

## **Road safety scheme on Dollis Road, incorporating vertical traffic calming measures and improvements to Links View at its junction with Dollis Road.**

### **Consultation responses and Officer Comments**

Public consultation was undertaken on the scheme, between 21 September 2017 and 20 October 2017 incorporating the statutory consultation and noticing requirements for the proposed traffic order changes (raised speed cushions) there was no impact on parking or waiting and loading restrictions. Press and on-street notices were provided for the statutory changes proposed and a letter and plan distributed to around 212 properties in and near the affected roads inviting comments or objections.

The scheme as consulted incorporated:

- a) A series of traffic calming speed cushions on Dollis Road commencing from its junction with Crescent Road and extending west beyond its junction with Gordon Road for a distance of 350 meters.
- b) Road hump warning signs with supplementary distance plate to warn drivers of speed cushions on Dollis Road
- c) An additional Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) mounted on existing lighting column outside 60-62 Dollis Road.
- d) Re-mark junction road markings on Links View at its junction with Dollis Road, bringing the 'give way' line forward to the outer edge of the existing islands in order to improve visibility issues.
- e) New traffic sign 'Side Road Ahead' on right to alert vehicles of traffic entering/exiting Links View.
- f) Existing foliage to be cut back on both corners of Links View.
- g) New tactile paving and dropped kerbs on each corner of Links View.
- h) Existing road name plate to be repositioned to the back of the boundary splay.

as shown on Consultation Drawing No. C2016\_BC/001030-03-100-01

10 responses were received.

- Four were concerned at the possible increase in noise pollution and vibration due to vehicles slowing down and then accelerating between the speed cushions.
- Three pointed out that the signage and foliage at Links View belonged to the Links View Property Management Co. Ltd.
- 5 others were in favour of the scheme some with additional comments regarding the desired removal of parking bays on Dollis Road close to the junction with Links View

More detail is provided in the table below.

<b>Number of similar</b>	<b>Consultation response (summarised)</b>	<b>Officer comment</b>
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responses		
1	Totally supportive and happy with the proposal especially as slower speeds may prevent minor collisions with parked vehicles on Dollis Road.	Noted
1	Supportive of the scheme but didn't understand the dropped kerb and tactile paving and explained that the street name plate was the property of Links View Management Co. Ltd.	<p>Resident was assured that we will remove the proposal concerning the street name plate as the management company had been in contact and will carry out the works themselves.</p> <p>It was explained to the resident that there was no clear definition between the footway and the carriageway at this junction and that it was hazardous for vulnerable road users, the tactile paving was needed to alert blind and partially sighted people of the junction ahead and the dropped kerb will benefit wheelchair and motorised wheelchair users.</p>
3	Generally supportive of the scheme but also commented on the street name plate belonging to Links View Management Company. Also requested that the parking bay outside 66 Dollis Road be removed to improve visibility when exiting Links View.	<p>Residents made aware that we have spoken with the management company and assured that we will not progress the moving of neither the street name plate nor the cutting back of bushes.</p> <p>Regarding removal of the parking bay outside 66 Dollis Road, that could be a contentious issue and with the new VAS, speed cushions and forward give way line, the reduced speed of vehicles and improved visibility would make exiting Links View easier.</p> <p>If the scheme goes ahead to implementation, we will monitor the effects of the speed reduction measures and visibility issues when exiting Links View, then the removal of the parking bay may be subject to a future consultation.</p> <p>Links View is already 'shielded' by two buildouts at its junction with Dollis Road giving a minimum of 10m visibility eastwards.</p> <p>There have been no Personal Injury Collisions at this junction for the 5 year period to 31 August 2016.</p>
1	Did not comment on the scheme itself but as a director of The Links View Management Company Ltd. informed us that the street name plate and bushes belonged to them and on	Politely thanked the management company for pointing this out and assured them that the moving of the name plate and cutting back of bushes would be removed from our

	private land and as such would give consideration to our suggestions and would undertake any necessary works themselves.	proposal. .
1	Resident experiences constant noise inside her house from traffic and is concerned that speed cushions will amplify this as cars accelerate and decelerate at and between the speed cushions, this will also make it more dangerous to cross the road as it will be difficult to judge. Resident also feels that as a 'B' road and main thoroughfare between Finchley and Mill Hill , that it is not suitable for traffic calming measures.	Traffic Advisory Leaflet 4/94 advises that the presence of speed cushions can result in a substantial drop in noise levels. The maximum vehicle noise for light vehicles can also be reduced as a result of light vehicles slowing down at the cushion. The spacing between cushions should be designed so that constant traffic speeds are encouraged.
3	Residents believe a reduction of the speed limit to 20mph would be more beneficial on Dollis Road. Expressed concern that the cushions will cause more noise, vibration and air pollution. Also wishes for a zebra crossing or puffin crossing to help the elderly. The residents are also concerned that with several new housing developments, including 400 flats on the old research centre site, the volume of traffic will impact on Dollis Road. Suggest potentially opening Gordon Road to alleviate the traffic on Dollis Road. Residents would also like more parking spaces and suggest speed cameras.	Mean speeds on Dollis Road indicate that a speed limit without traffic calming measures would not lead to compliance. Speed cushions are considered a reasonable option for Dollis Road. Traffic Advisory Leaflet 4/94 advises that the presence of speed cushions can result in a substantial drop in noise levels and hence also vibration. The maximum vehicle noise for light vehicles can also be reduced as a result of light vehicles slowing down at the cushion. The spacing between cushions should be designed so that constant traffic speeds are encouraged with no increase in pollution levels. To install a controlled crossing on Dollis Road would result in substantial loss of parking which would have no advantage for residents. Opening Gordon Road would merit another consultation in the future, but it is unlikely that residents of Gordon Road would be in favour. There are no Killed or Seriously Injured (KSI) collisions on Dollis Road during the 5 years to August 2016; Dollis Road therefore does not meet the criteria for installing a speed camera.