

Road safety scheme on Squires Lane (Manorside and Tudor Schools)-Consultation responses and Officer Comments

Public consultation was undertaken on the scheme, between 29 June 2017 and 20 July 2017 incorporating the statutory consultation and noticing requirements for the proposed traffic order changes. Press and on-street notices were provided for the statutory changes proposed and a letter and plan distributed to around 425 properties inviting comments or objections.

The scheme as consulted incorporated:

- a) Introduction of a 20 mph speed limit along Squires Lane, from Station Road to Bow Lane.
- b) Introduction of a humped zebra crossing on Squires Lane near to Avondale Road junction (refer to Detail 1 on the enclosed drawing).
- c) Removal of the mini-roundabout at Queen's Avenue/Squires Lane/Dickens Avenue. A new layout of the road has been proposed, that includes kerb build-outs and the installation of a raised table covering the whole junction (refer to Detail 2 on the enclosed drawing).
- d) Installation of 75mm high speed cushions on Squires Lane at the railway bridge close to Rosemary Avenue.
- e) Installation of round top 75mm high humps on Squires Lane at the following locations:
 - close to numbers 199-201
 - close to numbers 31-33.

Please note, this measure will not affect existing parking at these locations

- f) Provision of 'No waiting at any time' (double yellow lines) at Avondale junction (refer to Detail 1 on the enclosed drawing).
- g) Removal of existing 'No waiting Mon-Fri 8am-5.30 pm' (single yellow line) waiting restrictions and unrestricted parking bays" from numbers 145 to 153 and no. 128 on Squires Lane to accommodate the measures outlined in B above (refer to Detail 1 on the enclosed drawing).
- h) Extension of hatch road markings at the uncontrolled crossing near Heatherton Terrace, which would reduce the size of the unrestricted parking bay at numbers 186 and 227 on Squires Lane (refer to Detail 3 on the enclosed drawing).
- i) Other minor works as per installation of two new school warning signs at Long Lane junction and replacement of existing warning signs at Queen's Road and Abingdon Road.

as shown on Appendix 1-Consultation Drawing No. C2016_BC/000874-27-CONS-01

142 responses were received.

- 111 support for the proposed scheme.
- 25 supported parts of the proposal (20 mph speed limit and traffic calming measures) but opposed other parts (zebra crossing due to removal of parking spaces).
- 1 objected to provision of the zebra crossing (loss of parking).
- 1 made a comment/request about a location nearby only. Etchingham Park Road junction with Squires Lane.

- 1 made a comment/request about a location nearby only. Extension of the 20 mph speed limit to Manor View.
- 1 objected to provision of humps (cyclist).
- 1 objected to provision of zebra crossing, humps and extension of hatching
- 1 expressed concerns regarding high speed at Squires Lane at the railway bridge.

More detail is provided in the table below.

Number of similar responses	Consultation response (summarised)	Officer comment
111	Totally supportive and happy with the proposals. Note-Some of the letters received were from no local residents of Squires Lane (pupil's parents)	Noted
25	<p>Supportive of the following measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) 20 mph speed limit (b) Raised table junction at j/w Queen's Avenue and Dickens Avenue. (c) Road humps and speed cushions as shown in the consultation drawing. <p>Objection of the following measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Double Yellow Lines at Avondale Road. (b) Removal of parking spaces at new zebra crossing location. (c) Raised Zebra Crossing <p>for one or more of the reasons below</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Loss of Parking at Avondale Road. (b) Loss of Parking at Squires Lane where the zebra crossing is proposed. <p>Other objections and requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) That the council has completely misunderstood the concerns of the residents. (b) Non residents signing their support to these proposals who do not live near the impacted area. (c) Remind to the council the removal of 7 parking spaces in recent years outside the school to build a bus stop clearway. (d) Requests all the information/evidences/associated cost/notes of all the meeting when this proposals where discussed and agreed by the council. 	<p>The link to the report presented in the 27 April Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee and agreed resolution was sent to the residents, where the majority of the enquiries could be responded.</p> <p>The others enquiries where responded as follow:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Double yellow lines at Avondale Road are required as per rule 243 of The Highway Code. As an indication, the Highway Code instructs drivers to not park "opposite or within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction, except in an authorised parking space". (b) About the location of the zebra crossing opposite the school entrance, this was dismissed because it is so close to the traffic lights at Long Lane and because the footway could be blocked by children and parents at school entrance/exit times. (c) A pedestrian survey was carried out in order to find the 'desire line' where the majority of pedestrian cross. After analysis of this survey and having in consideration that there are movements of children between Manorside and Tudor along the week, the most suitable location is at Squires Lane, west of the junction with Avondale Road.

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	<p>Suggestions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) No zebra Crossing and school crossing official (lollipop person) to be employed. (b) If a zebra crossing is to be constructed this would be better at opposite number 169 directly opposite the school entrance. (c) If the proposed zebra crossing goes ahead at the proposed location, it suggested redesign it, with the zig-zags lines be in line with the current parking bay lines. (d) Provision of speed cameras. (e) Encourage parents to use of public transport and other options. Encourage parents to be more aware of concerns of residents. 	
1	<p>Supportive of the following measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) 20 mph speed limit (b) Raised table junction at j/w Queen's Avenue and Dickens Avenue. (c) Road humps and speed cushions as shown in the consultation drawing. <p>Objection of the following measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Raised Zebra Crossing due to the loss of parking spaces. <p>Suggestions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Investigate the existing pedestrian refuges with a view to augmenting or introducing new signing/lighting. (b) Introduce speed cushions at appropriate locations to allow self-enforcement of the proposed 20mph. (c) Erection of Vehicle Activated Signage prior to encountering Manorside School. (d) Introduce additional waiting restrictions at the Avondale Road/Montpelier Road junction. (e) Removal of the dropped kerb outside No.153 Squires Lane in consideration that the access protection marking has been historically misused and serves a parking space that does not meet Barnet's 'Vehicle Crossover Application Guidance Notes' and can be removed by Barnet under 	<p>Comments have been noted</p> <p>The link to the report presented in the 27 April Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee and agreed resolution was sent to the resident, where the majority of the enquiries could be responded.</p>

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	<p>Section 124 of the Highways Act 1980.</p> <p>(f) The commission of a parking survey (using the Lambeth Methodology) to establish the current parking saturation rate for this area, taking into account that not all of the school zig zag markings can be practically used for on-street parking outside controlled hours due to sections being too close to the western pedestrian refuge build-outs.</p>	
1	Supporting the scheme but having concern regarding the traffic problems at Etchingham Park road junction with Squires Lane.	A feasibility study was carried out presented on the 27 April Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee, within this junction was studied. As a result of the proposals, it is estimated that the traffic volume will be reduced so it has been resolved remaining this junction as existing and once the proposals have been implemented this junction will be monitored and if the issues continue we will propose a solution.
1	Supporting the scheme but suggesting the extension of the 20 mph speed limit to Manor View	Comments have been noted. Once the scheme is implemented, we will monitor the speed at Manor View and analysis if the extension of the 20 mph speed limit it is limit at this road.
1	Objection for the cushions and humps as a cyclist.	Comments have been noted. Resident to be informed of subsequent decisions in due course.
1	<p>Objection of:</p> <p>(a) Extending of hatching road markings at numbers 186 and 227 on Squires Lane, due to the loss of parking spaces.</p> <p>(b) Speed cushions and humps</p> <p>(c) Zebra crossing, there is already an island there will this be removed?</p> <p>Suggestion</p> <p>(a) Removal of the island at numbers 186 and 227.</p>	Comments have been noted. Resident to be informed of subsequent decisions in due course
1	Supportive of the measures, but expressed concerns regarding the proposed measures will not slow traffic at the railway bridge.	Comments have been noted. Resident to be informed of subsequent decisions in due course.