

LONDON BOROUGH OF BRENT

HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE 17th DECEMBER 2003

REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT

FOR ACTION

NAME OF WARDS:
WILLESDEN GREEN

REPORT TITLE : ST PAULS AVENUE NW2 – PROPOSED 20 MPH ZONE

1.0 SUMMARY

1.1 This report informs members about progress with the St Paul's Avenue 20 mph zone and reports the results of a recent public consultation and seeks approval to proceed to statutory consultation and implementation.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 That the Committee notes the scheme development work undertaken by officers.

2.2 That the Committee notes the results of the public consultations undertaken on the St Paul's Avenue area 20mph zone and agrees that the scheme be implemented and proceed to statutory consultation.

2.3 That the Committee authorises the Director of Transportation to proceed with any necessary statutory consultation, to consider any objections or representations and either to refer objections or comments back to this committee where he thinks appropriate, or to implement the orders for the schemes proposed in the report if there are no objections or representations, or he considers the objections or representations are groundless or insignificant irrelevant or frivolous.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 A funding allocation of £200,000 has been approved by Transport for London for a programme of 20 mph zones included in the Borough Spending Plan submission for 2003/2004.

3.2 The cost of implementing the St Paul's Avenue 20mph zone has been estimated at £65,000 including staffing costs.

4.0 STAFFING IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The Council's Transportation Service Unit will deal with all issues related to the St Paul's Avenue 20 mph zone scheme.

5.0 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The introduction of a 20-mph zone will help to improve road safety for all road users in the area, particularly pedestrians and school children attending The Convent of Jesus and Mary Infant School.
- 5.2 The introduction of a 20 mph zone can reduce the amount of through traffic in the area reducing the environmental impact of traffic.

6.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The 20mph speed limit and waiting restrictions proposed will require the making of traffic regulation order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. The procedures to be adopted for making the actual orders are set out in the associated Statutory Traffic Regulations.
- 6.2 The road hump measures proposed are made under sections 90 A to F of the Highways Act 1980 and will require the Council to undertake prescribed consultation and consider objections and place statutory notices.
- 6.3 Members are authorising the Director of Transportation to consider and reject objections or representations if he thinks appropriate prior to him implementing the various schemes following the statutory consultation process. This means a further report need not be brought before this committee prior to implementation.

7.0 DETAIL

- 7.1 A programme of 20mph schemes has been approved by Transport for London on the basis of the 2003/2004 Borough Spending Plan (BSP) submission which sets out the Borough's programme of schemes and priorities. The schemes have been approved by the Mayor for London's office on the basis of this submission meeting the requirements of the Transport Strategy for London. A total budget of £200,000 has been approved.
- 7.2 The introduction of 20mph zones will play an important role in achieving the Government's road safety strategy and casualty reduction targets set for 2010. Recent changes in Government legislation have now given local authorities more powers to make 20-mph limits without recourse to the Secretary of State and schemes can now be progressed more quickly by local authorities. At present there are only a few 20-mph within the London Borough of Brent, however, over the coming years the Council are proposing to implement further zones in the Borough where traffic conditions could be improved by introducing them.
- 7.3 The St Paul's Avenue area scheme is the second to be developed in the 2003/04 programme and is a residential area bounded by Walm Lane, The Jubilee Line and Park Avenue which is included. The Convent of Jesus and Mary Infant School is located within the designated zone and has a wide catchment area in the vicinity.
- 7.4 The main aims of the St Paul's Avenue 20mph zone are to:

- reduce vehicle speeds and make walking and cycling easier and safer within the zone,
- improve the safety of vulnerable road users such as children and the elderly,
- improve safety in the vicinity of the school,
- reduce the number of personal injury traffic accidents,
- reduce the environmental impact of through traffic.

7.5 Scheme development work has been underway for the last 6 months and officers from the Transportation Service Unit have undertaken consultations with local members and residents.

7.6 The police, emergency services, transport operators and other statutory bodies have been consulted on the proposals through regular traffic liaison meetings and full support for the scheme has been demonstrated. Any comments made about the scheme have already been taken into account within the design where possible.

7.7 A full public consultation exercise was undertaken in September / October 2003 on the proposals. Consultation leaflets were circulated to all residents in the area and included a free pre-paid return questionnaire and comment form for local residents to express their views about the scheme. Appendix A gives details of the public consultation document distributed to residents in the St Paul's Avenue area, which includes details of the scheme design and is self-explanatory. Detailed plans of the proposal will be displayed at the Committee meeting.

7.8 Approximately 460 questionnaires were distributed to premises in the area including The Convent of Jesus and Mary Infant School in accordance with the public consultation practice adopted by the Committee. Details of the results of the consultation are shown below for consideration.

ST PAULS AVENUE – 20mph ZONE CONSULTATION RESULTS			Question 1 - Do you support the introduction of a 20mph zone?				
Road	No. addresses	No. returns	% returned	Yes	% Yes	No	% No
Dean Road	110	21	18%	19	90%	2	10%
Grove Road	34	10	29%	7	70%	3	30%
High Road	10	1	10%	0	0%	1	100%
Park Avenue	116	24	20%	21	87%	3	13%
St Paul's Avenue	164	43	25%	38	88%	5	12%
Walm Lane	20	3	15%	1	33%	2	67%
TOTAL	454	102	22%	86	84%	16	16%

7.9 The results of the public consultation demonstrate an average response rate (22%) and majority support for the proposals (84%). It is therefore recommended that officers should now proceed with the statutory consultation (making of traffic regulation orders and public notices) and implementation of the St Paul's Avenue 20 mph zone. The full implementation cost of the scheme is estimated to be approximately £65,000 including staff costs.

- 7.10 In order to implement the 20-mph zone a traffic regulation order will need to be made and associated statutory consultation undertaken using powers contained in the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. This process will take approximately 4-5 months to fully complete after which the scheme will be fully operational. The implementation of road hump features will also require the advertising of statutory public notices using powers contained in the Highways Act 1980.
- 7.11 If Committee approve the scheme then any objections to the schemes received as a result of statutory consultations would be given full consideration by the Director of Transportation and reported back to members if he thinks appropriate, otherwise he will implement the scheme.

8.0 Details of Documents:

Traffic Management Project File TP 5

Any person wishing to inspect the above papers should contact Barry Philips, Traffic Team Leader, Transportation Service Unit, Brent House, 349 High Road, Wembley, Middlesex HA9 6BZ,
Telephone: 0208 937 5147

Richard Saunders
Director of Environment

St Paul's Avenue - 20 mph Zone
APPENDIX A

St Pauls Avenue

PROPOSED
20mph
ZONE



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St Pauls Avenue

PROPOSED 20mph ZONE

BACKGROUND

Brent Council is proposing to introduce a 20mph zone in your area. Funding to implement the project has been made available from Transport for London through the Council's annual Borough Spending Plan submission which seeks funds for schemes in line with the Mayor for London's Road Transport Strategy. Recent changes in Government legislation now give local authorities more powers to make 20mph limits without recourse to the Secretary of State. At present there are a limited number of 20mph zones within the London Borough of Brent, however, over the next few years the Council are proposing to implement more zones around the Borough.



WHAT IS A 20mph ZONE ?

In a 20mph zone:

Traffic speeds are kept below 20mph by using traffic calming measures to physically self enforce the speed limit. These measures can include road humps, speed cushions, road narrowing, or landscaping features.

Special road signs with panels and road markings at zone entry points are used to advise drivers that the speed limit is 20mph.

WHAT CAN A 20mph ZONE ACHIEVE?

The main benefit is to lower vehicle speeds which make walking and cycling easier and safer within the zone.

The safety of vulnerable road users such as children and the elderly will be greatly improved.

On average, 20 mph zones reduce personal injury accidents by over a half, those involving children by around two thirds, and prevent 9 out of 10 fatal or serious accidents.

Through traffic can be discouraged as a consequence of introducing the traffic calming measures.

The majority of residents must be in favour of the proposals if they are to proceed and all residents are encouraged to give their views and comments by completing the attached questionnaire. The Police and emergency services have approved the scheme and strongly support self enforcing zones that incorporate speed reducing features.

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RED SURFACE TREATMENT

A red strip of surfacing with the appropriate speed roundel is a feature that is used to highlight the entrance into a zone and the change in the speed limit.

The red surfacing will incorporate the 20mph roundel and is usually positioned close to a junction.



PEDESTRIAN REFUGE

Traffic Islands will be located at junctions assisting pedestrians attempting to cross road junctions safely.

Crossing points will be protected by bollards as well as incorporating tactile paving where possible to assist the visually impaired.

The traffic islands will also incorporate illuminated keep left bollards to highlight the islands to road users.



SPEED CUSHIONS

Speed Cushions are an effective means of reducing vehicle speeds and are less detrimental to the passage of larger service vehicles such as ambulances or refuse vehicles.

They are preferred by the police and emergency services and have been used successfully across the borough. They are usually placed 70-80m apart for maximum effect. They are placed evenly apart so that vehicles maintain a constant speed, which helps to cut down on vehicle emissions.



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WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

THESE PROPOSALS WILL AFFECT YOU !

Therefore the Transportation Unit would be extremely grateful if you could carefully examine these proposed measures shown on this leaflet.

Your views on the proposals are very important to us and therefore a questionnaire is enclosed with this leaflet for this purpose.

I would be grateful if you could take the time to fill in this questionnaire and return the form to us by 24th October 2003 using the pre-paid postage provided.

Please make sure you use the questionnaire provided too respond.

Thank you.

ANY QUESTIONS?

If you have any comments or queries about the proposals and wish to speak to an Engineer involved with the scheme before returning the questionnaire you can contact:

Elliott Hill by either telephone 020 8937 5142

or

e-mail Elliott.Hill@brent.gov.uk



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**20 MPH ZONE – ST. PAULS AVENUE
QUESTIONNAIRE**

Please check the address overleaf is yours, complete the questionnaire and return it to Brent Council, Transportation Service Unit by Friday 24th October 2003 using the free pre paid postage provided on the reverse side of this form. There are notes for guidance to help you below.

1. Do you support the introduction of a 20-mph zone as shown on the attached plan to improve road and pedestrian safety in your area ?

Yes No (tick the appropriate box)

2. Have you any other ideas or comments specifically about the proposals? Please try to be brief .

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Notes for guidance:

- 1) Only a questionnaire issued by the Council should be used to respond to the consultation and no photocopies or other material will be counted,
- 2) If there are any errors in your form or you are aware that a neighbour or another person in the area has not received a questionnaire then the Traffic Management Section should be contacted on 020 8937 5132 or 5185 for assistance,
- 3) Your response is protected as required by the Data Protection Act and cannot be identified,
- 4) We will confirm receipt of your completed questionnaire.
- 5) **Please do not use glue or selotape to seal this questionnaire. Thank you.**

If you have difficulty understanding this in English, please contact the One-Stop Shop at the Town Hall, Forty Lane, Wembley Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm. Telephone 0181 937 1200.

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Urdu

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