Introduction

As a part of Ealing Council’s Neighbourhood improvement programme funded by TfL and in response to residents ongoing concerns regarding speeding vehicles and safety, proposed changes have been designed for Allenby Road.

Background

Allenby Road has recently had stop and shop parking bays and walkability changes at side roads installed as part of the neighbourhood 19 improvements. These changes have addressed accessibility and safety to the shopping parade. Further investigations have been carried out to address the concerns of local residents regarding speeding and safety, with some solutions being identified within.

Council officers have discussed these proposals with your Ward Councillors and are now seeking your views and comments.

The closing date for this consultation is 21 September 2012

Complete your questionnaire online at www.ealing.gov.uk/consultations
Neighbourhood 19 – Allenby Road

Existing Problems

Existing problems identified in the Allenby Road area:

• Lack of information to remind drivers they are within a 20mph zone;
• Higher than acceptable vehicle speeds along Allenby Road;
• Lack of facilities to provide opportunities for pedestrians to cross Allenby Road;
• Residents in Somerset Road often can not access their properties due to vehicles parked inconsiderately; and
• Potential conflict areas between parked vehicles and traffic due to the positioning of speed cushions.

Proposals

The proposals involve changes to raised traffic calming features and increasing driver awareness of 20mph zone, while improving pedestrian and parking facilities in the Allenby Road area. Details of the proposals are as follows:

• Introduce a number of 20mph zone repeater signs and roundel line-marking along Allenby Road;
• Removal of a raised table to be replaced with a set of bus friendly speed cushions near the junction of Towers Road on Allenby Road to improve the operational costs of maintaining the public highway;
• Introduce two uncontrolled pedestrian crossings with refuges and associated waiting restrictions near the junction of Avon Road and Sunnycroft Road along Allenby Road;
• Reduction of waiting restrictions along Allenby Road to allow additional on street parking; and
• Changes to existing speed cushion positions across the road to reduce conflict with adjacent parked vehicles.

The Benefits

• Reduced vehicle speeds;
• Cost effective road layout that achieves desired speed reduction and reduces future highways maintenance costs;
• Improvements to pedestrian crossing facilities resulting in a safer neighbourhood and encourages walking;
• More on street parking for residents and further reduction in vehicle speed;
• Access maintained to properties on Somerset Road near Allenby Road; and
• Reduction in potential for conflict between parked cars adjacent to speed cushions and traffic.

The Disbenefits

• Changes to waiting restrictions near proposed uncontrolled crossings will displace some on street parking.

Your Views

The Council would like to know your views in order to implement the right scheme in the area. Please examine the plan attached overleaf and make your views known to us by Friday 21 September 2012.

What Happens Next

The responses to the questionnaire enclosed will be analysed and reported to your ward councillors. Taking into account the views of residents and businesses as expressed in this consultation, a decision will then be taken regarding implementation of the scheme.