Background

As part of Ealing Council’s school safety programme, funded by Transport for London, we have developed proposals aimed at improving road safety at the junction of Mount Avenue and Westmoreland Place. The proposals are aimed particularly at pupils walking to St. Gregory’s Roman Catholic Primary School and Montpelier Primary School. However other road users, including the residents of Westmoreland Place, will benefit from this scheme.

Council officers have assessed the area, including visiting the site to assess site conditions. We have developed proposals that are shown on the attached drawing.

Existing issues

Issues that have been identified within this study area include:

• There is a need for pedestrians to cross this stretch of Mount Avenue, in particular people travelling to/from Montpelier Park or the new entrance to St. Gregory’s school. Currently, there is no clear place for them to cross. Mount Avenue is busy with vehicles, particularly at school opening/closing times, which can make it difficult for children and parents to find a safe opportunity to cross.
• Drivers of vehicles on Mount Avenue, especially eastbound, are not sufficiently aware that they are in the vicinity of a school.
• Westmoreland Place has a wide opening, which encourages higher vehicle speeds and increases the time it takes for pedestrians to cross the road.

Proposals

The proposals will address the above issues in 3 ways:

• Install a zebra crossing to provide a clear place for pedestrians to cross, encouraging drivers to slow down and stop for pedestrians.
• Narrow the opening of Westmoreland Place by building out the kerb, to reduce vehicle speeds turning into Westmoreland Place and increase footway space.
• Install a short length of guard railing opposite the exit to Montpelier Park, to stop pedestrians walking straight out into Mount Avenue. Furthermore, it would direct the pedestrian flow towards a safe crossing point.

Overall the proposals are considered to improve road safety and encourage walking and cycling to schools.

The benefits

• Improved pedestrian and traffic safety;
• Reduced traffic speed and congestion; and
• Improved footway condition and aesthetics of area.

Your views

The Council would like to know your views, to help 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, or return the paper questionnaire in the enclosed ‘prepaid’ envelope to reach us by 25 April 2014.

What happens next

The responses to the questionnaire enclosed will be analysed and reported to ward members of your area. 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.

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Public Consultation

School Safety Improvements

Mount Avenue Pedestrian Crossing

Introduction

This consultation is seeking your views on proposed highway improvements on Mount Avenue, at its junction with Westmoreland Place. The proposal aims to improve road safety for pedestrians crossing the road by providing a new zebra crossing on Mount Avenue. This will particularly help people accessing St. Gregory’s Roman Catholic Primary School, Montpelier Primary School, houses on and near Westmoreland Place, and Montpelier Park.

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Highways
Consultation Questionnaire
School Safety Improvements – Mount Avenue Pedestrian Crossing

Please fill in this questionnaire and return it in the prepaid envelope provided by 25 April 2014.

Name: ________________________________________________________________

Address: _______________________________________________________________________________________

1. Are you responding as a… (please select one answer only)

☐ Resident  ☐ Business/School  ☐ Both  ☐ Parent

2. Are you in favour of the scheme?

☐ Yes  ☐ No

3. Do you think there are currently safety issues for road users around Mount Avenue?

☐ Yes  ☐ No

4. Do you think the proposed scheme will improve the safety of all road users around the school?

☐ Yes  ☐ No

5. Please provide any further comments in the box below.

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Thank you for filling in this questionnaire.

Please return your questionnaire in the prepaid envelope provided to:
Highways Management, Ealing Council, 1st Floor Perceval House, 14/16 Uxbridge Road, Ealing W5 2HL.

We need your comments by 25 April 2014.

Thank you for your help.