

<b>Item No.</b> 16.	<b>Classification:</b> Open	<b>Date:</b> 28 January 2015	<b>Meeting Name:</b> Dulwich Community Council
<b>Report title:</b>		North Cross Road / Lordship Lane Junction Improvement	
<b>Ward(s) or groups affected:</b>		East Dulwich	
<b>From:</b>		Head of Public Realm	

## RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Dulwich Community Council reviews the results and comments in the attached consultation report (Appendix A), and approves implementation of the scheme, subject to the necessary statutory procedures.
2. That the community council notes the requirement for additional cleaner greener safer (CGS) funding of £25,000 to implement the scheme which is the subject of a separate report

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION

3. In accordance with Part 3H paragraph 16 of the Southwark Constitution, community councils have the executive function to determine traffic schemes of a non-strategic nature.
4. It is therefore for the community council to decide on whether the proposed improvements at the North Cross Road/Lordship Lane junction should be implemented.
5. A public consultation has been completed. Full details of all results associated with the study can be found in Appendix A the 'consultation report'.
6. East Dulwich ward councillors were notified of the scheme and consultation documents on the 3 November 2014.
7. The main scheme elements include;
  - Raised table at the entry of North Cross Road to help reduce entry and exit speeds of vehicles and provide a level crossing for pedestrians. Tactile paving is proposed to be installed at the crossing point to help the visually impaired to cross safely.
  - Footway build outs on Lordship Lane to extend across the existing Pelican crossing outside of the Iceland shop and into North Cross road within the extents of the raised crossing to improve visibility at the side road crossing. The crossing width at the Pelican crossing will be reduced ensuring more pedestrians cross at the green man.

- Installation of a countdown timer to the Pelican crossing signals to help pedestrians cross more safely.
- Removal of the short stay parking bay at the entry to the southbound bus stop south of the Pelican crossing to improve accessibility of the bus stop by buses. The kerb heights within the bus stop boarding area is also proposed to be raised to be within the acceptable thresholds as recommended in Transport for London's (TfL) Bus Stop Accessibility Guidance.
- Carriageway resurfacing on Lordship Lane approximately 60m each side of the Pelican crossing to improve carriageway surface condition

## **KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION**

8. The scheme proposals were developed following an allocation of cleaner greener safer capital funding of £55,000 by Dulwich Community Council with the understanding that design work could commence and additional funding added when the total cost of the works was determined. This allocation was in response to funding application by Cllr James Barber to improve safety at the North Cross Road/ Lordship Lane junction. Officer initial estimate of the work indicates that an additional £25,000 will be required to implement the scheme.
9. The dropped crossing at the neck of North Cross Road is off the pedestrian desired line and only has tactile paving installed on one side of the crossing. The visibility splay at the junction is also compromised due to parking close to the junction.
10. The carriageway on Lordship Lane is in a poor condition with a poorly re-instated trench across the carriageway causing vibration to be felt within the flats on top of the shops adjacent to the Pelican crossing whenever a bus or lorry goes by.
11. The southbound bus stop about 25m south of the Pelican crossing is also rendered inaccessible whenever there is a vehicle parked within the short stay parking bay at the entry to the bus stop cage. Thus bus drivers unable to stop close to the kerbside hold up traffic whenever buses stop in the middle of the carriageway to pick up or drop off passengers.
12. Informal public consultation took place with all residents and businesses within the consultation area from the 10 November 2014, with a return deadline of the 5 December 2014.
13. Full details of the consultation strategy, results, conclusions and recommendations can be found in the consultation report in Appendix A of this report.

## **Policy implications**

14. The recommendations contained within this report are consistent with the policies of the Transport Plan 2011, particularly:

Policy 2.3 – promote and encourage sustainable travel choices in the borough

Policy 4.2 – create places that people can enjoy

Policy 5.1 - Improve safety on our roads and to help make all modes of transport safer.

## Community impact statement

15. The implementation of any transport project creates a range of community impacts. All transport schemes aim to improve the safety and security of vulnerable groups and support economic development by improving the overall transport system and access to it. This scheme particularly aims to improve safety at the junction for all road users as well as improve pedestrian accessibility and access to bus stop by buses.
16. The scheme will result in the loss of 1 time-restricted car parking space.

## Resource implications

17. This project is funded by cleaner green safer programme with an allocated budget of £55,000 under the agreement that design work will commence and additional funding added once total cost of the works is confirmed. Officer initial estimate of the work indicates that an additional £25,000 will be required to implement the scheme.
18. Resurfacing of the carriageway will be funded under the Council's Principal Road Renewal Programme for 2015/16 whilst the bus stop improvement work is to be funded from a TfL allocated funding for bus stop improvements for the 2014/15 financial year.
19. Works will not commence until all funding is confirmed. Works costs will be kept within confirmed budgets. Allocation of additional £25,000 of CGS funding is the subject of a separate report.

## Consultation

20. Ward members were consulted prior to commencement of the public consultation.
21. Informal public consultation was carried out in November / December 2014, as detailed above.
22. Public consultation results for the scheme can be summarized as follows:

Question	Response		
	Yes	No	No Opinion
Q1. Do you support the raised entry table on North Cross Road?	6	0	1
	85.7%	0%	14.3%
Q2. Do you support the proposed footway buildout and proposed cycle parking?	7	0	0
	100%	0%	0%
Q3. Do you support the proposed improvements to the Pelican Crossing?	7	0	0
	100%	0%	0%
Q4. Do you support the improvement to the bus stop to make it accessible to	7	0	0
	100%	0%	0%

buses?			
Q5. Do you broadly support the proposals?	6	0	1
	85.7%	0%	14.3%

23. If approved for implementation by the community council, this will be subject to statutory consultation required in the making of permanent traffic management orders relating to the provision of a new raised table, removal of existing short stay parking bay and the amendment of existing waiting/loading restrictions. If any objections are received, this will need to be the subject of a further report to the community council to consider those objections.

## **SUPPLEMENTARY ADVICE FROM OTHER OFFICERS**

### **Director of Legal Services**

24. The Dulwich Community Council is being requested to approve and also note the requirement for additional CGS funding of £25,000 to implement the North Cross Road/ Lordship Lane Junction Improvement scheme
25. Part of the scheme requires a traffic management order. The process for implementing a traffic management order involves a statutory consultation procedure. If any objections to the consultation cannot be informally resolved, then consideration of those objections and a decision on whether to proceed with that part of the scheme will be subject to determination by the Dulwich Community Council.
26. The Equality Act 2010 introduced the public sector equality duty, which merged existing race, sex and disability equality duties and extended them to include other protected characteristics; namely age, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, religion and belief and sex and sexual orientation, including marriage and civil partnership. In summary those subject to the equality duty, which includes the council, must in the exercise of their functions: (i) have due regard to the need to eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation; and (ii) foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.
27. The Human Rights Act 1998 imposed a duty on the council as a public authority to apply the European Convention on Human Rights; as a result the council must not act in a way which is incompatible with these rights. The most important rights for planning purposes are Article 8 (respect for homes); Article 6 (natural justice) and Article 1 of the First Protocol (peaceful enjoyment of property).
28. Part 3H paragraph 16 of the Southwark Constitution states that community councils have the executive function to determine traffic schemes of a non-strategic nature. This scheme is categorised as non-strategic and therefore complies with the directives of this paragraph.

### **Strategic Director of Finance and Corporate Services**

29. The report is requesting approval from the Dulwich Community Council for the proposed improvements at the North Cross Road / Lordship Lane junction.

30. This report is also requesting the Dulwich Community Council to note the requirement for additional CGS funding of £25000.00 to implement the scheme. A budget of £55,000.00 was allocated through the devolved highway budget as part of the council's cleaner greener safer programme with the understanding that design work could commence and additional funding added when the total cost of the works was determined.
31. It is also noted that any future maintenance costs arising from this investment will be funded from existing departmental revenue budgets.

## BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
Transport Plan 2011	Southwark Council Environment Public Realm Network Development 160 Tooley Street London SE1 2QH  Online: <a href="http://www.southwark.gov.uk/info/200107/transport_policy/1947/southwark_transport_plan_2011">http://www.southwark.gov.uk/info/200107/transport_policy/1947/southwark_transport_plan_2011</a>	Matthew Hill 020 7525 3541

## APPENDICES

No.	Title
Appendix A	North Cross Road/ Lordship Lane Consultation Report

## AUDIT TRAIL

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