St Joseph’s School Accessibility Improvement

Introduction
This consultation is seeking your views on proposed Highways improvements on York Avenue and Station Approach. The proposal aims to improve road safety by providing a new zebra crossing, a new kerb build-out, a new school keep clear markings and amend existing school keep clear markings.

Please complete this questionnaire. Your views are important.

The closing date for this consultation is 8 June 2016

Please return your completed questionnaire using the envelope provided. You can also complete this consultation online at www.ealing.gov.uk/consultations
Existing Issues

As part of Ealing Council’s school safety scheme, proposals have been developed to improve road safety measures for St Joseph’s School. In 2015 St Joseph’s school was granted planning permission to expand from 484 and 630 pupils and 68 teachers by September 2018.

With assistance from the Council’s School Travel Plan Advisor, St Joseph’s School has developed a School Travel Plan (STP) where children are being encouraged to walk, cycle and use public transport to get to school. Children agreeing to use these options find it difficult to cross safely on York Avenue and Station Approach as there is no formal crossing point there.

Council officers have discussed these proposals with your ward councillors, and are now seeking your views and comments.

Existing Issues

Existing issues identified in the school travel plan for St Joseph’s School include:

• No formal crossing for children and parents using the school
• York Avenue is heavily trafficked during school pick up and drop off times and drivers are not sufficiently aware that they are in the vicinity of a school.

Proposals

The proposal involves improving road safety and accessibility in the area. To do this we will:

• Provide a zebra crossing at the end of Station Approach to facilitate crossing onto York Avenue
• Provide a kerb build-out to provide waiting area for children and parents before crossing outside the Nursery
• Amend existing school keep clear markings and guard railing to align with new entrances to the school.

Benefits of the proposal

• Improved safety and accessibility for children and parents
• Improved crossing facilities
• Improved safety for children travelling to and from school
• Maintaining a vehicle free entrance to the school
• Reduced traffic speeds
• Improved visibility to drivers that they are entering a school zone.

Your Views

The council would like to know your views in order to ensure that the proposed measures are appropriate. Please read this document carefully, look at the plans overleaf and go online to www.ealing.gov.uk/consultations to complete the questionnaire for this scheme. If you prefer, please return the questionnaire in the enclosed ‘prepaid’ envelope to reach us by 8 June 2016.

What Happens Next

The responses to the questionnaire enclosed will be analysed and reported to your ward councillors. Taking into account the views of the residents and businesses expressed in this consultation, a decision will be taken regarding implementation of the rest of the scheme. If you have any queries please contact Highways Service on 020 8825 5149.