

	<p><b>Finchley and Golders Green Area committee</b></p> <p><b>27 April 2017</b></p>
<b>Title</b>	<b>Granville Road, N12 – Safety Review</b>
<b>Report of</b>	Commissioning Director - Environment
<b>Wards</b>	Woodhouse
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<b>Summary</b>	
This report details the outcome of the safety review of Granville Road, N12 and the recommendations to improve safety on the road.	

<b>Recommendations</b>
<p><b>1. That the Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee note the review Granville Road, N12 as outlined in this report and the appendices to this report containing details of design proposals and safety investigation.</b></p>
<p><b>2. That the Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee agrees to implement safety improvements on Granville Road, N12 as set out in this report as the approved scheme.</b></p> <p><b>3. That the Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee, gives instruction to the</b></p>

**Commissioning Director for Environment to carry out a statutory consultation on the approved Option.**

- 4. That subject to no objections being received to the statutory consultation, referred to in recommendation 3, the Committee instructs the Commissioning Director for Environment to introduce the approved Option.**
- 5. That the Committee agrees that if any objections are received as a result of the statutory consultations, referred to in recommendation 3, the Commissioning Director for Environment will consider and determine whether the approved option should be implemented or not, and if so, with or without modification.**
- 6. That the Committee agrees to allocate the funding for the agreed Option CIL from this year's CIL Area Committee budget of £6,500 to design and carry out statutory consultation and, subject to the outcome of that consultation, introduce the approved Option.**

## **1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED**

- 1.1 The Council originally proposed to resurface the footways on Granville Road, N12 as part of maintenance works between High Road and Ballards Lane during the 2016/17 financial year as part of the Network Recovery Programme. However, residents raised objections to the resurfacing works on the basis that they did not want a Type 2 (All Asphalt) surfacing to replace the existing damaged concrete paving slab surfacing along Granville Road, N12.
- 1.2 A petition was drawn up by local residents against the resurfacing that also listed safety concerns in the road. The November 2016 Environment Committee, in discussion with local Ward Councillors, therefore agreed the footway resurfacing works were to be placed on hold. This decision was taken to allow time for the safety issues to be investigated and addressed to avoid abortive work costs and later footway changes. In the interim a funding was approved by the Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee to investigate the safety concerns that local residents reported and prepare a feasibility report with options to mitigate these issues. This was supported by Councillors Cooke and Schneiderman. This report is based on the findings of that feasibility investigation.
- 1.3 It is noted that the re-surfacing of the footways in Granville Road, N12 has been reprogrammed as part of the Network Recovery Programme in the 2019/20 financial year. It was agreed at the Environment Committee on 15 March 2017 that Type 3 treatment would replace the Type 4 treatment.

1.4 A site visit and initial consultation meeting was held with local residents, Councillors Cooke and Hutton. During the two visits, the following issues on Granville Road, N12 were pointed out and observed:

- The local residents reported that vehicles were speeding and mounting the footway along Granville Road, N12. A request was made for additional trees to be installed on the footways to restrict vehicle access.
- The narrowness of Granville Road, N12 which is heavily parked up is currently slowing vehicle speeds; so it is likely that the speeding reported by local residents is only a misperceived issue. The impatient behaviour can potentially be mistaken for speeding.
- During the site visit, no speeding was observed but impatient driver behaviour was witnessed. Vehicles mounted the footway to bypass opposing traffic rather than wait to allow oncoming traffic to pass. Granville Road, N12 is narrowed by parked vehicles at certain points which reduces capacity down to a single lane over long stretches. Vehicles battle to find gaps.
- Montrose Crescent junction with Granville Road, N12 was also pointed out as a safety concern by residents. Residents reported that numerous collisions had taken place near the junction in the past. Vehicles parked near the junction caused forward visibility issues for vehicles exiting the junction. There are double yellow lines 'at any time' waiting restrictions currently in place around the junction but they appear to be too short.
- The local residents reported that there weren't any signs along Granville Road, N12 to indicate the location of the hospital. While on site we were asked twice by passing pedestrians where the hospital was located.
- Residents also raised awareness of the issue of there being no safe place for pedestrians to cross at either end of Granville Road, N12 across both the junctions of Ballards Lane and High Road to Summers Lane. Residents queried why there was no safe crossing between the Leisure Complex and all the way up to Tally Ho, especially as there is now a hospital on Granville Road, N12 and it is a route many children use to walk to nearby schools, including The Compton School and The Wren Academy.

1.5 Drawing Nos. **C2016\_BC001030-02-Existing-01 to 04** shows the existing street layout based on OS Tiles and making use of Google Street View to obtain road marking positions.

1.6 Subsequent to the site visit, the Personal Injury Accident Data was analysed which investigated the most recent 52 months of collision data from 1 April 2012 to 31 July 2016. Accident data is contained in Appendix 2 of this report. There were a limited number of accidents (four in total) on Granville Road, N12. From the four accidents, the following was surmised:

- Granville Road / Bow Lane – Accident was between a cycle and vehicle. Cyclist entered Granville Road without looking properly for traffic.
- Granville Road / Montrose Crescent – Two vehicles and a goods vehicle. Forward visibility of goods vehicle was affected by parked vehicles along Montrose Crescent.
- Granville Road 115m west of High Road (near new hospital entrance) – Accident was between two vehicles. Parked vehicle pulled out of parking without looking properly.
- Granville Road 109m west of High Road (near new hospital entrance) – Accident involved a pedestrian that stepped out between parked vehicles in front of the path of an oncoming vehicle during hours of darkness in wet conditions. The pedestrian sustained a 'slight' injury. The report stated that pedestrian did not look properly before crossing the road as they were careless and in a hurry.

1.7 An arboriculture officer from the LBB Greenspaces and Streetscene team has been consulted regarding potential tree locations along the road. The officer reported three viable locations to install trees and recommended two species of trees that are slow growing with small trunks that would not obscure vehicle views at the junctions. The suggested tree species were 'Amelanchier Robin Hill' or 'Betula Ermanii'. The tree locations were.

- Outside 76; 2m from driveway of 74;
- Outside 58; 2m from driveway of 56;
- In between 42/44; directly between the two properties.

1.8 Based on site visit observations, resident comments and the Personal Injury Accident Data analysis, a feasibility design proposal was produced. Drawing Nos. **C2016\_BC001030-02-Design-01 to 04** show the proposed layout.

***Feasibility Design Proposals***

- The provision of three new trees on the southern footway to prevent vehicles from mounting the footway.
- The extension of the 'double yellow line 'at any time' waiting restrictions at the junction of Montrose Crescent to provide adequate forward visibility for vehicles entering Granville Road, N12.
- The provision of either 'single or double yellow' waiting restrictions opposite the junction of Holden Hurst Avenue. Vehicles currently park opposite the junction which creates a pinch-point for vehicles to pass one another.

- The provision of either 'single or double yellow' waiting restrictions at the junction of Bow Lane and Graywood Court to provide adequate visibility for vehicles using the junction. (Design proposal shows 'double yellow' waiting restrictions could be reduced to 'single yellow' waiting restrictions following consultation with residents).
- Provision of 'give-way' markings and road sign at the junction of Graywood Court as there are currently none present.
- The installation of TSRGD Diag. 2314.1 and 2314.2 signs at both ends of Granville Road to indicate the hospital location.

1.9 Feasibility Design Proposals not covered by this design but that are recommended as part of the footway resurfacing and maintenance works that are due to be carried out in the 2019/20 financial year;

- It would be useful to raise the front kerb edge slightly as this would further deter vehicles from mounting the footway. The kerbs are currently in a poor condition and have settled down over time while carriageway resurfacing works have potentially raised the carriageway levels. This has resulted in low points where it is easy for vehicles to gain access to the footways.
- Raising and closing any illegal vehicle crossovers to prevent vehicles from driving and damaging the footway in future. The vehicle crossovers outside house nos. 54 and 56 have almost merged into one long crossover. There is only a small section of kerb that needs to be raised and maintained. Residents from house nos. 29, 29a and 62 are currently illegally entering and parking in their front yards without legal vehicle crossovers. Alternatively, the residents of these properties would be able to apply for vehicle crossovers when the footway is resurfaced.

## **2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

2.1 The proposals are recommended to improve safety and make Granville Road, N12 a more attractive environment for local residents, visitors to the hospital, school and synagogue who make use of the pedestrian footways.

2.2 If approved, the scheme will be implemented in Autumn 2017 due to the planting season for the new trees which can only be planted at specific times of the year.

## **3. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND EITHER NOT RECOMMENDED OR RECOMMENDED**

3.1 Consideration was given to making Granville Road, N12 a possible 20pmh zone as a result of suggestions by residents of perceived vehicles speeding. However following the collision analysis and site observations made on site it

is felt that there is not sufficient justification to implement a scheme of such magnitude at this location.

- 3.2 Residents raised their concerns of insufficient pedestrian crossing points along the Ballards Lane and High Road junctions. The junction of High Road / Summers Lane / Granville Road is signalised but there are currently no pedestrian signals stages provided. Pedestrians are expected to cross between vehicle gaps. To upgrade this junction, signal work and traffic modelling will be required in collaboration with TfL. This scheme has already been identified and is currently on the Local Implementation Plan (LIP) programme for the 2017/18 financial year for feasibility that was agreed by the Environment Committee on 15 March 2017.
- 3.3 The residents pointed out that there were no dropped kerbs to the informal pedestrian islands on High Road near the junctions of Granville Road. This issue has been reported and one of the informal crossings on High Road has been added to the LIP Local Accessibility Scheme list for 17/18 for the locations to be upgraded.
- 3.4 The only other option at this stage is to not proceed with any of the proposed improvements but only carry out the footway resurfacing maintenance works for the scheme. This will however not address the original concern raised by local residents.

#### **4. POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION**

- 4.1 If the report's recommendations are approved, the scheme would be progressed to implementation stage in the 2017/18 financial year with Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee funding.
- 4.2 The safety works would be implemented before the footway resurfacing works in the 2019/20 financial year to allow trees to become established on site. The trees will also have to be ordered in advance to ensure planting takes place within the tree planting season. The planting season and purchasing of the trees may affect the delivery timescale of the scheme.

#### **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.

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

5.2.1 CIL funding of £5,000 was agreed from the Finchley and Golders Green Area Budget to carry out the initial review of Granville Road, preliminary design and layout proposals.

5.2.2 The estimated implementation cost for the recommendations is £6,500 (based on prices contained in Year 2, Volume 4 Adjusted Rates – London Highways Alliance Contract (LoHAC) Northwest1). The cost to be funded from the 2017/18 Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee Budget.

5.2.3 Future two year maintenance costs for the trees have been included into the £600.00 installation cost and will cover pruning and watering (each tree requires 16 rounds of watering over a two year period).

5.2.4 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 Article 15 headed “Responsibility for Functions”, states that Area Committees may take decisions within their terms of reference provided they are not matters which are contrary to Council policy. Under Annex A to Article 15, Area Committees can discharge various functions, including local highways and safety schemes, within the boundaries of their areas in accordance with Council policy and within budget.

5.4.2 Section 16 of the Traffic Management Act 2004 places obligations on authorities to ensure the expeditious movement of traffic on their road network. Authorities are required under section 17 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 statutory consultation will be carried out in relation to the scheme proposals.

## 5.8 **Insight**

5.8.1 None in relation to this report

## 6. **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

6.1 Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee 26 October 2016

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