

LONDON BOROUGH OF BRENT

HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE 27th JANUARY 2005

Report from the Director of Environment

For action

Wards affected:
Kensal Green

Report Title: Furness Road – Streets for People Scheme

Forward Plan ref: ES-04/05/302

1.0 Summary

1.1 This report informs members on the results of consultations carried out in December 2004 on the proposed Furness Road area 'Streets for People' scheme, and seeks Committee's approval to proceed with the scheme as detailed at Item 3.2 in this report.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 That Committee notes the scheme development work undertaken to date by officers.
- 2.2 That Committee notes the results of the public consultation undertaken in December 2004 with local residents of the Furness Road area, and approves the elements of the scheme as detailed at Item 3.2.
- 2.3 The Committee authorizes the Director of Transportation to proceed with any necessary statutory consultations, to consider any objections or representations and either to refer these back to this committee or to implement the orders for the proposed scheme if there are no objections or representations or he considers these to be groundless or insignificant.

3.0 Detail

- 3.1 The Furness Road area "Street for People" scheme has been approved by Transport for London on the basis of the 2004/2005 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 budget of £90,000 has been approved in the BSP for the project. An additional £40,000 is available from the local safety scheme Capital budget for Harrow Road junction with Furness Road.
- 3.2 The first scheme to be developed under the 2004/05 programme is in the Furness Road area which is a residential area bounded by the Harrow Road, Wrotesley Road and Park Parade. Furness Road School is located within the designated zone boundary and has a wide catchment area in the vicinity. The location is shown on the plan attached to Appendix A. Details of the scheme included the following:
- Construction of speed cushions along Leghorn Road, Ancona Road, Spezia Road, Radcliffe Avenue and Odessa Road,
 - Construction of entry treatment at the junction of Radcliffe Road with Wrotesley Road,
 - Improvement of existing traffic signs,
 - Construction of traffic island along Furness Road in the vicinity of Wrotesley Road,
 - Road marking improvement and implementation of junction box, cycle lane facilities and red surfacing at the junction of Furness Road with Harrow Road.
- 3.3 The aims of the Furness Road area Streets for People scheme are:
- reduce vehicle speeds and make walking and cycling easier and safer within the zone,
 - reduce volume of traffic and number of conflict points at the junction of Leghorn Road with Furness Road,
 - 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 adverse environmental impact of through traffic.
- 3.4 Scheme development work has been underway since 2002 and officers from the Transportation Service Unit have undertaken extensive consultations with local residents and the Council's Safer Routes to School Team.
- 3.5 The emergency services, transport operators and other statutory bodies have been consulted on the proposals through regular traffic liaison meetings, and by sending copies of the consultation leaflets, 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.

- 3.6 A public consultation exercise was undertaken with local residents in December 2004 regarding the proposals listed at item 3.2. Consultation leaflets were sent to all residents in the estate and included a free pre-paid return questionnaire and comment form for local residents to express their views about the scheme. Appendix B is a copy of the consultation document distributed to residents in the Furness Road area, which includes outline details of the scheme design. Detailed plans of the proposal will be displayed at the Highways Committee meeting.
- 3.7 Approximately 1596 questionnaires were distributed to addresses in the area including Furness Road School of which 151 were returned, representing a 9.5% response. The results are tabulated at Appendix C.
- 3.8 In addition to the proposals listed at 3.2, the consultation included the following proposals for the junction of Leghorn Road junction with Furness Road:
- Option 1: Leghorn Road Closure (at its junction with Furness Road)
- Option 2: Traffic Island in Furness Road at the junction with Leghorn Road, and
- Option 3: ONE-WAY system introduction along Leghorn Road (with the entry point at Furness Road).
- 3.9 The result of the public consultation demonstrated support for the main proposals listed at 3.2. However, the results for proposals at Leghorn Road junction with Furness Road (shown in Appendix C) indicate that none of the proposals were favoured and officers therefore recommend that the Streets for People scheme be progressed to implementation without the measures proposed for the Leghorn Road/Furness Road junction.
- 3.10 Committee is requested to authorise the Director of Transportation to proceed with the statutory consultation in respect of the schemes supported, and 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.

4.0 Financial Implications

- 4.1 An allocation of £50,000 has been received from Transport for London for a 'Streets for People' scheme for the Furness Road area based on the Borough Spending Plan submission for 2004/2005. An additional £40,000 from the Local Safety Schemes Programme for the Furness Road / Harrow Road junction has been allocated within the Capital Programme for the current financial year. It is anticipated that the scheme implementation costs will be accommodated within the total funding allocation of £90,000. The works are due to start in February 2005 and expected to take about 6 weeks to complete.

5.0 Legal Implications

- 5.1 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.
- 5.2 Committee is requested to authorise 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.

6.0 Diversity Implications

- 6.1 All Public consultation material distributed will include a section written in the most common languages used in the borough with an explanation of how more information can be obtained.

7.0 Staffing/Accommodation Implications (if appropriate)

- 7.1 The Council's Transportation Service Unit will deal with all issues related to the scheme detailed in this report.

8.0 Environmental Implications

- 8.1 The introduction of the Streets for People scheme will help to improve road safety for all road users in the area particularly pedestrians school children attending Furness Road School, and will help to encourage children to walk to school.
- 8.2 The introduction of the scheme can reduce the amount of through traffic in the area and reduce the adverse environmental impact of traffic.

Background Papers

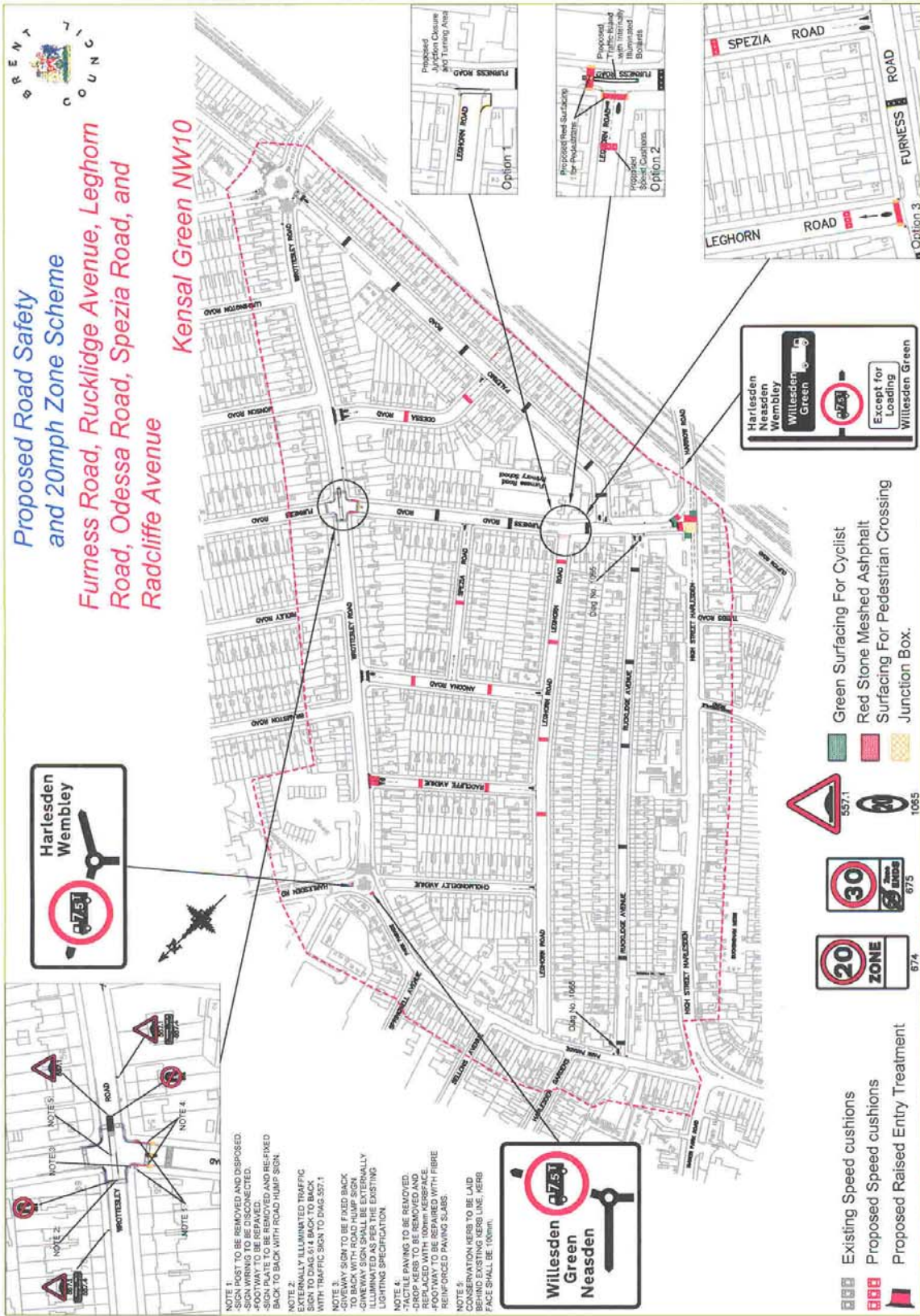
Traffic Management Project File TP 299
Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.
Highways Act 1980

Contact Officers

Any person wishing to inspect the above papers should contact Adam Assaadi, Senior Engineer, Transportation Service Unit, Brent House, 349 High Road, Wembley, Middlesex HA9 6BZ, Telephone: 0208 937 5110

Richard Saunders
Director of Environment

FURNESS ROAD - STREETS FOR PEOPLE SCHEME APPENDIX A



FURNESS ROAD - STREETS FOR PEOPLE SCHEME APPENDIX B



STREETS FOR PEOPLE SCHEME

Furness Road, Rucklidge Avenue, Leghorn Road Road,
Spezia Road, Ancona Road and Radcliffe Avenue

QUESTIONNAIRE

Please complete the questionnaire and return it to us by 20th December 2004 using the pre-paid postage provided on the reverse side of this form.

Please do not use glue or selotape on the envelope. Thank you

1. Do you support the proposed Streets for People Scheme on the attached plan?

Yes

No

(tick the appropriate box)

2. Which option do you support most for Leghorn Road junction with Furness Road?

(Please tick one box only)

Option 1 : Road Closure

Option 2 : Traffic Island

Option 3 : One – Way System

None

Comments

Do you have any other comments regarding these proposals ?

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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 020 8937 1200

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FURNESS ROAD - STREETS FOR PEOPLE SCHEME

APPENDIX B continued

 <p>STREETS FOR PEOPLE SCHEME</p> <p>FURNESS ROAD, RUCKLIDGE AVENUE, LEGHORN ROAD, SPEZIA ROAD, ANCONIA ROAD AND RADCLIFFE AVENUE</p> <p>KENSAL GREEN, NW10</p> <p><i>PUBLIC CONSULTATION - DECEMBER 2004</i></p>	<p>INTRODUCTION</p> <p>Streets for people schemes will play an important role in achieving the Government's road safety strategy and casualty reduction targets set for 2010. This is the first scheme in Brent to be progressed under the Streets for People transport heading as detailed in the Borough Spending Plan (BSP).</p> <p>The main aims of the traffic management measures included in the Streets for People Scheme are to slow down traffic, reduce accidents, improve the local environment and address some of the traffic problems that local residents have identified.</p>	<p>DO YOUR VIEWS MATTER?</p> <p>For the scheme to be progressed and implemented, the majority of the responding residents must be in favour of the proposals. Therefore, all residents are encouraged to give their views and comments by completing the attached pre-paid questionnaire. Please fill it in, fold it as shown and return it to us by 20th December 04.</p> <p>There is no need for a stamp. We assure you that your response will be treated confidentially and promise that we will not disclose how you responded as an individual.</p>	<p>WHAT IS THE PROPOSED SCHEME?</p> <p>Please see small scale plan overleaf which gives an outline of the proposals. If you wish to view the proposals in your area in more detail, please contact:</p> <p>Adam Assaadi, Environmental Services, Transportation Service Unit, Traffic Management Section, Brent House, 349-357 High Road, Wembley, Middx, HA9 6BZ</p>
<p>Option 2 : Traffic Island in Furness Road at the Junction of Leghorn Road</p> <p>In this proposal, traffic movement along Leghorn Road will be restricted to left – in and left – out. Spezia Road would not be affected.</p> <p>Option 3 : One-Way System</p> <p>In this proposal, Leghorn Road would become one-way in at the junction of Furness Road. The remainder of Leghorn Road would remain available for two way traffic. Spezia Road would become one-way out only. The remainder of Spezia Road would remain available for two way traffic.</p>	<p>WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?</p> <p>When the completed questionnaires have been returned. We will consider the views received and then use the information to draw up the final design and subsequent implementation of the scheme.</p>	<p>WHAT DO YOU THINK?</p> <p>We want to know what you think about our proposals, you can tell us by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Filling in the post paid questionnaire inside this leaflet and sending it back to us. • Writing to us at the address shown on the bottom of this leaflet. 	<p>PROPOSED OPTIONS FOR FURNESS ROAD/LEGHORN JUNCTION</p> <p>Option 1 : Leghorn Road Closure</p> <p>In this proposal, Leghorn Road would be closed at it's junction with Furness Road. Spezia Road would not be affected.</p>

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APPENDIX C

Road	No. of Questionnaires sent	No. of returns	Question 1 - Do you support the proposed Streets for People Scheme?					Question 2 - Which option do you support most for Leghorn Road junction with Furness Road:			
			% returned	Yes	% Yes	No	% No	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	None
Ancona Road	34	5	15	0	0	5	100				5
Cardinal Hinsley Close	23	5	22	3	60	2	40		1	2	2
Cholmondeley Avenue	46	9	20	3	33	6	67	1	1	6	
Furness Road	81	10	12	6	60	4	40		3	3	4
Harlesden Road	16	0	0	0	0	0	0				
High Street	321	3	1	3	100	0	0	1		2	
Leghorn Road	169	29	17	17	59	12	41	8	5	5	11
Longstone Avenue	20	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Manor Park Road	3	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Odessa Road	41	9	22	5	56	4	44	1	3	2	
Palmero Road	135	7	5	5	71	2	29		2	3	2
Park Parade	207	10	5	6	60	4	40		2	5	
Radcliffe Avenue	43	6	14	6	100	0	0	3	1	2	
Rucklidge Avenue	209	21	10	13	62	8	38		7	8	
Spezia Road	42	10	24	2	20	8	80				8
Springwell Avenue	10	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Wrottesley Road	196	27	14	19	70	8	30	1	8	9	9
TOTAL	1596	151	9.46	88	58.3	63	41.7	15	33	47	41

Highways Committee
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