Consultation on proposed improvements to the junction at Kempshott Road and Buckleigh Road

Consultation Report
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1. Introduction

1.1 Background
Pedestrian safety was a key theme in the responses we received from the Streatham South Our Streets consultation. In response to this, we propose to make improvements to the existing speed table at the junction of Kempshott Road and Buckleigh Road to make this location safer for pedestrians, in particular, school-aged children who walk to school.

1.2 Our proposals

To install build-outs on Kempshott Road in order to:
- Shorten the amount of road that pedestrians have to cross
- Enable pedestrians better visibility of oncoming traffic
- Enable drivers better visibility of oncoming traffic and pedestrians
- Narrow the road which helps reduce traffic speed

To provide tactile paving on all arms of the junction in order to:
- Provide a defined crossing point
- Improve the facility for visually impaired pedestrians

To extend double yellow lines in order to:
- Stop parking at the junction to improve visibility for all

2. The consultation

2.1 Consultation objectives
The objective of this consultation was to establish the levels of support for the proposals from local people.

2.2 Who we consulted
We consulted the residents of Buckleigh Road, Kempshott Road and Northanger Road

2.3 When we consulted
We consulted between 9 April and 12 May 2019

2.4 How we consulted

2.4.1 Press activity
There was no specific press activity

2.4.2 Digital activity
Participants were directed to the online consultation platform on Lambeth Council's website. This was supported by Twitter and Facebook posts.

2.4.3 Print activity
Letters were delivered to Buckleigh, Kempshot and Northanger Road residents advising them that the consultation was live and directing them to the relevant consultation page on the council website

2.4.4 Event activity
There was no event to support this consultation
3. Responses from members of the public

3.1 Summary of results

19 responses were received with the results as follows:

To what extent do you support the junction improvements at Kempshott/Buckleigh Roads as described above?

Answered: 19    Skipped: 0

3.2 Summary of post code analysis

18 out of the 19 respondents were from the immediate area.

3.3 Additional comments

‘I agree that improvements are essential as we wall to school by crossing this road and the crossing is rarely easy and often feels dangerous. Especially in the morning when cars seem to rush down/up Kempshott very fast.’

‘Our family is using this crossing on the way to and from school and in its current state it feels very dangerous. The proposed changes look like they will improve the situation dramatically.’

‘There is already limited parking and this will further increase parking disruptions’

4. Responses from statutory bodies and other stakeholders

Statutory bodies including the emergency services will be consulted during the forthcoming statutory consultation.

5. Next steps

A statutory consultation will be run in August/September.
Subject to consideration of representations made during the statutory consultation the junction improvements will be installed in September/October 2019.
Appendix A – Consultation communications

17 April 2019
Dear Resident

Streatham South Our Streets - Improvements to the junction of Kempehurst Road and Buckleigh Road.

Pedestrian safety was a key theme in the responses we received from the Streatham South Our Streets consultation. To respond to this we propose to make improvements to the existing speed table at the junction of Kempehurst Road and Buckleigh Road to make this location safer for pedestrians, in particular school-aged children who walk to school.

The key features and benefits are:

1. Build-outs – on Kempehurst Road
   - shortens the amount of road that pedestrians have to cross
   - enables drivers better visibility of oncoming traffic
   - narrows the road which helps reduce traffic speed

2. Tactile paving – on all arms of the junction
   - provides a clear crossing point
   - improves the facility for visually impaired pedestrians

3. Extend double yellow lines
   - stops parking at the junction to improve visibility for all

FAQs

Q: Will any parking be lost?
   A: Yes, as we propose to extend the double yellow lines, 4 spaces will be lost.

Q: When will the humps be installed?
   A: If there are no objections, we plan to carry out construction works during the summer holidays in August 2019.

Q: Will cars stop to let pedestrians cross the road?
   A: No, this is not a formal pedestrian crossing. Pedestrians should use the Green Cross Code when crossing this junction.
Q: Why isn’t a formal pedestrian crossing being installed?
A: There is a strict criteria for the installation of pedestrian crossings which involves numbers of people crossing, number and speed of cars using the road and previous collisions. As Vankleek Hill/Burleigh Road is a crossroads a pedestrian crossing would not be located where pedestrians would want to cross the road and would also cause traffic to queue up across the junction causing congestion. Following an initial assessment this junction does not meet the criteria for a pedestrian crossing.

Q: How will tying be deferred on the proposed build outs?
A: A combination of trees and plants will be installed.

Q: Can residents object to the proposed modifications to the scheme?
A: Yes, please complete the online questionnaires at lambeth.gov.uk/lambethbuild or write to Lambeth's Capital Programmes and Highways team (CC 9th floor) PO Box 734, Winchester SO23 5OG explaining why.

Yours faithfully

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Appendix B – Consultation distribution area