Elthorne Park High School
Road Safety Improvements

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Introduction

This consultation is seeking your views on proposed Highways improvements for Elthorne Park High School. The proposals aim to improve road safety by providing a raised zebra crossing on Boston Road outside St. Thomas the Apostle Church, a raised table at the junction of Boston Road with Westlea Road, amendments to existing restrictions on Westlea Road and introduction of road humps and a raised table on Southdown Avenue.

Background

As part of Ealing Council’s school safety programme, funding has been secured to draw up proposals that will mitigate the increase in vehicular, pedestrian and cycling trips within the vicinity school and reduce the effect the school traffic has on existing traffic. These measures are being introduced to reduce the risk of accidents, especially involving vulnerable road users such as pedestrians and cyclists on the adjacent road network and junctions. It will encourage a modal shift towards active travel by encouraging more journeys by walking and cycling. In particular, this work will focus on:

- Improving the junction of Boston Road with Westlea Road.
- Implementing a new school safety zone in Boston Road.
- Implementing traffic calming measures.
- Introducing and reviewing waiting restrictions during school opening and closing times.
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Existing Issues

Existing issues identified in the school travel plan for Elthorne Park High School include:

- Formal crossing points for children and parents along Boston Road within the vicinity of the school are not currently safe due to vehicles speeding.
- Westlea Road is heavily trafficked during school pick up and drop off times and drivers are not sufficiently aware that they are within the vicinity of a school.
- Speeding is also a problem on Southdown Avenue during school drop off and pick up times.

Proposals

In order to mitigate the above issues we have developed the following measures:

**Westlea Road**

- To remove two existing parking places and replace with double yellow lines to keep the entrance to the sub station clear at all times, remove two parking places close to Boston Road on the south side and replace with double yellow lines to reduce congestion and to formalise existing school keep clear markings.

**Boston Road**

- To implement a raised table at the junction of Boston Road/Westlea Road to reduce vehicle speeds.
- To change the existing uncontrolled pedestrian crossing and refuge island outside St. Thomas the Apostle Church to a raised zebra crossing with an extended refuge island. The zebra crossing facility will provide priority crossing for pedestrians over vehicles and the raised table will reduce vehicle speeds.

**Southdown Avenue**

- To implement traffic calming measures (road humps and raised table) on Southdown Avenue to reduce vehicle speeds and provide a crossing facility for pedestrians and cyclists at the Southdown Avenue/Wyke Gardens interchange.

Benefits of the Proposals

- Improved safety and accessibility for children and parents.
- Improved crossing facilities.
- Improved safety for children travelling to and from the school.
- Maintaining a vehicle free entrance to the school.
- Reduction of both traffic speeds and congestion within the vicinity of the school.
- Improved visibility and awareness to drivers that they are entering a school zone.
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:

9th December 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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