

## DECISION AUDIT FORM

For use by Assistant Directors in Exercising (Category 3) or delegated powers  
- (Protocol for Officer Delegation)

### HEALTH & COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTORATE – Design and Engineering Section

**DECISION: - To proceed with the implementation of the Butterfield Green /  
Shakespeare Walk Highway Improvement & Pedestrian accessibility scheme.**

#### Agree to:-

Give approval to:

1. Proceed with the implementation of Butterfield Green / Shakespeare Walk highway improvement & pedestrian accessibility scheme shown in the attached consultation drawings in appendix 1.
2. Proceed with the statutory consultation of relevant Traffic Management Orders and Public/Section Notices associated with the scheme.

#### Reason

1. To increase road safety for all road users, particularly vulnerable road users such as pedestrians, children, cyclists particularly those with mobility difficulties.
2. To reduce the traffic speeds throughout the area.

#### **Background**

Improving road safety and managing the borough's road network as effectively and efficiently as possible are key transport priorities for Hackney Council. To achieve this, the Council has developed a programme of schemes to provide a safer, more accessible street environment for road users, and to reduce the impact of traffic on local residents.

Over the last few years the Council has received a number of requests from various User Groups, Residents Associations and Stakeholders in the Butterfield Green area to improve pedestrian access/facilities and traffic calming on Shakespeare Walk between Butterfield Green Community Orchard/SWAPA (Shakespeare Walk Adventure Playground Association) and the MUGA (Multi Use Games Areas) children's playground. Feedback to Transport for London's Cycle Superhighway Route 1 consultation in February/March 2015 also included requests for improvements at this location.

In response to these requests the Council has held a number of discussions with stakeholders in the area and has identified funding this financial year to review the traffic calming and provide better pedestrian facilities in Shakespeare Walk between Butterfield Green Community Orchard/SWAPA and the MUGA/children's playground.

A detailed description of the proposals are included below;

### **The proposed measures included in the initial design and consultation process:**

Installation of new raised entry treatment on Shakespeare Walk at its junction with Allen Road.

Removing the existing speed cushions on Shakespeare Walk close to Butterfield Green park entrance.

New paving and kerb-buildouts for a new raised table (Flat top hump) with uncontrolled crossing facility.

Installation of a new raised speed table with an uncontrolled crossing facility on Shakespeare Walk by the entrance of Butterfield Green Park.

Installation new double yellow lines around the new uncontrolled crossing facility to provide better visibility for pedestrians and motorists.

Removing the existing speed cushions outside the SWAPA and replacing it with a new cycle friendly sinusoidal speed hump.

### **Public Consultation:**

A public consultation with the local community, the emergency services and stakeholders was undertaken from **02 December 2015 to 08 January 2016**.

The consultation question was, **“Do you support the proposals as described in this consultation document? Yes or No ”**

Full consultation documents are attached in appendix 1

A total of **160** consultation leaflets were delivered to residents and businesses on all the properties in Shakespeare Walk, and few properties within Allen Road. Electronic copies were emailed to key stakeholders.

A total of **4** responses were received to the public consultation giving a response rate of **2.5%**. Of the **4** responses received all were in support of the proposed scheme (**100%**). In presenting these figures and putting forward a recommendation the Council does recognise and acknowledge the very low number of responses received to the public consultation.

### **Consultation Feedback Summary:**

**Some of the positive comments mentioned by the residents about the proposed scheme proposals**

- This will make the area safer as cars often turn into Shakespeare walk and start to go fast. Many children run across the road from the adventure to the football pitch.
- I support the proposals
- Sloppy road into Shelly house next to the Butterfield Green needs building up. Dangerous when icy. I support road safety.

A full summary of all consultation responses is included in Appendix 2.

### **Stakeholder's consultation**

As part of the consultation process the statutory consultees were consulted through email. This includes the emergency services (police, ambulance & fire Service), TfL, disability back up, London cycling campaign (LCC), Hackney cycle campaign (HCC), Living Streets and internal departments. The statutory consultees were given 4 weeks to comment on the proposed proposals.

Met police have made positive comments on the proposals. No comments were made by other emergency services. Hackney cycle campaign has made a positive comments about the proposed proposals.

#### **Impacts:**

The proposals will help reduce the number of traffic potential accidents on Shakespeare Walk and enhance pedestrian crossing facilities at the park entrance. It would provide better crossing facilities for the children to use the SWAPA and MUGA play area. The improvements would be particularly beneficial to the more vulnerable pedestrians, such as children, the elderly, or those with impaired mobility. The proposals will also provide improvements to the local streetscape

#### **Equalities Impact Assessment:**

In developing these proposals consideration has been given to the impact in terms of Equalities. This scheme does not impose a known negative equality impact on any group of road users. Positive equality includes better pedestrian safety, improvement to visibility at the uncontrolled crossing facility for all road users, and reduction of traffic speed on approach to improve safety. The Council's overall objectives are set out in the EQIA for the Hackney LIP and Transport Strategy which stress the Council's desire to see all schemes developed to provide a high quality environment for all residents regardless of their level of mobility. At each stage of the design process designers have ensured that all opportunities have been taken to provide facilities to, or above the current design best practice.

#### **Financial Implications**

The estimated cost of this scheme is £70,000. The scheme is funded by the

Developing Borough Infrastructure - £ 70,000

#### **Conclusions**

It is recommended that approval be given for the implementation of the scheme as shown in the plan - appendix 1.

The statutory consultation of Traffic Management Orders relating to the scheme will take place following the approval of this report. Should any objections be made, a separate report will be prepared for Assistant Director's consideration prior to any works starting on site outlining the objections and the Council's recommendations, for further approval.

#### **Approval**

I have noted the contents of this summary and agree with the recommendations contained therein.

Signed.....

Dated.....22/02/2016.....

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