

DELEGATED POWERS DECISION

STREETSCENE SERVICE

PUBLIC REALM DIVISION NEIGHBOURHOODS & HOUSING

SCHEME: Mackintosh Lane – Low Emissions Neighbourhood

AGREE TO

1. Construct a new footway along Mackintosh Lane connecting to Homerton High Street.
2. Change Mackintosh Lane to one way northbound with no entry from Homerton High Street into Mackintosh Lane.
3. Reduce the carriageway width near the underpass on Mackintosh Lane.
4. Give approval to make the necessary Traffic Orders, subject to statutory consultation.
5. Proceed with the statutory consultation and advertisement of the necessary traffic orders associated with the changes as specified in paragraph 2. above.

REASONS

1. Provide a safer environment for pedestrians to walk from Homerton Overground station to and from Homerton Hospital.
2. The Mackintosh Lane one way and no entry into Mackintosh Lane from Homerton High Street will remove any possibility of vehicle conflict on Mackintosh Lane, further improving pedestrian safety.
3. The installation of the narrower carriageway will help to keep speeds under 20mph, better protect pedestrians using the underpass from vehicular traffic and reduce car dominance.

BACKGROUND

Mackintosh Lane is one of the main pedestrian routes that services Homerton Hospital from Homerton Overground station.

Pedestrians using Mackintosh Lane are unable to get to Homerton High Street without walking in the carriageway where they often come into conflict with two way traffic.

Vehicles associated with the garages along Sedgwick Street and Mackintosh Lane are often driven over the public footway and illegally park on the footways and remove the vehicle registration numbers to avoid penalty charge notices. Pedestrians using the footways on Mackintosh Lane and Sedgwick Street often have to use the carriageway to avoid the illegally parked vehicles.

PROPOSALS

To construct a raised footway along the west side of Mackintosh Lane connecting to Homerton High Street. The new footway will 1.5 metres in width and approximately 80m in length starting opposite property No. 6b.

Change Mackintosh Lane to one way (south to north) only whilst leaving Sedgwick Street two way. Permanent and temporary signage will be erected to indicate all changes to road layouts and traffic flows.

To construct an 'at grade' carriageway narrowing at Sedgwick Street and Mackintosh Lane junction. This will reduce the width of the carriageway to 3 metres to better manage traffic speeds on this section of carriageway.

Install new bollards and trees at key points along Sedgwick Street and Mackintosh Lane to prevent footway parking.

CONSULTATION

The public consultation period started on Friday 8th February 2019 and finished on the 10th March 2019. Two hundred and fifty copies of the consultation pack were sent to residents and businesses around the Mackintosh Lane and Sedgwick Street area. A web based consultation was also made available to the public on Hackney Councils website. The responses are tabled below:

Paper leaflets sent out	Total responses received	Paper responses received	Web based responses received	Total in favour	Total not in favour	Undecided
250	45	18	27	38 (84.4%)	7 (15.6%)	0

IMPACTS

Changing Mackintosh Lane to one way will stop all traffic entering Mackintosh Lane from Homerton High Street. Residents will have to use Sedgewick Street to access their parking spaces. The new footway will encourage more walking along Mackintosh Lane by making the road look more inviting and lessen the perception of car dominance.

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/bus accessibility, improvement to visibility at the junction 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

Funding will come from the Mayors Air Quality Fund (MAQF) Business Low Emissions Neighbourhood. The total fund is £128,400.00 and £75,000.00 has been allocated to the works along Mackintosh Lane and Sedgewick Street.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the proposals outlined in this decision audit be agreed and taken to implementation stage.

CONCLUSION

I have noted the contents of this summary and the associated documents and agree with the recommendation contained therein.

Signed: - *AS. G*

Dated: - *13 March 19*

Andrew Cunningham – Head of Streetscene

cc Councillor Demirci – Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods, Transport & Parks

cc Aled Richards – Director of Public Realm

cc Kate Hart – Group Engineer, Design and Engineering