

LONDON BOROUGH OF MERTON
Environment & Regeneration

Wimbledon Area Traffic Study Meeting

Date: 8 October 2013

Time: 19:00

Minutes by Edward Quartey

Attendees:

Chris Lee	Director of E&R - Chair
Mario Lecordier	T&H Services Manager
Edward Quartey	Project Engineer
Councillor John Bowcott	
Councillor Richard Chellew	
Councillor Suzanne Evans	
Councillor David Williams	
Councillor Andrew Judge	
Councillor Samantha George	

Apologies:

Councillor David Simpson
Councillor Margaret Brierly

Item		Action
1	<p>Welcome and apologies. CL thanked all attendees for being able to make it to the meeting.</p>	
2	<p>Update CL explained that the purpose of this meeting was to determine if ward councillors were satisfied with the traffic improvement investigations being carried out to reduce traffic volume, speed and accident in the residential roads in and around the Belvederes and Ridgway.</p> <p>CL further explained that since there is no funding for this financial year, if Members would be happy for officers to informally consult residents during the early part of January 2014 to determine support for the proposals. Should a positive response be received during the consultation and funding secured, works would commence after April 2014.</p> <p>Councillors were supportive of an informal consultation during the early part of the new year, however would appreciate if further investigations can be carried out to determine the likely impact of any traffic displacement on Southside Common, as a result of the proposed measures. Officers will model the traffic impact and be circulated to Members when available.</p> <p>Officers to circulate the consultation draft and boundary to Members for approval, prior to consultation leaflets being posted to residents.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Officers</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Officers</p>
3	<p>AOB None</p>	

LONDON BOROUGH OF MERTON
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Wimbledon Area Traffic Study Meeting

Date: 17 October 2012

Time: 18:30

Minutes by Edward Quartey

Attendees:

Chris Lee	(CL)	(Director of E&R)
Mario Lecordier	(ML)	(T&H Services Manager)
Edward Quartey	(EQ)	(Project Engineer)
Councillor John Bowcott	(JB)	
Councillor Richard Chellew	(RC)	
Councillor Suzanne Evans	(SE)	
Councillor Samantha George	(SG)	
Councillor David Simpson	(DS)	
Councillor Janice Howard	(JH)	
Councillor Andrew Judge	(AJ)	(Cabinet Member for Environmental Sustainability & Regeneration)

Apologies:

Ged Curran (Chief Executive)
 Councillor David Williams
 Councillor Linda Taylor

Item		Action
1	<p>Welcome and apologies.</p> <p>CL thanked all attendees for attending and apologised for Ged Curran's absence and advised that he will be chairing this meeting.</p>	
2	<p>Scheme Proposals agreed at meeting of 23 April 2012.</p> <p>CL explained that this meeting was called to agree a way forward following the consultation on proposals for an Experimental Traffic Management Scheme in the Belvedere Area, which ended in July 2012.</p>	
3	<p>Summary of consultation responses.</p> <p>CL reminded members of the proposals and advised the meeting that the results showed that the majority of respondents were against the proposals. The four most common comments received from respondents during the consultation were;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Too many drivers use the residential roads as a cut-through. 2. The proposals will cause congestion on the surrounding road network. 3. The proposals will restrict local travel through the area. 4. The proposals will only benefit a small minority of the community. 	

4	<p>Discussion and consideration options.</p> <p>CL informed the meeting that in view of the consultation results and an analysis of predicted traffic flow based on the proposed experimental scheme, there were 3 options available:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Implement the scheme as consulted, 2. Do nothing 3. Commission Consultants to review the scheme, validate officers assumptions and investigate alternative measures to reduce 'through traffic' in the area. <p>The meeting discussed the results of the consultation and ward members were of the view that the response rate to the consultation was low. Ward Members also informed the meeting that they would be supportive of speed enforcement in the area and that there was no mandate for the proposals in view of the comments received.</p> <p>All agreed that there was no support for the experimental scheme but that there was a need to remove excessive traffic in residential streets which must be addressed.</p>	
5	<p>Way forward / communication.</p> <p>Members agreed:</p> <p>To report the outcome of the consultation to the SMAC meeting on 4 December 2012 with a recommendation <u>not</u> to implement the experimental scheme.</p> <p>That something still needs to be done to reduce the high volume of through traffic in the residential streets;</p> <p>That Officers will be asked to work up more options for consideration.</p>	<p>EQ/ML</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>EQ/ML</p>
6	<p>AOB</p> <p>None</p>	

**LONDON BOROUGH OF MERTON
Environment & Regeneration**

Wimbledon Area Traffic Study Meeting

Date: 23 April 2012

Time: 19.00

Minutes by Edward Quartey

Attendees:

Ged Curran	(GC)	(Chief Executive)
Chris Lee	(CL)	(Director of E&R)
Mario Lecordier	(ML)	(T&H Services Manager)
Edward Quartey	(EQ)	(Project Engineer)
Councillor John Bowcott	(JB)	
Councillor Richard Chellew	(RC)	
Councillor Suzanne Evans	(SE)	
Councillor Samantha George	(SG)	
Councillor David Williams	(DW)	
Councillor David Simpson	(DS)	
Councillor Andrew Judge	(AJ)	(Cabinet Member for Environmental Sustainability & Regeneration)

Apologies:

Councillor Janice Howard
Councillor Oonagh Moulton

Item		Action
1	<p>Scheme Proposals agreed at meeting of 19th December 2011</p> <p>GC thanked all attendees for coming and explained that this meeting is to finalise and agree a way forward for the schemes identified in the Belvedere and Burghley Road areas. GC then passed the meeting to CL.</p> <p>CL informed attendees that the agreed scheme at the 19 December 2011 meeting has been revised following a meeting between the AJ and Burghley Road Residents Association (BRRA) and would appreciate if AJ could explain the changes to the attendees at the meeting.</p>	A
2	<p>Revised Scheme Proposals</p> <p><u>Burghley Road Scheme</u></p> <p>AJ explained that residents in Burghley Road were concerned with the current layout at the junction of Burghley Road/Church Road/St Mary's Road and the number of personal injury collision at this junction. He therefore asked officers to investigate and to revise the layout of this junction to address the personal injury collisions. The investigation carried out by officers reported 3 recorded personal injury collisions; however there were others, which were not reported. AJ further explained that the changes to the agreed layout at the 19 December 2011 meeting, was to make Burghley Road a 'no entry' for drivers from Church Road or St Mary's Road and also a compulsory left turn for drivers exiting Burghley Road in Church Road 9northbound direction).</p> <p>JB then explained that this is a deviation from what was agreed, i.e not to introduce any permanent closures, as this is the case. JB further explained that nothing will prevents drivers from turning left at this junction and then turn around further up the road in Church Road to travel towards St Mary's</p>	

	<p>Road and Church Road (south-west). SE, DS, RC and SG all agreed that residents will be furious if this is introduced and would not be supported by the wider community. ML explained that additional signing will be erected at the junction of Burghley Road/Marryat Road to warn drivers of the banned movement at the junction of Burghley Road/Church Road.</p> <p>AJ explained to the meeting that he was concerned at the collisions, which have occurred on a regular basis due to the awkward layout of the junction. AJ asked if it will be possible to present the revised scheme, as another option during the consultation for residents to decide if they want it or not. RC then explained that we should consult on the proposals agreed at the 19 December 2011 meeting and look for alternatives during the consultation to reduce the number of collisions at this junction. It was therefore agreed to consider alternative traffic safety measures to address the number of collisions at this junction before consulting residents.</p> <p><u>Belvedere Area Scheme</u></p> <p>CL explained that there have been some minor changes to the Belvedere area scheme and if EQ will explain the changes. EQ explained that the original proposals for Alan Road had 'no entries' into and out of Alan Road at its junction with St Mary's Road, but the revision is only to allow residents to exit Alan Road into St Mary's Road, whilst maintaining the 'no entry' from St Mary's Road. The same applies to Belvedere Grove at its junction with Belvedere Avenue, where residents will be allowed to enter Belvedere Grove from Belvedere Avenue, whilst maintaining the 'no entry' into Belvedere Avenue.</p> <p>DW also noticed that north-westbound drivers in St Mary's Road will be able to enter Highbury Road, as the left turn is not banned. EQ agreed to show missing sign at this junction on the drawing.</p> <p>DW also explained that the 'no entry' at the junction of Woodside should be moved beyond the junction of Lake Road to allow residents in Belvedere area the option to use Lake Road. EQ to amend the 'no entry'</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>EQ</p> <p>EQ</p>
3	<p>Update on Department for Transport (DfT) approval</p> <p>ML explained that DfT has agreed to approve the banned 'left/right' turns with the restricted time plates underneath the various signs. However with the 'no entry' signs they will only approve it if they are electronic and without any time plates. They should be designed to come on only at the restricted time periods and should not be visible to drivers during the unrestricted periods. EQ explained that once locations have been agreed they will be approved by DfT as site specific.</p>	
4	<p>Criteria for evaluating experimental scheme – Sign off</p> <p>CL showed a copy of the 'criteria for evaluating the experimental scheme' which was discussed during the meeting of 19 December 2011 and asked if the criteria shown can be used to value success of the scheme. SE and SG were concerned with the wording as what traffic conditions will be classified as 'gridlock'. CL to determine appropriate evaluation process for the experimental scheme.</p>	CL
5	<p>Consultation Process</p> <p>It was agreed by attendees that in order not to change the agreed programme of 19 December 2011, consultation for both schemes can commence in June 2012, and residents given 4 weeks for comments instead of the initial 6 weeks.</p>	

6	<p>The way forward It was agreed by attendees that Officers should meet councillors at the junction of Burghley Road/Church Road/St Mary's Road to find possible solutions to the collisions at this junction and a draft of the proposed measures forwarded to them by 15 May 2012. Officers to let councillors know when to meet on site.</p>	ML/EQ
7	<p>AOB Non</p>	

LONDON BOROUGH OF MERTON
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Date: 26 July 2013

Time: 18:00

Minutes by Edward Quartey

Attendees:

Chris Lee	Director of E&R - Chair
Mario Lecordier	T&H Services Manager
Edward Quartey	Project Engineer
Councillor John Bowcott	
Councillor Richard Chellew	
Councillor Suzanne Evans	
Councillor David Simpson	
Councillor David Williams	
Councillor Margaret Brierly	

Apologies:

Councillor Andrew Judge
 Councillor Samantha George
 Councillor Rod Scott

Item		Action
1	<p>Welcome and apologies. CL thanked all attendees for being able to make it at short notice.</p>	
2	<p>Update CL explained that the purpose of this meeting was to determine if ward councillors were satisfied with the extent of the area being investigated and to highlight any problems. CL further explained that Raynes Park Councillors have been invited to this meeting as the investigations will involve some roads in their ward.</p> <p>CL/ML and EQ set out the possible solutions and explained the options being looked at to reduce the volume of traffic entering the Belvedere roads.</p> <p>Councillors DW and DS were concerned with excessive traffic speed in Ridgway Place and requested that mitigating measures are considered.</p> <p>Officers will model the likely impact of traffic displacement on the surrounding roads, particularly Church Road and Wimbledon Hill Road, as a result of the proposed measures. This will be circulated to Members when available</p> <p>All to meet again in September to consider the outcome of the traffic displacement predictive model.</p>	Officers
3	<p>AOB None</p>	

LONDON BOROUGH OF MERTON
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Wimbledon Area Traffic Study Meeting

Date: 19 June 2013

Time: 18:30

Minutes by Edward Quartey

Attendees:

Chris Lee	Director of E&R - Chair
Mario Lecordier	T&H Services Manager
Edward Quartey	Project Engineer
Councillor John Bowcott	
Councillor Richard Chellew	
Councillor Suzanne Evans	
Councillor David Simpson	
Councillor David Williams	

Apologies:

Councillor Andrew Judge
 Councillor Samantha George

Item		Action
1	<p>Welcome and apologies.</p> <p>CL thanked all attendees and explained that the purpose of this meeting was to inform members of the current situation and to discuss the possible way forward.</p>	
2	<p>Update</p> <p>CL explained that at the SMAC meeting of 4 December 2012, it was agreed that the cabinet member would meet ward councillors and officers to develop alternative solutions to restrict through traffic from using the area.</p>	
3	<p>Current potential Solution</p> <p>CL/EQ and ML set out the possible solution. Officers will investigate proposals that will seek to reduce the volume of traffic entering the Belvedere Roads from Ridgway. Possible measures will include raised junction treatments, mini roundabouts, width restrictions, while also making a more attractive route for cyclists. Once the investigations are concluded and proposals developed they will be circulated to ward councillors for comments.</p> <p>Officers received feedback from Members on elements of the scheme to be considered and incorporated where possible.</p> <p>Councillors DW and DS also requested that any proposals should take into account Ridgway Place and Spencer Hill/Murray Road to prevent any spill over onto these roads.</p>	

	Action - Officers to send Members detailed drawings and to reconvene again late in July to consider the way forward.	
6	AOB None	