

Consultation on proposed changes to traffic calming on Milkwood Road

**Consultation Report
June 2019**

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1. Introduction

1.1 Background

Milkwood Road has high traffic speeds. Due to this Milkwood Road has been included in the Council's Speed Reduction Programme. The objective of the Speed Reduction Programme is to ~~reduce calm~~ the speeds on streets, particularly where these have community buildings such as schools.

Speed cushions, like those on Milkwood Road, are less effective than road humps at keeping speeds low. Some vehicles can straddle them, meaning some drivers and motorcyclists travel significantly above the 20mph speed limit.

1.2 Our proposals

To remedy this, we proposed to directly replace three sets of speed cushions and instead install three full-width, cycle-friendly, sinusoidal road humps as well as an additional speed hump in a new location. To reinforce drivers' awareness of the speed limit we proposed to install new 20mph hour banners along with additional 20mph signs and road markings.

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 Milkwood Road. ~~ad, along with Jessops Primary School and The Michael Tippett School were also consulted as both schools are in the Milkwood Road locality, staff, parents and carers of children at Jessop Primary School.~~

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2.3 When we consulted

We consulted between 9 April 2019 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 sent to residents of Milkwood Road advising them that the consultation was live and directing them to the relevant consultation page on the council website. Letters were also sent to Jessops Primary School and The Micheal Tippett School.

2.4.4 Event activity

There was no event to support this consultation

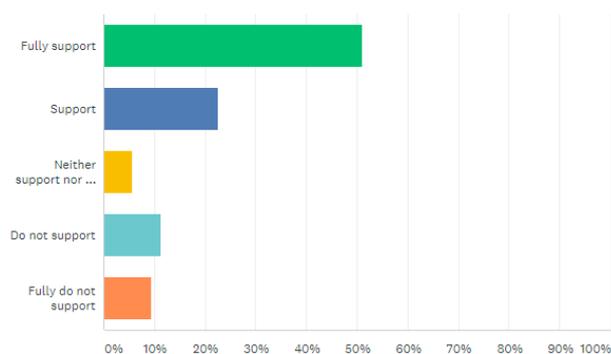
3. Responses from members of the public

3.1 Summary of results

53 responses were received with the results as follows:

To what extent do you support the the four speed humps on Milkwood Road as described above?

Answered: 53 Skipped: 0



3.2 Summary of post code analysis

The majority of respondents were from Milkwood Road and its neighbouring streets, along with some responses from parents whose children attend Jessop Primary School.

3.3 Additional comments

‘Cars travel way too fast along Milkwood road, I frequently fear for both mine and my children’s safety as we walk to school’

‘Many vehicles (including motor bikes) travel in excess of 30MPH along Milkwood Road, and are a danger to pedestrians, cyclists and more careful drivers. It is also common to see vehicles take the wrong side of the islands in the centre of the road.’

‘Speeding on Milkwood Road is terrible! It is so dangerous. Also the current system of humps encourages driver to swerve around them - I was once nearly hit on my bicycle by a driver doing this’

The comments that ‘do not support’ or ‘fully do not support’ the proposals were predominately suggesting that the scheme wasn’t extensive enough to reduce the speeding issues along Milkwood Road, rather than rejecting the scheme entirely.

Two comments did not support the scheme on the grounds of perception of increased noise and vibrations of vehicles travelling of the proposed speed humps.

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 ~~June~~/July.

Subject to consideration of representations made during the statutory consultation the junction improvements will be installed in August/September 2019.

Appendix A – Consultation communications



17 April 2019

Dear Resident,

Traffic on Milkwood Road

As you are aware, Milkwood Road has high traffic speeds. Due to this Milkwood Road has been included in the Council's Speed Reduction Programme. The objective of the Speed Reduction Programme is to calm the speeds on streets, particularly where these have community buildings such as schools.

Proposed Scheme: to tackle speed

Speed cushions, like those on Milkwood Road, are less effective than road humps at keeping speeds low. Some vehicles can straddle them, meaning some drivers and motorcyclists travel significantly above the 20mph speed limit. To remedy this, we propose to directly replace three sets of speed cushions and instead install three full-width, cycle-friendly, sinusoidal road humps as shown here. An additional speed hump will be included in a new location.

The plan attached shows the proposed location of the road humps.

To reinforce drivers' awareness of the speed limit new 20mph hour banners will be installed in April. Additional 20mph signs and road markings will be installed in May/June.

There are some Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) overleaf about this scheme.



Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Colleen Gardner".

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Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Q: Can I park on a road hump?

A: Yes, provided you do not obstruct someone else's driveway.

Q: When will the humps be installed?

A: If there are no objections, we will carry out construction works in August 2019.

Q: Will road humps worsen air or noise pollution?

A: This is very unlikely (search "Local Transport Note 1/07" regarding Traffic Calming online for more details)

Q: Why are there only four speed humps?

A: The Ambulance Service have a station on Milkwood Road. Any more than four speed humps would impact on response rates to emergency calls.

Q: Can residents object to the proposed road humps?

A: Yes. Please complete the online questionnaire at lambeth.gov.uk/milkwood or write to Lambeth's Capital Programmes and Highways team (CC 3rd Floor) PO Box 734, Winchester SO23 5DG explaining why.

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