

	<h2>Chipping Barnet Area Committee</h2> <h3>30 March 2016</h3>
<p style="text-align: right;">Title</p>	<p>Pollard Road Traffic Management Scheme</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Report of</p>	<p>Commissioning Director - Environment</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Wards</p>	<p>Oakleigh</p>
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<h2>Summary</h2>
<p>This report details the public consultation on the proposed Pollard Road traffic management scheme.</p>

<h2>Recommendations</h2>
<p>1. That the Committee note the public consultation of the proposals as outlined in this report and the addendum to this report containing the detail of the consultation responses.</p>
<p>2. That the Committee, having noted the above, give instruction to the Commissioning Director for Environment to proceed to the implementation stage of the Pollard Road traffic management scheme.</p>

1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED

- 1.1 In February 2015 Councillors on the Chipping Barnet Area Committee approved the detailed design of a traffic management proposal to address safety concerns in Pollard Road, N20. The proposal aims to reduce speeds,

improve pedestrian safety and deter the use of the road as a cut-through. The proposal is shown on Drawing Number C2015_BC/00536_16.

- 1.2 The proposal incorporates the following engineering measures:
 1. Raising the central dome on the mini-roundabout at the junction of Pollard Road with Oakleigh Road North;
 2. Pavement widening at the junctions of Pollard Road with Oakleigh Road North and Myddleton Park incorporating improved uncontrolled pedestrian crossing points to shorten crossing distances for pedestrians;
 3. The introduction of speed cushions on Pollard Road;
 4. New 'At any time' waiting restrictions (double yellow lines) at the junctions of Pollard Road with Oakleigh Road North and Myddleton Park to deter obstructive parking and improve sightlines.

- 1.3 Consultation letters, asking whether or not residents broadly supported the scheme, were hand delivered to approximately 300 households in:
 - Pollard Road
 - Myddleton Park
 - Queens Avenue
 - Loring Road
 - Oakleigh Road North (between Oakleigh Crescent and Loring Road)

- 1.4 The consultation dates were from 26 February to 17 March 2016. Therefore the consultation period had not been complete at the time that the 30 March 2016 Chipping Barnet Area Committee Report needed to be cleared and published on the 18 March 2016. Therefore, an addendum to this report will be published which provides a full analysis of the responses received on a road by road basis for consideration by the Committee.

- 1.5 At the time of drafting the report approximately 80 responses had been received, making the response rate approx. 26%, with a few more days to go. To date most respondents are in favour of the proposals (around 80%). However, there have been a few concerns raised from residents of Loring Road and Myddleton Park.

- 1.7 The Committee is requested to considered these comments and responses prior to making a decision on whether to proceed with the introduction of the measures either as proposed or with minor amendments. If approved, the scheme will be implemented between April and September 2016.

2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 The recommendation to progress the scheme to implementation is based on the outcome of the public consultation.

3. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND NOT RECOMMENDED

- 3.1 Alternative options were considered by the Chipping Barnet Committee on 12 February, but were not progressed on the Committee's recommendation.

3.2 The only other option at this stage is to not proceed with implementation of the scheme as consulted on.

4. POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION

4.1 If the report's recommendations are approved, the scheme would be progressed to implementation stage.

5. IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION

5.1 Corporate Priorities and Performance

5.1.1 The proposals here will particularly help to address the Corporate Plan delivery objectives of "a clean and attractive environment, with well-maintained roads and pavements, flowing traffic" and "a responsible approach to regeneration, with thousands of new homes built" by helping residents to feel confident moving around their local area on foot, and in a vehicle and contribute to reduced congestion.

5.1.2 Improvements that encourage walking or other active travel will help to deliver the active travel and recreation opportunities identified in the Health and Wellbeing Strategy for children and the population generally. The proposal also helps address road traffic casualties which will also have an impact on Health and Wellbeing.

5.1.3 The measures also dovetail with School Travel Plan initiatives that Barnet support in order to create an environment that encourages an active lifestyle and reduces obesity by promoting walking and other sustainable modes of school travel.

5.2 Resources (Finance & Value for Money, Procurement, Staffing, IT, Property, Sustainability)

5.2.1 TfL provide core funding for implementation of a borough Local Implementation Plan (LIP) including a "Corridors, Neighbourhoods and Supporting Measures" programme for addressing a range of transport issues.

5.2.2 The Environment Committee on the 27 January 2015 confirmed the 2015/16 work programme of schemes that had been agreed by TfL under this programme, prior to inclusion in the 2015/16 and 2016/17 budgets.

5.2.3 Completion of the Pollard Road Traffic Management Scheme was identified in this report as part of the work to be addressed from a general 'Traffic Management and Accident Reduction' work area.

5.2.4 The estimated implementation cost of this recommendation is £23,077 (based on prices contained in Year 2, Volume 4 Adjusted Rates – London Highways Alliance Contract (LoHAC) Northwest1).

5.2.5 Future maintenance of electrical apparatus shall pass to Barnet Lighting

Services who will be expected to charge a commutable sum with the cost fully borne by London Borough of Barnet.

5.2.6 The work will be carried out under the existing PFI and LoHAC term maintenance contractual arrangements.

5.3 Social Value

5.3.1 None in the context of this report.

5.4 Legal and Constitutional References

5.4.1 The Council's Constitution, in section 15 headed "Responsibility for Functions" (Annex A) states that Area Committees may take decisions within their terms of reference provided it is not contrary to council policy and can discharge various functions, including highway use and regulation, within the boundaries of their areas in accordance with Council policy and within budget.

5.4.2 The Traffic Management Act 2004 places obligations on authorities to ensure the expeditious movement of traffic on their road network. Authorities are required to make arrangements as they consider appropriate for planning and carrying out the action to be taken in performing the duty.

5.5 Risk Management

5.5.1 None in the context of this report. Risk management may be required for work resulting from this report.

5.6 Equalities and Diversity

5.6.1 The 2010 Equality Act outlines the provisions of the Public Sector Equalities Duty which requires Public Bodies to have due regard to the need to:

- eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Equality Act 2010
- advance equality of opportunity between people from different groups
- foster good relations between people from different groups.

5.6.2 Proposed changes associated with the proposal are not expected to disproportionately disadvantage or benefit members of the community.

5.7 Consultation and Engagement

5.7.1 A public consultation on the proposals was carried out and consultation material was distributed to 300 properties in the local area. Details of the proposals were also outlined on the council's website.

5.8 Insight

5.8.1 The options developed for the scheme were informed through analysis of injury accident data and traffic survey data as set out in the previous report to the Chipping Barnet Area Committee in February 2015.

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

6.1 Highways Planned Improvement Programme 2015/16 – report to Environment Committee January 2015.

<http://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s20549/Highways%20Planned%20Improvement%20Programme%20201516.pdf>

6.2 Pollard Road Area Traffic Management Scheme – report to Chipping Barnet Area Committee February 2015.

<http://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s21078/Pollard%20Road%20Traffic%20Management%20Scheme.pdf>

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