

Hounslow Road, Hanworth – Cycle Improvements Proposals

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Briefing Note

1. Recommendations

That Members:-

- (a) note the responses to the consultation on one-way working in the service road in front of Nos. 40–62 Hounslow Road, and approve its implementation, subject to the Statutory Consultation process.
- (b) The Area Forum delegate authority to the Executive Director for REDe to carry out the required statutory consultations on the proposals.
- (c) The Area Forum delegated authority to the Executive Director for REDe to resolve where possible any objections received to the statutory consultation.
- (d) In the event that any objections received remained unresolved, the Area Forum delegated authority to the Chair of the Area Forum to determine the objections in consultation with ward councillors.
- (e) If no objections were received or once any objections received were resolved, the Area Forum delegated authority to the Executive Director for REDe to implement the scheme.

2. Background and Progress Update

- 2.1 The purpose of this briefing note is to update Members on the proposed upgrade of cycle facilities on Hounslow Road between its junctions with A312 and Park Road in Hanworth, and on a recent consultation held on making the service road in front of Nos. 40–62 one-way as part of the scheme.
- 2.2 The northern section of the cycle track, from the borough boundary with LB Richmond to the A312, has recently been constructed and officers are now progressing with the detailed design on the central section before moving onto the southern section – Park Road to A316 - later in 2017.
- 2.2 The results of the original consultation on all the cycle improvement proposals were reported to the Area Forum in January 2015 with option B being the preferred:
 - Option B – Combination of on-road cycle lanes and cycle tracks that form part of the footway. Increase waiting restrictions to keep cycle lanes clear of parked vehicles. Majority of cycle tracks to be re-aligned adjacent to existing footways, with parking located kerbside. This option requires the removal of several street trees, with replacement trees to be planted.
 - Options contained, raised tables at side road junctions to improve pedestrian facilities and slow vehicle speed. New traffic calming and extension of 20mph to reduce vehicle speeds on the central and south sections. Cycle bypass facilities at bus stops and removal of mini roundabouts at Park Road and Swift Road junctions.

3.0 Consultation on One Way Working, Service Road at Nos. 40 - 62

- 3.1 Whilst working on the detailed design for this section, it has become clear that, in order to provide the best facility for cyclists and pedestrians in the area of the service roads at Nos. 40–80, we need to route cyclists through this service road.
- 3.2 This is because there is insufficient road width throughout this part of the route to provide a southbound cycle lane, and the option of allow cyclists to use the footway here would leave too little space for pedestrians - particularly at the bus stop, and at busy periods around school start and finish times.
- 3.3 To allow for safer use of the service roads by cyclists, we would need to make them one way for all traffic. The section of the service road fronting Nos. 62–80 is currently one way and, we propose to make the section outside Nos. 40–62 one way also. One way working reduces the risk of accidents and blockages where roads are very narrow, and, in this case, causes very little inconvenience to residents, who will still be able to access their properties from the junction at No.80.
- 3.4 All properties numbered 40 to 80 Hounslow Road (a total of 20) were hand delivered a letter, detailed plan and questionnaire form on Friday, 7 October regarding the one way working of the service road and possible closing of an access junction near Oriel Academy and No.62. All feedback was to be received by Friday, 28 October 2016.

3.5 Feedback received from the consultation is as follows:

Responses received = 5

One Way Working

Closure of Middle Access:

Support = 3

Support = 0

Against = 0

Against = 3

No comment = 2

No comment = 2

Comments (number of responses in brackets):

Parking bays to be marked. (2)

Like idea of additional crossing near Park Road. (1)

Issues with parking across driveways particularly during school pick up and drop off. (2)

May need to include some speed humps as cars, mopeds already speed along the service road. (2)

Despite the slip road being one way, some individuals still drive into and out of it the wrong way. (1)

People also ride bicycles both ways down the road.(1)

- 3.6 In light of these responses, officers recommend that the proposed one way working be approved. The specific points raised such as marking the parking bays and an additional crossing near Park Road will be implemented as part of the scheme. Formally marking of parking bays should encourage vehicles not to obstruct driveways. Measures to reduce speed will be considered as part of the development of the detailed design. Issues with vehicles travelling the wrong way in the service road will be passed to parking enforcement for investigation.

4.0 Next Steps

- 4.1 The key dates for the project are currently as follows.
- December 2016 – Finalisation of detailed design.
 - Spring 2017 to Autumn 2017 Construction

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