Consultation Report

A consultation was held on the above scheme proposals between 23 August 2019 and 19 September 2019. 5 individual responses were received, including a response from pupils of Ninian Park Primary School. The concerns and comments received are summarised as below, along with the Council's response.

Recommendation
In view of the below report, it is proposed to proceed with the implementation of the scheme.

Issue 1 – Location of traffic calming

A resident raised concerns relating to the location of the traffic calming feature on Virgil Street, which may affect future access to their property and their ability to construct a vehicle crossover.

Response
This location has been reviewed following the concerns raised by the resident. A 20mph speed limit has recently been introduced which is effective in reducing vehicle speeds on the approach to the school. It has been agreed to retain the existing traffic calming features (speed cushions) in their current position, and not to change these to a full width speed table as shown in the consultation plan. The new school safety zone signs will now be located within the footway, this will ensure that there is sufficient space for the resident to construct a vehicle crossover in the future, subject to the standard application process – details of which can be found on the Council website.

Issue 2 – Request for parking restrictions

Several respondents raised concerns relating to parental parking issues and driveways being blocked. Requests were made for additional restrictions at the entrance to City Gardens, and enforcement of existing restrictions. Concerns were also raised about the potential displaced parking.

Response
Additional parking and loading restrictions will be introduced following the implementation of this scheme. These will be subject to a separate Traffic Regulation Order process. We will
also arrange for the Council’s Civil Enforcement Officers to increase the frequency of visits to this location.

If motorists obstruct driveways or fail to comply with parking restrictions this is a matter which can be dealt with by the Civil Enforcement Officers, and incidents should be reported to 029 2087 2087 requesting enforcement.

Ninian Park Primary School have engaged with the Council’s Active Travel team and are currently developing an Active Travel Plan to address issues relating to how their staff and pupils travel to school, with the emphasis on encouraging walking, scooting and cycling in order to reduce the number of car journeys to the school.

**Issue 3 – Introduce a speed camera**

*Pupils from Ninian Park Primary requested that a speed camera is installed.*

**Response**

Speed cameras are operated by GoSafe, and they can only be installed if the location meets the criteria set by the Welsh Government which is based on the number and the severity of collisions. We have checked the Police injury-collision database and this location does not meet the criteria for a fixed speed camera.

GoSafe run regular speed enforcement campaigns to enforce 20mph speed limits outside schools. We have contacted GoSafe requesting that they include Ninian Park Primary School in their next enforcement campaign. Further information about GoSafe can be found on their website at [www.GoSafe.org.uk](http://www.GoSafe.org.uk)

**Issue 4 – Request for a lollypop patrol**

*Pupils from Ninian Park Primary requested that a lollypop patrol is provided on one or more of the crossings.*

**Response**

This request has been assessed by the road safety education team, and this location does not meet the criteria for a School Crossing Patrol.

This project will help to create a safer highway environment, the speed limit has recently been reduced to 20mph and the scheme will make improvements to the pedestrian facilities, introduce additional traffic calming, improved signage and a new zebra crossing on Virgil Street.

Pupils will be offered road safety education training to ensure that they know how to use the zebra crossings in a safe manner.

**Issue 5 – Improve road and pavement surface**

*Pupils from Ninian Park Primary raised concerns about the condition of the road and pavement outside the school.*
Response

The footway directly outside the school entrance on Virgil Street will be widened and resurfaced as part of this scheme, this will create a much wider path for pupils and parents to use. The existing zebra crossing near the school entrance on Sloper Road will also be upgraded and widened.

We are not able to use the Grant funds awarded to this scheme for general maintenance work, we have forwarded the concern to the Council’s Asset Management team for review.
Following the recent consultation on a traffic management proposal, the Council is preparing to implement the scheme based on the revised plan shown, subject to a Traffic Regulation Order process. Further details about this consultation are available at www.cardiff.gov.uk/TransportProjects using the 'view consultations' link.