Traffic Calming Measures Dahlia Gardens

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Dear Resident

Until recently, it was the Council’s intention to consult on introducing a 20mph zone in the Sherwood Park Road area, as part of its ongoing programme to manage excessive and inappropriate speeds in residential roads. However, due to a number of constraints, we are unable to consult residents on the wider scheme, bounded by Wide Way, Manor Road, Commonsise East and Chestnut Grove (already a 20mph zone). Instead, the Council is responding to concerns raised by some residents regarding safety and speeds in some of the roads within the area by introducing the appropriate traffic calming measures only in Dahlia Gardens and Abbotts Road in this financial year.

Funding is available from Transport for London (TfL) for the 2010/11 financial year and the Council is consulting residents of both roads on the proposed speed reducing measures. If approved and these measures are introduced (subject to the results of the statutory consultation and a decision by the Cabinet Member for Environment, Sustainability and Regeneration), the proposed traffic calming measures will form part of a wider 20mph zone scheme, to be consulted in the next financial year, subject to funding being made available.

The table below shows traffic speed and volume data collected outside no. 18 and no. 55 Dahlia Gardens between 6 July 2010 and 12 July 2010. There were no recorded personal injury collisions in the 3 year period up to end of December 2009 in Dahlia Gardens. Although the table shows that the majority of drivers travelled within the posted limit of 30mph, a small minority of drivers travelled at excessive speed, considered inappropriate for residential roads.

The Council is proposing the following proposals:

1. **Raised junctions at the following locations:**
   - Dahlia Gardens junction with New Barnes Avenue,
   - Dahlia Garden junction with Beech Avenue.

   **Advantages of raised junctions:**
   - Reduces speed at junctions.
   - Can be used in isolation – they do not have to form part of a series of other features such as road humps.
   - More acceptable to emergency services than standard humps.
   - Improved crossing facility allows pedestrians, especially vulnerable road users such as those with disabilities and parents with children to cross the road.
   - Improved sight lines.

2. **Implement speed cushions**
   - within the vicinity of no. 16 Dahlia Gardens

### Traffic Speed and Volume Data

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### Advantages of speed cushions
- Effective at reducing traffic speeds.
- Accepted by emergency services.
- Inexpensive to construct.
- No loss of on-street parking.
- Cyclists can pass between them.

### Disadvantages of speed cushions
- Can not be used to reduce speeds of larger vehicles such as heavy goods vehicles.

**WHAT HAPPENS NEXT**

A notice of the Council’s intentions to introduce the above measures will be published in the local newspaper, London Gazette and posted on lamp columns in the vicinity. Representations for and against the proposals described in this Notice must be made in writing to the Head of Street Scene and Waste, Merton Civic Centre, London Road, Morden, Surrey, SM4 5DX or email trafficandhighways@merton.gov.uk by no later than 9 March 2011, quoting reference ES/SGE/DAHLIAGARDENS.

All representations along with Officers’ comments and recommendations will be reported to the Cabinet Member for Environmental Sustainability and Regeneration for a decision. Please note that responses to any representations received will not be made until a final decision is made by the Cabinet Member.

The Council is required to give weight to the nature and content of your representations and not necessarily the quantity. Your reasons are, therefore, important to us.

A copy of the proposed TMO, a plan identifying the areas affected by the proposals and the Council’s Statement of Reasons can be inspected at: Pollards Hill Library during the Council’s normal office hours Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm. A copy can also be inspected at Pollards Hill Library.

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