

Cabinet Member for Environmental Sustainability and Regeneration:

Date: 23rd August 2018

Agenda item: N/A

Wards: Pollard Hill Ward

Subject: Galpin's Road – Road Safety Improvement

Lead officer: Chris Lee, Director of Environment & Regeneration

Lead member: Councillor Martin Whelton, Cabinet Member for Regeneration Environment & Housing

Forward Plan reference number: N/A

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Recommendations:

That the Cabinet Member considers the issues detailed in this report and

- A) Notes the result of the statutory consultation that was carried out between 13th of July and 10th August 2018 on certain aspects of the proposed road safety improvements along Galpin's Road between South Lodge Avenue and Berkshire Way. Copy of the consultation document is attached in Appendix 2. Details of the proposed measures are set out in section 3 of this report and shown on plan No. Z38-148-01A attached in Appendix 1.
- B) Considers the representations received in response to the statutory consultation (against the proposed double yellow lines) which is attached in Appendix 3.
- C) Agrees to proceed with the making of the relevant Traffic Management Orders (TMOs) and the implementation of a proposed measures as shown in the amended plan No. Z38-148-01A attached in Appendix 1 and as set out in section 3 of this report. The extent of the double yellow lines has changed to address the objections received.
- D) Agrees to exercise his discretion not to hold a public inquiry on the consultation process.

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report sets out the proposed improvement measures along Galpin's Road, Mitcham and reports the result of the statutory consultation carried out on certain aspects of the proposed Road Safety Improvement scheme, namely yellow line restrictions. This report seeks Cabinet Member's approval to proceed with the making of the relevant Traffic Management Orders (TMOs) and the implementation of the proposed measures as shown in Drawing No. Z38-148-01A attached in Appendix 1.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Galpin's Road is a two-way single carriageway subject to a 20mph speed limit. It is a residential road. Over the years there have been a number of safety / speed concerns raised by residents and other road users.
- 2.2 According to the recorded Personal Injury Accident data, over the last 3 years there has been 1 speed related accident.
- 2.3 Following a consultation with the Ward Councillors, officers prepared a road safety design to address road safety concerns and improve road user perception.

3. PROPOSED MEASURES

- 3.1 To improve safety, access and sightlines at the various junctions along Galpin's Road, it is proposed to introduce junction entry treatment and junction table and associated parking restrictions at the following junctions:
- Berkshire Way - Junction Table.
 - South Lodge Avenue - Entry Treatment.
- 3.2 In addition to the above, there will be new 'SLOW' markings; '20' markings and existing road markings will be refreshed.

4. CONSULTATION

- 4.1 To introduce the necessary double yellow lines at the junctions, a statutory consultation was carried out between 13th of July and 10th August 2018. The consultation included the erection of street Notices on lamp columns in the vicinity of the proposals and the publication of the Council's intentions in the Local Guardian and the London Gazette. Consultation documents were available at the Link, Merton Civic Centre and on the Council's website. A newsletter with a plan, attached as Appendix 2, was also circulated to all those properties included within the consultation area. (Galpin's Road between South Lodge Avenue and Berkshire Way).
- 4.2 Two representations (attached in appendix 3) were received against the proposed parking restrictions between 227 and 219 Galpin's Rd. Initially it was proposed to introduce double yellow lines at the junction and across from the junction to ensure improved sightlines and safe manoeuvres at the entire section of the junction.
- 4.2 All Emergency Services have been consulted and no objections have been raised.

5.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 5.1 It is recommended that the Cabinet Member considers the representations received against the proposed double yellow lines between 227 and 219 Galpin's Rd along with officer's comments and approves the making of the Traffic Management Order and the implementation of the amended proposed measures. If agreed the works will be carried out during 2018 / 19 financial year.
- 5.2 It is envisaged that the proposed measures will improve pedestrian movement, lower vehicular speeds and improve perception of safety.

6.0 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 6.1 Do Nothing. This however, will do nothing to address safety concerns, speed and perception safety as experienced by all road users as well as the local residents.

7.0 FINANCIAL RESOURCE AND PROPERTY IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 The cost of implementing this scheme is estimated at £60k. This includes the cost of the statutory consultation; making of the relevant Traffic Management Orders and civil costs.
- 7.2 The cost of this scheme would be funded from TfL Capital allocation for 2018/19.

8.0 LEGAL AND STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 Introduction of waiting restrictions would be made under Section 6 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended) and the Speed Table will be made under the Highways Act 1980. The Council is required by the Local Authorities Traffic Order (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996 to give notice of its intention to make a Traffic Order (by publishing a draft traffic order). These regulations also require the Council to consider any representations received as a result of publishing the draft order.

8.2 The Council has discretion as to whether or not to hold a public inquiry before deciding whether or not to make a Traffic Management Order or to modify the published draft Order. A public inquiry should be held where it would provide further information, which would assist the Cabinet Member in reaching a decision.

9.0 HUMAN RIGHTS & EQUALITIES AND COMMUNITY COHENSION IMPLICATIONS

9.1 The implementation of any scheme endeavours to meet the needs of all road users particularly the more vulnerable such as those with disabilities and children.

10. CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATION

10.1 N/A

11.0 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

11.1 Before reaching a decision to make the necessary Traffic Management Order to implement any scheme, the Council must follow the statutory consultation procedures pursuant to the Road Traffic Regulation Act ("RTRA")1984 and the Local Authorities Traffic Orders (Procedure)(England and Wales) Regulations1996. All objections received must be properly considered in the light of administrative law principles, Human Rights law and the relevant statutory powers.

11.2 The Council's powers to make Traffic Management Orders arise mainly under sections 6, 9, 45, 46, 122 and 124 and schedules 1 and 9 of the RTRA 1984.

APPENDICES

The following documents are to be published with this report and form part of the report.

Appendix 1 – Plan of proposals Z38-148-01 - A

Appendix 2 – Newsletter

Appendix 3 – Representations

Safety Improvements Galpin's Road - Mitcham



ISSUE DATE : 13 JULY 2018

Dear Resident/Business,

The purpose of this newsletter is to inform you that Merton Council has been successful in its bid to Transport for London (TfL) to fund safety improvements across the Borough. To improve pedestrian safety and accessibility in the Galpin's Road area it is proposed to introduce junction table; junction entry treatment at Berkshire Way and South Lodge Avenue at their junctions with Galpin's Road as shown on the plan overleaf. Double yellow lines will also be introduced at the above junctions. This will improve visibility for all road users and provide a safer environment for pedestrians when crossing at the junctions.

What happens next

A Notice of the Council's intention to introduce the above proposed measures will be published in the local newspaper and posted on lamp columns in the vicinity.

Representations against the proposals described in this Notice must be emailed to

Traffic.AndHighways@merton.gov.uk by no later than **10 August 2018** quoting reference **Galpin's Road Safety**.

Objections must relate only to the elements of the scheme that are subject to this statutory consultation.

A copy of the Notice and plan identifying the area affected by the proposal can be inspected at Merton Link, Merton Civic Centre, London Road, Morden, Surrey during the Council's working hours, Monday to Friday, between 9am and 5pm.

A copy can also be inspected at Pollards Hill Library, South Lodge Avenue, Mitcham, CR4 1LT.

This information can be viewed on our website using the following link.

www.merton.gov.uk/galpin'sroadsafety

If you require further information, you may contact Abobaker Abdalla email abobaker.abdalla@merton.gov.uk

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Request for document translation

PROPOSED SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS - GALPIN'S ROAD

If you need any part of this document explained in your language, please tick box and contact us either by writing or by phone using our contact details below.

- Albanian Nëse ju nevojitet ndonjë pjesë e këtij dokumenti e shpjeguar në gjuhën amtare ju lutemi shënojeni kutinë dhe na kontaktoni duke na shkruar ose telefononi duke përdorur detajet e mëposhtme.
 - Bengali এক্ষেত্রে আপনি যদি আমাদের বিবরণের কোন অংশ বুঝতে পারেন না তবে আমাদের সাথে যোগাযোগ করুন।
 - French Si vous avez besoin que l'on vous explique une partie de ce document dans votre langue, cochez la case et contactez-nous par courrier ou par téléphone à nos coordonnées figurant ci-dessous.
 - Korean 언뜻 본 서류의 어떤 부분이라도 이해의 모퉁이로 생각된다면, 상자속에 표시를 하고 우리에게 전화나 시신으로 연락하십시오.
 - Polish Aby otrzymać część tego dokumentu w polskiej wersji [językowej] proszę zaznaczyć odpowiedni kwadrat i skontaktować się z nami drogą piśmenną lub telefoniczną pod poniższymi adresami lub numerem telefonu.
 - Portuguese Caso você necessite qualquer parte deste documento explicada em seu idioma, favor assinalar a quadrícula respectiva e contatar-nos por escrito ou por telefone usando as informações para contato aqui fornecidas.
 - Somali Haddii aad u baahan tahay in qeyb dokumentaadan ka mid ah laguugu ezaaro lugaddada, hadan aad ku calaamadso sanduuga oo nagula soo xiriir warqad ama telefoon adigoo istomaalaya macluumaadka halkan hoosa ku yaalla.
 - Spanish Si desea que alguna parte de este documento se traduzca en su idioma, le rogamos marque la casilla correspondiente y que nos contacte bien por escrito o telefónicamente utilizando nuestra información de contacto que encontrará más abajo.
 - Hindi किसी भाग को समझने के लिए या किसी भाग को समझाने के लिए हमें लिखें या फोन पर हमें संपर्क करें।
 - Urdu اگر آپ کو اس دستاویز کے کسی حصے کی سمجھنے کی ضرورت ہے تو براہ کرم اس حصے کے بائیں جانب موجود خانے کو نشان لگائیں اور ہمیں لکری یا فون پر ہمیں سہولت دیں۔
- Large print Braille Audiotape

Your contact: Name..... Address..... Telephone.....	Abobaker Abdalla, Merton Civic Centre, London Road, Morden, SM4 5DX
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I am writing to you in regards to the above proposal that is due to commence shortly at Galpins Road. I would like to say that I do not approve of yellow lines outside my driveway. Having double yellow lines outside my property not only affects me, but affects other relatives who choose to visit and therefore will be limited from parking outside our home which is a private driveway.

Additionally, it also affects goods being delivered to my property due to the restriction that a double yellow line impose.

As a family with very young children I very much approve of road safety and to do what it takes to make sure we are all safe. However, I cannot see how having these restrictions outside my home will improve visibility to the junction at Galpins Road.

As a resident of the borough I felt that we are wrongly targeted and I could understand if the entire Galpins Road was going to be double lined, but feel that my property is being affected without considerations for us as residents.

I would appreciate it very much if you could reconsider your decision.

To The Pollards Hill Councillors

My name is Mr. XXXX and I am a resident of XX Galpins Road. My brother Mr. XX owns the property on XXX Galpins Road. In regards to the newsletter to inform us about Merton Council's improvement plan about Galpins's road safety, I would like to inform you that both of us object to the introduction of double yellow lines in front of both our houses as we have driveways and no cars can be parked in front of the drive way. It does not cause any safety issues to the pedestrians etc. too. If double yellow lines are introduced then it will cause us inconvenience in case of loading/unloading heavy deliveries at any time. We request you to consider our objection thoroughly

Officer's Comment

Although it would be reasonable to introduce the proposed yellow line restrictions between 227 and 219 Galpin's Rd so as to improve the traffic movement at the entire junction, at this stage, officers recommend that this section of yellow lines is omitted from implementation at this time. The situation will, however, be monitored and any associated safety implications will be addressed accordingly.

