Denehurst Gardens
Road Closure

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Introduction

We are re-consulting the residents of Denehurst Gardens on the proposal to physically close Denehurst Gardens to the passage of motor vehicles at its junction with Uxbridge Road. This is intended to reduce traffic speed and volume along Denehurst Gardens and eliminate through traffic.

Background

In 2014 Ealing Council completed works throughout Acton Town Centre. This included banning turning movements at the Uxbridge Road / Gunnersbury lane junction in order to provide signalised pedestrian crossing and to combat congestion at the junction.

There were concerns that banning the left turn from Gunnersbury Lane into Uxbridge Road would increase the through traffic on Denehurst Gardens.

Ealing Council consulted residents on the possibility of a road closure of Denehurst Gardens at Uxbridge Road in October 2014. At this time the majority of respondents were not in favour of the proposed closure, and it was decided not to proceed. At the same time a consultation was also undertaken of Hillcrest Road and the adjoining roads regarding the potential closure of Hillcrest Road at Gunnersbury Lane. The majority of respondents to this consultation were in favour of the closure, and this measure was implemented in late 2015.

As two years have passed since this initial consultation, there has been time for the road network changes and their impact on traffic flows to ‘settle-in’ and for residents to experience the new conditions. Accordingly, we are re-consulting residents on the road closure to see if their opinions have changed.
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Proposals

We propose to place a barrier at the existing one way restriction on Denehurst Gardens near Uxbridge Road. This would mean the only motor vehicle exit from Denehurst Gardens would be via Gunnersbury Lane. Cycle access would be unaffected. To provide space for turning vehicles, the stop and shop bay at the north end of Denehurst Gardens would be moved 5m south.

The advantages of this proposal are:

- All through traffic and the associated congestion, noise, pollution and damage to parked vehicles would be stopped.
- The substantial reduction in traffic would make the road safer, quieter and more appealing for residents.

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Other Options Considered

A number of alternative options were considered but for various reasons, were not deemed feasible:

- **Enforcement of the existing ‘No motor vehicles except Access’ restriction**
  
  Identifying vehicles with legitimate need of access is problematic, making accurate enforcement difficult to achieve.

- **Introduce a 7.5T weight restriction**
  
  An exemption for larger vehicles to access the road for deliveries and loading would be required - this would present similar enforcement difficulties to the current no motor vehicle restriction.

- **Introduce width restrictions**
  
  These would stop larger vehicles from travelling through the road, however it would not target the main issue of cars and smaller vans rat running.

- **Replace the ‘No motor vehicle’ restriction with a ‘No Entry except access’ restriction**
  
  Providing ‘No Entry except access’ may provide a clearer message than the existing signage. Unfortunately, the Council is not able to use this combination of signs as it is not permitted by government regulations.

- **Use rising bollard activated by resident pass in place of a road closure**
  
  This would allow access for residents to be maintained. However, this system would have ongoing running costs which would need to be covered by the cost of permits.
Your Views

The council would like to know your views on the proposed measures. Please read this document carefully and consider the proposals.

Have Your Say by completing the online survey at:

www.ealing.gov.uk/consultations

If you do not have online access, you may request a paper copy by contacting the project engineer using the details provided.

The closing date for this consultation is:

21st October 2016

What Happens Next?

Your responses will be analysed and reported to your Ward Councillors. Taking into account the views of the residents and businesses expressed in the consultation, a decision will be taken regarding implementation of the scheme.

Further Information

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