of a pedestrian being killed, compared with a 1 in 2 risk at 30 mph. These factors combine to greatly reduce the risk to all road users. In the case of pedestrians it makes using a crossing and, where necessary, walking on the road far safer and acceptable. It is a statutory requirement that 20 mph zones contain traffic calming features at a spacing of not more than 100 metres and have to be designed to achieve an average vehicle speed of 20 mph.

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.

Traffic Regulation Order. These are the restrictions placed on the Highway that direct, control and prohibit road user movements. For example 20mph speed limits. No Entry. No Right Turn. One Way. No Waiting. These regulations must pass through a lengthy legal process. If approved, the signs or lines are placed on site and enforced by the Police or their Traffic Wardens.
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.

Dropped Kerbs. This is the simplest form of pedestrian crossing where the level between the footway and the road is reduced to the minimum to assist wheelchair, pushchair and other mobility impaired users. They are fitted with tactile paving to warn visually impaired users that there is no kerb separating the footway and road.

Bollard. This is a post made of various materials and is used to deter vehicles being driven onto the footway or verge.
The Council is consulting on the proposal to implement a traffic management scheme based on the plan shown. Further details about this consultation are available at www.cardiff.gov.uk/TransportProjects using the 'view consultations' link. Alternatively, please e-mail TransportProjects@cardiff.gov.uk or telephone 029 2087 3802 to request a paper copy. If you would like to make any comments about this proposal please let us know by 22/03/2018.