

Residents issues: Exiting Tillingbourne (either turning left or right) has caused many an issue, near-collision misses, huge delays to enable a turning right due to heavy and fast-moving traffic, issues with yellow box junction (resulting in traffic offence tickets)

Action by Ward Cllr: Walkabout with Officers (Jane Shipman and Jacqueline Staples) and several residents to highlight the issues and discuss, with a view to improving the situation where possible.

Follow-up feedback from Officers: I can confirm that having reviewed the junction of Tillingbourne Gardens officers confirm that, a traffic island or pedestrian refuge in the middle of the Regents Park Road carriageway, just north of the junction, does look feasible as a means of discouraging vehicles from overtaking along the hatching and potentially coming in to conflict with drivers turning right out of Tillingbourne Gardens. Provision of an illuminated beacon as provided at the other islands on Regent's Park Road would appear sensible for consistency and to ensure visibility, although this would make the proposal more expensive than normal. Officers suggest that it could probably be delivered for about £12.5k. Coupled with removal of some parking opposite it might provide a useful uncontrolled pedestrian facility as long as it doesn't discourage use of the signalised facility closer to the A406

Whilst reviewing this location and following our meeting with residents it was considered whether it might be possible to combine the proposal above with a pavement buildout on the east side of the road, just north of the junction, which might also allow the Give Way line to be pulled forward, while retaining the parking bays. However, the gradient of the road and existing gully positions suggest that the drainage work necessary to permit this could make it unaffordable as an Area Committee scheme.

In addition, removal of parking on the southbound approach to Tillingbourne Gardens would seem likely to encourage drivers to form a third lane on the approach to the signals (at least when the bus stop is not in use). This may also make turning out of Tillingbourne Gardens even more difficult as it would introduce another lane of moving traffic into the mix.

With the point above in mind, a feasibility study could be requested as a Members Item at AC for £5,000 to allow officers to undertake necessary investigations and preliminary design work to allow a proposal or proposals to be brought back to the Committee with a better estimate of cost. This could consider the island and buildout in a bit more detail and also incorporate adjustments to parking and/or the yellow box as appropriate to the designs.