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APPENDIX C

Traffic Scheme Consultation



Grange School 20mph Zone Scheme

IMPORTANT – THIS AFFECTS YOU – PLEASE RESPOND

Grange School 20mph Zone Scheme

Introduction

The Council has been successful in securing funding from Transport for London (TfL) to introduce a 20mph zone in your area, near Grange Primary School, and are therefore seeking your views on these proposals. Much of the area is already traffic calmed and therefore we are not planning additional measures in the most of the roads as there is existing traffic calming or they are cul de sacs or road geometry leads to recorded traffic speeds are already low.

In order to make the zone self enforcing however new traffic calming is proposed in Coles Crescent, Maryatt Avenue near the junction with Rayners Lane and in Furness Road. It is planned that the 20mph zone include these roads and others as shown on the enclosed plan.

The aims of the scheme are to create a 20mph zone which will:

- Reduce the risk of personal injury accidents within the area
- Improve pedestrian and cycle safety
- Encourage walking and cycling in the area
- Discourage through traffic

Vulnerable road users such as pedestrians (particularly children and the elderly), cyclists and motorcyclists are over-represented in road user casualties within the borough. By reducing vehicle speeds to 20 mph, specifically in residential areas and near schools, the council believes that, not only will casualties be reduced but, more people may be encouraged to cycle or walk as opposed to relying on the car.

The implementation of 20mph zones is supported by the Mayor for London and helps to meet national and local road safety targets. Research conducted by TfL found that 20mph zones reduced traffic speeds by an average of 9mph and dramatically improved safety for all road users, reducing all casualties by 43% and fatal or serious casualties by 53%.

20mph zones within the borough are generally supported by physical measures such as speed cushions in order to make them self enforcing.

The full proposals are outlined below and shown on the enclosed plan

Entry treatments

This will involve erecting 20mph signs and marking the carriageway with a 20mph roundel at the entry point to the zone. The entry treatment will raise motorist's awareness to the change of speed limit and indicate that they are entering a 20 mph area.

Speed Cushions

These are a traffic calming feature, which are narrow enough to allow a wide wheel based vehicle such as a fire engine or ambulance to pass relatively unhindered. A smaller wheelbase vehicle, such as a car, however would have to have at least one set of wheels on some part of the cushion, thereby forcing the driver to reduce their speed.

The details of the 20 mph zone proposals are shown on the enclosed plan for your information. A set of more detailed plans is also on the council's website by using the following link: www.harrow.gov.uk/trafficconsultations - look for *Grange School 20mph zone scheme*.

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Benefits:

- Effective in reducing speeds
- Self enforcing
- Overcome objections of the emergency services

Disadvantages:

- May cause vibration or noise
- Potential discomfort to vehicle occupants
- Will not reduce the speed of all vehicles



Typical Speed Cushions

Benefits:

- Effective in raising motorists' awareness
- Highlights the change from the main road to a residential area
- Raises the priority for pedestrian crossing the junction

Disadvantages:

- Insignificant



Typical Entry Treatment

New or Changed Restrictions

We are also consulting you on some proposed waiting restrictions near the entrance to Grange Primary School in Welbeck Road. There is a more detailed plan of the waiting restriction proposals on the reverse of the main plan. We will be separately consulting many of the people in this area about parking issues and a possible new controlled parking zone and further associate restrictions at junctions and bends etc. as part of a separately funded programme. You will receive separate details at a later date. If you believe there are particular areas where parking causes a problem please mention this under other comments on your response.

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What about the emergency services – police, fire, ambulance etc?

The emergency services along with other interested parties are consulted individually for their opinion and views on the proposals.

We need your views

We want to make sure that everyone who may be affected by these proposals knows what is happening and has the opportunity to let us know what they think. Please return your comments on these proposals by **30 January 2014**.

If you have access to the internet you can respond on-line by visiting www.harrow.gov.uk/trafficconsultations which will direct you to the web page containing the survey name (Grange School 20mph Zone scheme). You may be asked to register your details before completing the survey. Alternatively, you can return the questionnaire using the pre-paid envelope provided.

Formal consultation

A summary of the proposals will also be advertised in the local paper, Harrow Times as part the legal process to introduce a 20mph zone and traffic calming. It should appear around 16 January 2014. This allows people in general to comment on the proposal or object if they wish. Formal representations need to be in writing (email acceptable) and needs to include the persons name, address and reason for their representation and needs to reach us by **6 February 2014**

Can I see the proposals in more detail?

A more detailed large-scale plan of the proposals can be viewed on-line (see above) or at:

Access Harrow, Ground Floor, Harrow Civic Centre
Station Road, Harrow

(Opening hours – Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm)

What happens next?

We will consider all the comments returned to us, and if appropriate, modifications may be made to the scheme proposals. It is anticipated that the construction works will be completed by the end of March 2014.

Further information

If you require further clarification or would like to discuss any issues related to the scheme, please contact Stephen Freeman, at the address below:

Harrow Council, PO Box 39
Civic Centre, Station Road
Harrow HA1 2XA

Tel: 020 8424 1437
Email: transportation@harrow.gov.uk

Unfortunately it will not be possible to reply in writing to individual responses, but if you wish to know the outcome of the consultation in due course, please contact Stephen Freeman.

Thank you for replying to this consultation