

## **CO22029 Fairwater Campus (Highways Improvements)**

### **Consultation Report**

**October 2023**

#### **Introduction**

Public consultation was undertaken on Cardiff Council's proposal to undertake highway improvement works to support the development of Fairwater Campus in the Fairwater Ward. The public consultation was undertaken between 21/04/2023 and 12/05/2023

#### **Consultation Activities**

The following activities were undertaken to promote consultation:

- Letter drop to properties in the vicinity of the scheme
- Site notices in the vicinity of the scheme
- Email to stakeholders and statutory consultees
- Information on Council Website

#### **Consultation Results**

**12** individual responses were received during this public consultation, a breakdown of this response is as follows:

**7:** Objected and provided additional comments / suggestions.

**5:** Have provided comments / suggestions but have not stated if they support or object to the proposal

#### **Consultation Outcome**

In view of the public consultation it is proposed to proceed with the **amended** proposal as shown on the attached plan.

## Specific Issues

Specific issues raised through the consultation are set out below with the Council's response, where the same issue has been raised by a different responder these have been grouped together.

Issue	Response
<p>A number of comments were received in relation to proposed parking restrictions. There was also a request for additional parking restrictions in other locations throughout the area.</p>	<p>Whilst parking restrictions were shown on the consultation plans, these restrictions did not form part of this consultation. All the documentation that was published with this consultation stated:</p> <p><i>"In addition to these measures, new parking and loading restrictions are proposed. These will require a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO), which will be subject to a separate consultation as part of the legal TRO process."</i></p> <p>The TRO process is a legal process and passes through various stages of consultation, and at present this proposal has not reached the public consultation stage. When it does reach the TRO public consultation, it is at this stage that residents or any interested parties will be provided with further information relating to the proposed parking restrictions and it is at this stage they can then formally object to the proposed TRO's.</p> <p>Therefore any comments received relating to proposed TRO's will not be responded to as part of <u>this</u> highways improvements consultation as those will need to be raised during the future TRO consultation.</p>
<p>Comments were received regarding if additional traffic calming measures could be introduced at other locations throughout the area.</p>	<p>The funding for this Scheme has been awarded from the Welsh Government Active Travel Fund and a contribution from the Education budget for the school. There are no additional funds available towards introducing additional features along this route. All roads within the scheme have a 20mph speed limit. In September 2023, 20mph will become the default speed limit on roads in all built up areas in Wales. Welsh Government advice is that local authorities should not introduce additional traffic calming measures as a means of achieving greater compliance with 20mph limits.</p> <p>If residents have any other road safety concerns these can be emailed to: <a href="mailto:TransportProjects@Cardiff.gov.uk">TransportProjects@Cardiff.gov.uk</a> or sent to Transport Projects, Room 301, Atlantic Wharf, Cardiff, CF10 4UW for investigation.</p>
<p>A number of comments stated that building out the junctions of Llangattock Road, Norbury Road and St Fagans Close will</p>	<p>Whilst it is normal for a vehicle to reduce their speed on approach to a junction, if a junction mouth is wide drivers may be inclined to not reduce their speed sufficiently and undertake a turning manoeuvre at an</p>

<p>reduce carriageway width and cause congestion through these roads. A comment also stated that vehicles would have to encroach further out into St Fagan's Road which increases the risk of collisions.</p>	<p>inappropriate speed. These wide junctions also means that pedestrians have a longer distance of carriageway to cross which increases the risk of vehicle to pedestrian conflict. As part of this proposal the road width will be narrowed which will encourage vehicles to reduce their speed when undertaking this manoeuvre. This will provide a better and safer facility for people making local walking and cycling journeys including daily journeys to local schools. This is consistent with the requirements of the Active Travel (Wales) Act and supports the Council's objectives of increasing journeys by active modes of transport.</p>
<p>A resident stated that the bollards being introduced on the corner of Doyle Avenue would not prevent vehicles parking at this location and further measures are required.</p>	<p>As part of the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) proposal parking and loading restrictions will be introduced around this corner to prevent vehicles being able to legally park at this location.</p>
<p>Concerns have been raised about flooding on the corner of Norbury Road / Fairwater Road. There is an drainage issue at this location and building out the junction will only create further flooding issues.</p>	<p>The drainage provision will be assessed during the detailed design stage, new gullies will be provided as necessary to ensure that adequate highway drainage is provided.</p>
<p>A request was received to introduce a one way restriction along a section of Fairwater Road.</p>	<p>The introduction of a one way system would likely result in an increase in vehicle speeds on the road, as drivers would be un-opposed as parking acts as a natural traffic calming feature. In view of the above and the road's good safety record, there is no justification for the introduction of a one way system at this location.</p>
<p>A comment was received stating that the scheme was not a good use of tax payers money and the money should be used elsewhere such as repairing pot holes.</p>	<p>The proposed package of measures will help to create safe walking routes to Fairwater Campus and create a safer highway environment through having reduced vehicle speeds and formal pedestrian crossings. This will encourage more children to walk to school, increasing activity levels, which will have positive health benefits. This proposal is being developed using capital funding from the Welsh Government Active Travel Fund and a contribution from the Education budget for the school. This funding cannot be used towards maintenance such as pot holes.</p>
<p>A comment was received stating that this consultation and also a full highways assessment should have been undertaken prior to any planning agreement for this new site was progressed.</p>	<p>The development plans are a separate proposal from the highways infrastructure improvement proposals. The highway works are due to be provided to facilitate safe and convenient active travel access to school but these are not part of the proposed school development and so are not included in the school planning application.</p>
<p>Numerous comments were received regarding how the proposed restrictions will be</p>	<p>The Council's Civil Enforcement Officers regularly enforce the existing parking restrictions, however any request for enforcement of existing parking restrictions</p>

<p>enforced and whether camera enforcement can be undertaken.</p>	<p>should be directed to the Civil Enforcement Officers who can be contacted via C2C on 029 2087 2087. We will however liaise with the Civil Enforcement team following implementation of the scheme to assess if there is a requirement for camera enforcement in the area.</p>
<p>Concerns regarding the lighting which will be introduced with the proposed zebra crossings.</p>	<p>The flashing amber beacons are an integral part of the design of a zebra crossing, this is a standard design which is used at all zebra crossings, in accordance with national technical design standards. The use of a 'yellow globe' at a zebra crossing is a prescribed requirement as part of a zebra crossing layout under The Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions (TSRGD) Chapter 6.</p> <p>Extended shrouds are installed over the beacon heads which will help to minimise any light emitting to the sides of the beacons.</p>
<p>Objections were received to the proposed tabled zebra crossing on Fairwater Road stating that this will remove any parking opportunity for residents, visitors, deliveries or tradesmen on the highway.</p> <p>Questions were asked regarding the justification for the zebra crossing on Fairwater Road if the main access to Cantonian High School is on Doyle Avenue</p> <p>Concerns regarding the visibility of the proposed tabled zebra crossing on Fairwater Road for drivers approaching the crossing.</p> <p>Comments stating that the proposed tabled zebra crossing on Fairwater Road only provides a benefit to pedestrians for a short period of time</p> <p>The proposed location of the tabled zebra crossing on Fairwater Road may cause safety issues with vehicles reversing out of driveways in close proximity to the proposed crossing.</p>	<p>The originally proposed tabled zebra crossing and associated zig-zag road markings would have removed all the unrestricted parking along this section of Fairwater Road. However, in view of the comments received as part of this consultation we are no longer proposing to introduce a tabled zebra crossing. We are now proposing to introduce a tabled uncontrolled crossing as part of this scheme, this will only have minimal impact on available on road parking along this section of Fairwater Road.</p>

<p>The proposed tabled zebra crossing will increase the risk of flooding to adjacent properties.</p>	<p>The drainage provision for the tabled uncontrolled crossing will be assessed during the detailed design stage, new gullies will be provided as necessary to ensure that adequate highway drainage is provided.</p>
<p>A question was asked regarding if the existing zebra crossing on Fairwater Road outside the existing school entrance will remain.</p>	<p>There are no plans to remove the existing zebra crossing on Fairwater Road</p>
<p>A comment was received regarding if any Road Safety Audits had been undertaken.</p>	<p>Following public consultation on schemes there are occasions where proposed schemes may require alterations or changes. Therefore following the public consultation being completed a full Road Safety Audit will be requested on the final scheme design.</p>
<p>Comment regarding cutting back trees on Fairwater Road to accommodate the lighting associated with the tabled zebra crossing which will have an impact on wildlife.</p>	<p>As we are no longer progressing a tabled zebra crossing at this location there is no requirement for trees to be cut back in order to ensure visibility of belisha beacons. There may however be the requirement for changes to the street lighting along Fairwater Road as part of these works, this will be investigated during the detailed design stage.</p>
<p>A comment stated that the plans lack detail and do not provide information such as timescales or include a full description of the works.</p>	<p>The plans which have been provided as part of this consultation are standard consultation plans for which engineering level detail has been removed. No final decision has been made on how the scheme will proceed and this scheme must still pass through a number of processes including a tender stage so we are not able to indicate timescales at this stage. Following any final decision being made new site notices will be placed up on site in the area notifying the public of the outcome of this consultation, a copy of the post-consultation report will also be published on the Council website for interested parties to view.</p>
<p>A question was asked regarding if the bus stop on St Fagan's Road directly opposite the junction of Doyle Avenue would be moved under this proposal.</p>	<p>There is no proposal to move this bus stop as part of this scheme.</p>
<p>Alterations to the junction of St Fagan's Road / Doyle Avenue will cause more congestion and lead to vehicles driving over the wrong side of the road.</p>	<p>The narrowing of junctions assists in reducing vehicle speeds around junctions. "Track-runs" using design software have been undertaken during the concept design stage to confirm normal vehicles can undertake turning manoeuvres without being obstructed by the proposed junction layout</p>
<p>Comments received stating that the scheme would cause delays / issues for emergency services in the area.</p>	<p>As part of any Highways Improvements scheme we consult with all the emergency services should they wish to comment on a proposed scheme.</p>