

Re: The proposed alteration to The High Street/Milespit Hill, NW7

Public Comment – Zoë Samuelson

The Scheme hinges on the conversion of Registered Village Green /common land to highway as this is prohibited the scheme cannot be recommended to proceed. The precedent is a proposal at the other end of Milespit Hill and that didn't have the extra level of protection the conservation area affords yet was still refused due to encroachment of common land.

Conservation Area, adding fourteen signs and "at any time" poles will change the aesthetics of the area.

The report recognises the traffic increase, risking families collecting children from primary schools, who walk in the road as no footway.

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Dependent upon the removal of common land, Registered Village Green status means, it is not permitted. Increase of vehicles passing at close proximity to listed buildings

What consideration is given to listed buildings long term and the increased risk to young families walking in the road with one-way traffic behind them?

RESPONSE

This is a feasibility proposal to be agreed by the Hendon Area Committee on whether to proceed to a statutory consultation and the implementation of a one-way system will be subject to the outcome of the consultation.

Traffic signs are compulsory in accordance with design standards and regulations if a one-way system is to be implemented.

No signage or posts installation will be required for the introduction of any waiting restrictions/ double yellow lines.

The Council's Planning Mapping system indicates that the proposed traffic signs, posts and minor verge conversion will not be carried out on any common land or the village green.

The proposal will not involve the removal of any trees or affect any listed buildings

The proposed one-way system will also not reduce the width of any existing footway and will reduce conflict of vehicles travelling on the High street, NW7 due to the limited road width with parked vehicles.

Cars and light good vehicles which form the majority of the northbound traffic travelling from Milespit Hill can turn right by the church rather than continue towards High Street which will reduce the amount of northbound traffic travelling via High Street.

There will be no southbound traffic travelling via High Street if a one-way system is implemented.

The extent of the site is within 20mph speed limit.

This proposal would also help students from The Mount, Mill Hill International School have better anticipation of traffic travelling in one direction rather than from both directions when walking to Wills Grove or vice versa via The High Street to gain access to their school boarding facility.

CadCorp images – High Street NW7 and part of Milesplit Hill

The area around the pond is not common land or Village Green. The pale yellow below is area of special archaeological importance.



