
Meeting	Finchley and Golders Green Area Environment Sub-Committee
Date	22 October 2013
Subject	Moss Hall Grove N12 – Proposed Advisory 20mph Zone
Report of Summary	Director for Place The report outlines the feasibility study findings regarding the introduction of advisory 20mph Zone on the roads that surround the local schools, namely Nether Street, Moss Hall Grove, Essex Park N12. Also re-introduction of mini-roundabout at the Nether Street junction with Moss Hall Grove.

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Status (public or exempt)	Public
Wards Affected	West Finchley Ward
Key Decision	No
Reason for urgency / exemption from call-in	Not applicable
Function of	Executive
Enclosures	Drawing No. 60696-DD-02 Drawing No. 21729_793
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1. RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Committee;

- 1.1 Indicate whether an advisory 20mph zone, as shown on the drawing no. 60696-DD-02 should be introduced.**
- 1.2 Indicate whether the mini-roundabout at the Nether Street junction with Moss Hall Grove be re-instated.**
- 1.3 Indicate whether the section of 'At Any Time' waiting restriction shown on drawing no. 21729_793, on the corner of Essex Park opposite the School entrance should be introduced.**
- 1.4 Subject to the above, instruct the Director for Place to proceed to a public and statutory consultation, and that any unresolved objections received as a result of the consultation in relation to the waiting restrictions be addressed by the Director for Place in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Environment and the Ward Councillors.**
- 1.5 Subject to the consultation outcome, monitor the impact of the introduced measures on the wider network and if need be, make recommendations for modifications as appropriate to this committee in the future.**

2. RELEVANT PREVIOUS DECISIONS

- 2.1 The Finchley and Golders Green Area Environment Sub-Committee meeting in 25 June 2013 resolved that the Director for Place be instructed to ensure that every effort is made to introduce the planned pedestrian crossing and that further traffic management measures for the area are considered including the feasibility of introducing a 20mph speed limit or similar, and that Civil Enforcement Officer presence is increased to reduce the high amount of illegal parking on school zig zags and blocking of roads and driveways.
- 2.2 Summary DPR was produced in September 2013 to commence public consultation for the implementation of the zebra crossing on Moss Hall Grove and at the time of drafting this report the proposal was out to public consultation with the local community.

3. CORPORATE PRIORITIES AND POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1 The Corporate Plan 2013/16 defines the Council's vision (under the priority to promote responsible growth, development and success across the borough) in delivering sustainable growth to ensure Barnet continues to be successful and prosperous place where people want to live and work.
- 3.2 The London Mayor's Transport Strategy also addresses these areas through: "Proposal 30: The Mayor, through TfL, and working with the London boroughs and other stakeholders, will introduce measures to smooth traffic flow to manage congestion (delay, reliability and network resilience) for all people and freight movements on the road network, and maximise the efficiency of the network. These measures will include ...c) "... keep traffic moving ..." , e)

Planning and implementing ... improvements to the existing road network, ... to improve traffic flow on the most congested sections of the network, and to improve conditions for all road users

4. RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES

- 4.1 There would be some minor disruption whilst the work is being completed but this would be minimised through traffic management in discussion with contractor undertaking the work.

5. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

- 5.1 The introduction of this advisory 20mph zone will encourage drivers to travel at slower speed, which will facilitate a safer environment for pedestrians and particularly benefiting users with mobility impairments, schoolchildren using local schools and pedestrians with prams and pushchairs.

6. USE OF RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS (Finance, Procurement, Performance & Value for Money, Staffing, IT, Property, Sustainability)

- 6.1 **Finance** The 20 mph scheme is funded from the LIP's Traffic Management and Road Safety allocation. The total estimated cost for introduction of the measures (20mph zone signs and re-instatement of the Mini-roundabout) is estimated at £18,000, and will be contained within the LIP allocation.

- 6.2 The introduction of new waiting restrictions would require an amendment to a Traffic Management Order. Statutory procedures require a public consultation to take place. Total estimated costs for the necessary statutory process, including advertising, printing, and all officer time, including consideration of any comments received, report writing and the introduction of yellow lines are estimated to be £2000, the costs of which can be met from existing budgets.

- 6.3 The lines and signs require periodic ongoing routine maintenance.

- 6.4 **Procurement** -The highway works would be procured through the borough's highway term contracts.

- 6.5 There are no **Staffing, IT or Property** implications arising out of this report.

7. LEGAL ISSUES

- 7.1 The Traffic Management Act 2004 places an obligation on authorities to ensure the safe and expeditious movement of traffic on their road network.

- 7.2 The Council as Highway Authority has the necessary legal powers to introduce or amend Traffic Management Orders through the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

8. CONSTITUTIONAL POWERS (Relevant section from the Constitution, Key/Non-Key Decision)

- 8.1 The Council's Constitution – Responsibility for Functions – Area Environment Sub-committees perform functions that are the responsibility of the Executive including highways use and regulation not the responsibility of the Council,

within the boundaries of their areas in accordance with Council policy and within budget.

9. BACKGROUND

- 9.1 Local schools and individual Barnet's residents have been independently raising safety concerns relating to the roads surrounding Moss Hall Grove and Officers conducted initial assessments and met with residents and schools to understand and discuss the areas of concern.
- 9.2 School Travel Plan indicates that provision of safe crossing facility would improve pedestrian safety and promote sustainable travel to and from the local schools.
- 9.3 At the end of 2011, the roads surrounding the Moss Hall schools were resurfaced and the mini-road markings were not re-instated. In addition to the concerns regarding safety, a number of requested have been made for the re-instatement mini-roundabout by local residents.
- 9.4 Moss Hall School subsequently submitted Planning Application No. F/00569/13 for the proposed expansion of the School, where there was an indication that the number of people walking to school would increase. As part of the Planning permission S106 funding was agreed to implement a zebra crossing on Moss Hall Grove and at the time of drafting this report the proposal was out to public consultation with the local community.
- 9.5 In addition to the agreed zebra crossing, it is therefore recommended that an advisory 20 mph speed limit is put in place around the school to operate during school hours, 8am to 6pm. The boundary of the zone is shown on drawing no. 60696-DD-02. The area includes Nether Street from its junction with Hillcourt Avenue to just past the junction with Essex Park and Moss Hall Grove from its junction with Thyra Grove to Nether Street. The area will be controlled by warning signs which will be operational when the lights are flashing and it will incorporate a School warning sign.
- 9.6 In order to help reduce speeds in this area and it is recommended that the mini-roundabout at the Nether Street junction with Moss Hall Grove is also re-instated as part of this proposal.
- 9.7 A review of parking has also been undertaken in the area and it is recommended that a 10 metre section of 'At Any Time' Waiting Restriction is implemented on the corner in Essex Park outside no. 61 which is opposite the school entrance and existing School Keep Clear Markings. The proposed waiting restrictions are shown drawing no. 21729_793.

10 List of background papers:

- 10.1 None.

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