Marlborough Road/Waterloo Road Pedestrian Improvements

Description of Scheme Proposal

The Council is informing residents about plans to make changes to the highway at the junction of Marlborough Road near Waterloo Road. Concerns have been raised about pedestrian safety at this location. In response, officers from the Council have investigated options to make improvements which will help to create a safer highway environment.

The main road safety issues identified were inadequate pedestrian footway width.

This scheme has therefore been developed to:

- Widen the pedestrian footway
- Reduce vehicle speeds
- Improve pedestrian crossing facilities

The measures will deliver a safer pedestrian environment, particularly for vulnerable road users and school pupils, and will improve accessibility to the community area, local shops and bus services.

Funding for this scheme has been secured from Welsh Government.

We would appreciate any comments you may have regarding the proposals. We understand you may have suggestions for other improvements to increase safety on Marlborough Road and Waterloo 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 30/01/20 by email to TransportProjects@cardiff.gov.uk or write to Transport Projects, Room 301, County Hall, Cardiff, CF10 4UW
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 Cardiff.gov.uk/TransportProjects using the 'view consultations' link. Alternatively, please e-mail TransportProjects@cardiff.gov.uk to request a paper copy. If you would like to make any comments about this proposal please let us know by 30/01/2020.
**Additional Information about traffic management measures**

**Traffic Island.** A traffic island is an area in the middle of the road surrounded by kerbs so that vehicles cannot be driven across it and are usually fitted with a 'keep left' sign or illuminated bollard. They are used as part of a *pedestrian refuge*, to create staggered crossing, to control vehicle movements at roundabouts or other junctions. A special type can appear to be a small roundabout, but without any side road arms.

**Pedestrian Refuge.** These *traffic islands* are used at sites where the number of pedestrians crossing the road is insufficient to justify a *zebra or puffin crossing*. They assist pedestrians to cross the road as they only have to consider one direction at a time and have a much reduced crossing distance. Modern refuges are much wider than previously used which makes them more suitable for wheelchairs and pushchairs.

**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.

**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.

**Splitter Island.** This is type of *traffic island* used at roundabouts to direct vehicles and to reduce the speed at which vehicles can pass through the roundabout.