Post Consultation Report

Sanquhar Street – Priority Narrowing Removal

Project No: CO19048

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 40 properties consulted and 3 site notices displayed on site, 3 individual responses were received, these have been summarised as follows:

- 1 - Objected to the proposed scheme
- 2 - Raised comments but did not state whether they support or object to the proposal

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 on Sanquhar Street and replace it with a built out tabled zebra crossing. 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 are against the proposal:

Issue - “My concern is that by removing the priority narrowing you will be removing the only feature along the street that actually slows drives down, the current speed bumps do not slow down the high proportion of SUV/van type vehicles. I feel that due to the straight nature of the street cars will have a clear view from a significant distance whether a pedestrian is looking to cross, and if there is not there will be no need for them to slow down, potentially increasing the traffic speeds on the street. Currently there is the need to slow down for oncoming vehicles 24/7, the proposed scheme only gives a need to slow down when someone is crossing. I feel the best way to reduce speeds on the street in the future would be the incorporation of more build outs and road narrowing features with the potential for planting, similar to Greener Grangetown.”

Currently vehicles on Sanquhar Street only have to slow down or completely stop when they are confronted with vehicles travelling in the opposite direction at the priority narrowing. Therefore, when vehicles are travelling through this narrowing if there are no vehicles travelling in the opposite direction then vehicles can continue along this route without reducing their speed. The introduction of the proposed tabled zebra crossing at this location ensures vehicles travelling in both directions will have to reduce their speed regardless of whether there are vehicles travelling in the opposite direction.
It is proposed to build out the north side of the footway at this location, this will align vehicles travelling westbound away from the kerb edge that will increase visibility of these vehicles to vehicles exiting from the side streets. This will also reduce the carriageway width pedestrians have to cross at this location that further increases safety for pedestrians crossing at this location.

The below are comments received during the consultation period which did not state whether they are in support or against the proposal:

“My main concern is whether there are plans for the suggested zebra crossing to have a set of flashing amber lights? any flashing lights would be likely to have an adverse affect on our sleep”

As the proposed Belisha Beacons are in close proximity to resident properties “shrouds” will be introduced on the proposed Belisha Beacons. These are effectively covers which go around the belisha beacon and restrict light splay into adjacent premises, they do not restrict visibility of the beacons for drivers approaching the crossing location.
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.