



Richmond Road Pedestrian and cycle improvements Eleanor Street to Mare Street

Public Consultation

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Background

The Council is committed to making Hackney's roads safer for everyone living, working or visiting the borough. Helping to create an environment that will encourage more walking and cycling is a key part of the Council's Transport vision and an essential part of Hackney's Community Strategy. To achieve these aims, the Council has developed a programme of schemes to provide a safer and more accessible street environment for all users.

Richmond Road is currently subject to a 20mph speed limit but the Council has identified speeding as an ongoing problem, particularly between Greenwood Road and Mare Street, where there are large gaps between existing traffic calming measures. The Council has also received a number of enquiries asking for pedestrian crossing facilities in this section of Richmond to be reviewed, and where possible improved, particularly by Eleanor Road and at the existing Hackney Grove/Martello Street pedestrian/cycle crossing.

In response to these issues the Council has developed proposals to help reduce vehicle speeds, improve pedestrian accessibility and provide better, clearer crossing facilities for pedestrians and cyclists.

This consultation seeks the views of residents and property owners who live near the affected areas around the Richmond Road.

Proposals

The proposals include:

- Installing a raised junction table at the Richmond Road/Eleanor Road junction. The raised junction will help fill-in the large gap between existing traffic calming measures and will help reduce vehicle speeds. The junction table will also provide an informal, step free crossing opportunity for pedestrians travelling to/from London Fields
- Installing clearer 20mph zone signs at key locations along Richmond Road
- Replacing the existing informal pedestrian/cycle crossing at the Martello Street/Hackney Grove junction with a new combined pedestrian/cycle zebra crossing, where vehicles will legally have to give-way to both pedestrians and cyclists. Until now this type of combined crossing has not been possible under existing UK Legislation but the Department for Transport has recently consulted on a number of regulation changes, that will allow this new combined crossing design to be introduced. The Council hopes and expects that these changes will come into effect in early spring 2015

- Extending the raised junction table by Hackney Grove/Martello Street and moving the eastbound bus stop slightly in order to accommodate the combined pedestrian /cycle crossing
- Refurbishing the pavements and planting small trees at the Eleanor Road junction
- Introducing a "Green Man" pedestrian crossing on the Richmond Road arm of the Mare Street junction. (This will be subject to further detailed modelling and agreement with Transport for London and so if approved is likely to be taken forward for implementation at a later stage).

For an overview of the proposals, please refer to the drawing enclosed.

Other works in the area

- Works to replace the existing road humps at Eleanor Road with cycle friendly (sinusoidal) road humps will be carried out as part of these works.

Consultation

This document sets out Hackney Council's proposals for improvements to be carried out at Richmond road.

Your views are very important in the council's decision-making process. Please read through the information in this document and return the questionnaire by **Friday 28 November 2014**.

What happens next?

Your views will be taken into account as part of the detailed design process. Works are expected to start in January 2015 should we get a positive response. May we take this opportunity to thank you for replying to this consultation.

How to have your say:

Please read through this document and complete the enclosed questionnaire with your comments. Place it in the addressed freepost envelope provided and post it. Please return by **Friday 28 November 2014**.

Information

For further information on this proposal, please contact us on:

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