Background
As part of Ealing Council’s school safety programme, we are proposing road safety measures for West Acton Primary School situated on Noel Road, Acton.

With assistance from the Council’s School Travel Plan Advisor, the 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 Noel Road due to poor visibility caused by parked cars close to the existing zebra crossing. The STP also highlights the need for improvement to the highway to ensure safety of the children travelling to and from school.

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 West Acton Primary School include:
• Cars parking close to the zebra crossing.
• Noel Road is heavily trafficked and drivers are not sufficiently aware that they are in the vicinity of a school
• No formal crossing on the school access road between nos 181 and 183.

Proposals
The proposal involves improving road safety and accessibility in the area. To do this we will:
• Provide “school keep clear” markings between nos 181 and 185 Noel Road. This is to be achieved by shortening the westbound exit zig-zags and removing the last two parking places outside 183/185. Two replacement bays could be introduced by shortening the eastbound exit zig-zags.
• Replace existing old-style school flashing signs with new school flashing signs to warn drivers of a school in the vicinity
• Provide a raised table entry treatment across the school access road between nos 181 and 183.
• Remove guardrails north of Noel Road on either side of the existing zebra crossing.
• Provide 25 metres of double yellow lines either side of The Link from its junction with Noel Road.

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

The raised table entry treatment and School flashing signs will be implemented prior to receiving the results of this consultation, because these measures are not considered to have an impact to surrounding residents.

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 20 May 2015

What Happens Next
A raised table entry treatment and replacement of the existing school flashing signs will be installed as soon as possible.

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

WEST ACTON PRIMARY SCHOOL
This consultation is seeking your views on proposed Highways improvements on Noel Road. The proposal aims to improve road safety by providing new school keep clear markings, remove existing guardrails, provide two new school warning flashing signs, extend double yellow lines on both sides of The Link to approximately 25 metres and providing general highway improvements.

Please complete this questionnaire. Your views are important.

The closing date for this consultation is 20 May 2015

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

Highways
West Acton Primary School Questionnaire

Please fill in this questionnaire and return it in the prepaid envelope provided by 20 May 2015.

Name: ____________________________________________
Address: _________________________________________
Postcode: _________________________________________

What are your views on the proposals?
Please answer the question by ticking the appropriate box and add any comments in the box provided.

1. Are you responding as a ...(please select one answer only)
   ○ Resident  ○ Business/School  ○ Both  ○ Parent

2. Are you in favour of installing new school keep clear markings and relocation of parking spaces on Noel Road?
   ○ Yes  ○ No

3. Are you in favour of the extension of yellow lines on The Link?
   ○ 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.

Thank you for filling in this questionnaire. Please return your questionnaire in the prepaid envelope provided to: Highway Services, Ealing Council, 1st floor Perceval House, 14/16 Uxbridge Road, Ealing, W5 2HL

We need your comments by 20 May 2015.

Thank you for your help.