

Item No. 14.	Classification: Open	Date: 28 January 2015	Meeting Name: Dulwich Community Council
Report title:		Gallery Road Zebra Crossing	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		Village	
From:		Head of Public Realm	

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the Dulwich Community Council review the results and comments in the attached consultation report (Appendix A), and makes a formal decision regarding progression of the scheme to implementation, subject to the necessary statutory procedures.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2. 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.
3. It is therefore for the Dulwich Community Council to decide on whether the proposed raised zebra crossing in Gallery Road should be implemented.
4. The scheme proposals were developed following an allocation of Cleaner Greener Safer capital funding of £55,000 by Dulwich Community Council. This allocation was in response to concerns raised by local stakeholders including the Dulwich Society relating to the lack of adequate pedestrian crossing provision across Gallery Road linking Lovers Walk with a new pedestrian footway in Belair Park.
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. Village ward councillors were notified of the scheme and consultation documents on the 7 November 2014.
7. The main scheme elements include;
 - A raised zebra crossing on Gallery Road to improve pedestrian accessibility and safety.
 - The eastern kerb line of Gallery Road is to be built out to reduce the crossing distance for pedestrians and to ensure that adequate visibility for traffic approaching the zebra crossing is maintained.
 - To ensure that local parking provision is not reduced as a result of introducing the zebra crossing, the second parking bay to the north of the zebra crossing location (adjacent to the Old College Lawn Tennis Club)

will be extended by 19m. This will compensate for the changes to the parking bay adjacent to Lovers Walk associated with the footway buildout and location of the zebra crossing.

KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

8. A new pedestrian pathway and access leading from Lloyds Register Cricket Club Ground and Belair Park to the western footway of Gallery Road has resulted in an increased number of pedestrians crossing Gallery Road from Lovers' Walk. It is anticipated that the proposed new crossing will improve pedestrian safety and accessibility, as well as assisting to reduce traffic speeds.
9. A site meeting was held with ward councillors, project designers and the scheme applicant to discuss the scheme and rationale for the proposals. As there are no residential frontages affected by the proposal, a list of key local stakeholders was agreed with ward councillors that would be consulted directly by email.
10. A key issue identified on site was the requirement to ensure that the existing level of kerbside parking provision is maintained; particularly as the existing parking bays have a high occupancy rate due to the adjacent tennis club, recreational facilities in Belair Park and the Dulwich Picture Gallery.
11. Informal public consultation took place with agreed stakeholders on 7 November 2014, with a reply deadline of 28 November 2014, allowing 3 weeks for the consultation period.
12. Consultation results for the scheme can be summarised as follows:
 - a) All three formal replies received during the consultation period from key stakeholders were in favour of the proposals.
 - b) Replies were received from the Dulwich Society, the Old College Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club and Dulwich and Herne Hill Safer Routes to School.
 - c) No formal reply or correspondence was received from the Dulwich Picture Gallery, Dulwich Estates or Friends of Belair Park.
13. Supportive responses were also received from Southwark Living Streets and Metropolitan Police. Southwark cyclists raised concerns regarding the detailed design of the build-out. These concerns are unfounded since the build-out concerned will not narrow the carriageway any further than the existing inset parking bay at this location.
14. Full details of the consultation strategy, results, conclusions and recommendations can be found in Appendix A.

Policy implications

15. 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

16. 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 has particular objectives to improve conditions for pedestrians including those with mobility difficulties.
17. The scheme does not result in any loss of kerbside parking availability, as one of the existing inset parking bays adjacent to the tennis club is being lengthened to offset the introduction of the footway buildout on the eastern footway adjacent to the zebra crossing location, which results in reducing the length of the northern parking bay.

Resource implications

18. This project is funded by the cleaner green safer programme with an allocated budget of £55,000. If the proposals are implemented the costs will be contained within this budget.

Consultation

19. Ward members were consulted prior to commencement of consultation.
20. Informal consultation was carried out with stakeholders in November 2014, as detailed above.
21. A list detailing key stakeholders to consult was agreed by ward councillors prior to the consultation period.
22. The list of stakeholders included The Dulwich Society, Friends of Belair Park, the Old College Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club, Dulwich and Herne Hill Safer Routes to School, The Dulwich Picture Gallery and Dulwich Estates.
23. In addition, the consultation documents and plans were supplied via email to the council's established list of statutory consultees including London Buses, Living Streets, cycle groups and the metropolitan police.
24. 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 the new waiting restrictions. If any objections are received, there will need to be a further report to the community council to consider those objections.

SUPPLEMENTARY ADVICE FROM OTHER OFFICERS

Director of Legal Services

25. The Dulwich Community Council is being asked to approve the implementation of the Gallery Road pedestrian crossing scheme.
26. 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.

27. 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.
28. 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).
29. 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

30. The report is requesting approval from the Dulwich Community Council for the proposed zebra crossing scheme in Gallery Road, subject to statutory consultation.
31. It is noted that the cost of the proposed scheme is estimated to be £55k and will be contained within the prescribed budget formally approved by members of the Dulwich Community Council, funded through devolved highway budget as part of the council's Cleaner Greener Safer programme.
32. It is also noted that any future maintenance costs arising from this investment will be funded from existing departmental revenue budgets.
33. Staffing and any other costs connected with this recommendation to be contained with existing scheme 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: http://www.southwark.gov.uk/info/200107/transport_policy/1947/southwark_transport_plan_2011	Matthew Hill 020 7525 3541

APPENDICES

No.	Title
Appendix A	Gallery Road Zebra Crossing Consultation Report

AUDIT TRAIL

Lead Officer	Matthew Hill, Public Realm Programme Manager	
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Key Decision?	No	
CONSULTATION WITH OTHER OFFICERS / DIRECTORATES / CABINET MEMBER		
Officer Title	Comments Sought	Comments included
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Strategic Director of Finance and Corporate Services	Yes	Yes
Cabinet Member	No	No
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