

Public Consultation – Please Read



Old Redding Local Safety Scheme



We need your views

Introduction

We are seeking your views on the council's proposals to improve road safety and reduce the number of road collisions involving personal injuries on Old Redding by introducing a range of safety measures along its length.

Collisions

Between 1 November 2004 and 30 October 2007, there were 26 recorded personal injury accidents along Old Redding. The most common contributory factor was excessive speed. We have studied the accident data provided by the Police and have made a number of visits to the area as part of our investigations. We are now proposing safety measures that will help to reduce the number of personal injury accidents.

Speeds

As part of our investigations, we have recorded speeds in excess of 60mph with the average speeds being 37.3mph. It was also recorded that 90% of drivers exceed the posted speed limit. The existing speed limit is 30mph and the measures proposed are designed to reduce vehicle speeds, as at lower speeds collisions are less likely to involve serious injury. Speed cameras were considered but unfortunately, due to insufficient visibility and impracticalities associated with their installation and maintenance, they cannot be safety sited.

Funding

Funding for a local safety scheme has been secured from Transport for London (TfL) and we hope to implement to scheme before December 2008.

Proposed measures

Four sections of 'Rippleprint' surfacing are proposed on the approach to the bends where the majority of accidents have occurred. Rippleprint benefits road safety by alerting drivers (visual, audible and vibratory) to approaching hazards, resulting in fewer collisions and less severe accidents.

Rippleprint is a traffic calming device that alerts drivers through the creation of noise and vibration inside the vehicle but with little or no increase in noise outside the vehicle. It has a unique ribbed surface profile that is like driving over a rippled or corrugated surface.



Photo showing Rippleprint profile



Photo showing Rippleprint in situ

Vehicle activated speed warning signs are proposed at various locations and are effective in encouraging drivers to approach hazards such as bends at a safe speed and to encourage drivers to comply with the speed limit.

On roads with a rural feel such as Old Redding, driving too fast for the road conditions is a key contributory factor in the reported accidents and vehicle activated signs are useful in encouraging drivers to adjust their speed to suit the conditions of the road and at blackspot locations.



Key benefits:

- Effective at reducing speeds at hazards
- Effective at accident blackspot locations

“Slow” road markings with a conspicuous red surfacing are proposed to further highlight approaching hazards and to remind drivers to reduce their speed.

It is proposed to replace the existing chevron signs (located on the bends) with new highly visible signs with yellow backing boards, which will encourage motorists and motorcyclists to brake earlier in advance of the bend.

In addition, reflectorised bollards are proposed on the approach to bends to further highlight their severity.



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.

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Please return your comments on these proposals by 31 July 2008 (TBC) by using the self-addressed envelope. Post is pre-paid. Alternatively, you can submit your questionnaire on-line by visiting www.harrow.gov.uk/consultations and clicking on 'Consultation - service delivery' and follow the links to Old Redding Local Safety Scheme.

What happens next?

We will consider all the comments returned to us, and if appropriate, modifications may be made to the scheme proposals.

Further information

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

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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 Johann Alles.

Thank you for replying to this consultation

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QUESTIONNAIRE

Please read the enclosed leaflet and plans before completing this form. Please complete the questionnaire and return it in the pre-paid envelope provided (no stamp is required) to **reach us by 31 July 2008 (TBC)**. Alternatively, you can submit your questionnaire on-line by visiting www.harrow.gov.uk/consultations and clicking on 'Consultation - service delivery' and follow the links to Old Redding Local Safety Scheme. If you require additional copies of the questionnaire, please call 0208 736 6816.

Name (company name if appropriate):

Address:

Postcode:

Please include your address so that we can relate the answers to your part of the road. Replies will be used for the analysis of the consultation and for no other purpose.

Please tick the appropriate box.

Q1 Are you in favour of the proposed scheme?

Yes

No

Don't know/No opinion

Thank you for taking time to complete this questionnaire. If you do not want your response to be available for public inspection, please tick here