

Item No. N/a	Classification: Open	Date: 24 January 2019	Meeting Name: Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport Management & Air Quality
Report title:		20mph – Forest Hill Road Speed Reduction	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		Peckham Rye	
From:		Head of Highways	

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the cabinet member for environment, transport management and air quality approve the scheme for implementation of the Forest Hill Road 20mph scheme, as shown in the draft outline design (Appendix A), subject to the required statutory procedures.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2. A 20mph borough-wide scheme was introduced in March 2015. Post-monitoring was carried out, which as a result identified 10 priority roads where speeds remained a significant issue. A report was commissioned to identify suitable physical traffic calming measures that can be used to reduce inappropriate speeds on the 10 roads, where speeds remained high after the implementation of the 20mph borough wide scheme, and to prioritise those roads according to the budget available.
3. The Forest Hill Road (FHR) scheme was identified as the No.3 priority.
4. The interventions considered to reduce the speeds along the roads included various physical traffic calming measures. These measures comprised of horizontal (chicanes, traffic islands) and/or vertical measures (raised junction treatments, raised light controlled and zebra crossings). The use of average speed cameras was also considered at an early stage although this option has not been taken further as provision of speed cameras is outside the council's direct control, and having taken advice from TfL, it is unlikely that this solution could be implemented on Southwark's roads within the timescales of this project.
5. A revised list of priority schemes has been developed to ensure a more holistic approach is developed in order to effectively reduce vehicle speeds within the borough.
6. Below is a summary of the proposed improvements for FHR as part of the approval:
 - Raised table west and east of the junction with Brenchley Gardens, with the provision of a pedestrian crossing point.

- Raised table west of Honor Oak Rise, with no provision of a pedestrian crossing point.
 - Raised table and zebra crossing point, east of Honor Oak Rise to provide a safer crossing location for children at St Francesca Cabrini R C Primary School.
7. In accordance with paragraph 22 of section 3D of the council's constitution, the cabinet member is responsible for the decision to implement any traffic and highway improvement project, subject to statutory consultation.
 8. The consultation for the proposal was carried out between 23 November 2018 and 10 December 2018. The consulted proposal is listed below, with the consultation plans found in Appendix B.
 9. The consultation summary report can be found in Appendix C.

KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

Summary of consultation process and findings

10. 155 letters were sent to local residents within Southwark, and hand delivered to residents in the borough of Lewisham, to participate in the public consultation between 23 November 2018 and 10 December 2018. In total, there were 58 respondents, resulting in a response rate of approximately 29%.
11. Ward members within both Southwark and Lewisham were consulted prior to public consultation.
12. The proposals and consultation results will be presented at the Peckham and Nunhead Community Council on Saturday 26 January 2019.
13. If approved for implementation the project will be subject to the Traffic Order making procedure.
14. Full details of the draft consultation results, conclusions and recommendations can be found in Appendix C.

Design changes based on consultation responses

15. Of those who responded to the question 'Have you observed any incidents or dangerous situations on Forest Hill Road?', 82% of respondents answered yes - regularly/occasionally.
16. All proposals received significant support. The majority of incidents reported, as part of this consultation, related to vehicle speeds, finding it hard to exit side roads, and dangers relating to pedestrians crossing FHR due to inadequate/insufficient crossing locations.
17. A number of concerns raised related to roads managed by the borough of Lewisham. These related to inappropriate/insufficient safe crossing locations, particularly within the vicinity of the primary school and have been passed over to Lewisham for consideration.

18. Speed cameras were raised as a suggested traffic calming measure (5 comments). Due to cost considerations, and FHR not meeting the current criteria for average and fixed speed camera installation as set out by the Metropolitan Police, speed cameras will not be considered as part of this scheme. Post monitoring will be undertaken after 6 months from scheme implementation to assess the impact of the proposed measure on the effectiveness in reducing speeds.
19. No changes to the proposals are being recommended.

Policy implications

20. The recommendations contained within this report are consistent with the council's Transport Plan 2011, particularly:
 - Policy 2.3 – Promoting and encouraging sustainable travel choices in the borough
 - Policy 4.4 - Make our streets greener
 - Policy 5.1 – Improving safety on our roads and to help make all modes of transport safer
 - Policy 5.5 - We will make Southwark a 20mph borough
 - Policy 5.6 - We will seek to create conditions where our roads are safe
 - Policy 6.1 – Making our streets more accessible for pedestrians.

Community impact statement

21. 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.
22. The recommendations support the council's equalities and human rights policies and promote social inclusion by:
 - Improving road safety, in particular for vulnerable road users including pedestrians and cyclists, on the public highway.
 - Improving existing shared use facilities by improving road surface, tactile paving, road marking, and signage.
 - Improving existing pedestrian and cycle facilities by improving delineation, tactile paving, road marking, and signage.

Resource implications

23. The total budget for the 20mph programme is £807,854. £199,000 has been allocated for 2018-19 with £58,247 spent to date, project management fees inclusive.
24. The estimated construction cost of the Forest Hill Road scheme, is £90,000.
25. The estimate for the scheme is within the allocated funding and allows for some contingencies.
26. The commencement of the construction stage will be subject to coordination with nearby projects.

27. The total expenditure incurred, including project management fees, against the capital allocation for the scheme will be monitored and reported as part of the overall capital programme.

SUPPLEMENTARY ADVICE FROM OTHER OFFICERS

Director of Law and Democracy

28. The cabinet member for environment, transport management and air quality is asked to approve the scheme referred to in this report and as shown in the draft outline design (Appendix A).
29. The report refers at paragraphs 11 and 12 to the consultation with ward members and the relevant community council.
30. Following that statutory consultation, the proposal will then move forward with due consideration of any objections the cabinet member.
31. 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. Paragraph 6 of the report refers to the various improvements which will be delivered by the project and it considers that these proposals will actually improve the road safety and in particular for vulnerable road users and the scheme will therefore provide an overall benefit.
32. The implementation of this transport scheme is not anticipated to have any detrimental impacts on a particular protected group or to breach the provisions of the Human Rights Act 1998.
33. The council's constitution gives the cabinet member the responsibility for, amongst other things, street scene, traffic management and parking enforcement. In accordance with Part 3D paragraph 22 of the Southwark Constitution, Individual Cabinet Members can in respect of a transport issues, implement a traffic and highway improvement project, subject to statutory consultation.
34. This decision therefore falls within the cabinet member's area of responsibility.

Strategic Director of Finance and Governance (CAP/19/048)

35. This report is requesting approval from the cabinet member for environment, transport management and air quality to implement the scheme, as shown in the draft outline design in Appendix A. The strategic director of finance and governance notes that there are sufficient funds within the current 20mph programme to complete the detailed design and construction phase of the scheme.

36. Staffing and any other costs connected with this recommendation to be contained with existing departmental revenue budgets.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
Transport Plan 2011	Southwark Council Environment and Leisure 160 Tooley Street London SE1 2QH	Dale Foden 0207 525 2045

APPENDICES

No.	Title
Appendix A	Draft outline design
Appendix B	Draft consultation plan
Appendix C	Draft consultation report

AUDIT TRAIL

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CONSULTATION WITH OTHER OFFICERS / DIRECTORATES / CABINET MEMBER		
	Officer Title	Comments Sought
	Director of Law and Democracy	Yes
	Strategic Director of Finance and Governance	Yes
	Cabinet Member	Yes
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