

Report for: Cabinet Member Signing
Title: 500 White Hart Lane N17 – Proposed Road Safety Improvements

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Ward(s) affected: White Hart Lane

Report for Key/ Non-Key Decision: **Non-key decision**
Affects one ward only/expenditure less than £500,000.

1 Describe the issue under consideration.

- 1.1 To report the feedback of the statutory consultation carried out from 15 February 2023 to 8 March 2023, on proposals to improve road safety and pedestrian accessibility in the vicinity of 500 White Hart Lane, N17.
- 1.2 To request approval to proceed to implementation, after considering objections and officer response to those objections.

2 Cabinet Member Introduction

- 2.1 N/A

3 Recommendations

That the Cabinet Member for Tackling Inequality and Resident Services

- 3.1 Approves the implementation of the proposal to introduce a zebra crossing outside 550 White Hart Lane and
- 3.2 Approves the installation of a raised table on Devonshire Gardens at its junction with White Hart Lane and
- 3.3 Approves the footway widening on Devonshire Gardens at its junction with White Hart Lane, including permit parking removal and waiting and loading amendments, as set out on the plan in Appendix A.

4 Reasons for decision

- 4.1 The Council is required to consider the feedback received during the statutory notification period, in particular any objections to the proposals, prior to proceeding to implementation. The proposals consulted upon are aimed at improving road safety and pedestrian accessibility.

5 Proposed Option

- a) To install a new raised zebra crossing and associated zig-zag markings on White Hart Lane N17 (outside no. 550), on which vehicles would be prohibited from stopping at all times. These will be placed on the carriageway either side of the crossing, no more than 17 metres in both directions. The centre of the crossing will be located at the existing refuge outside no. 550 west of the junction with Fenton Road.
- b) To remove 11.5 metres of permit parking outside no.498 & 496 Devonshire Gardens and extend the adjacent 'double yellow' lines to accommodate widening of the footway.
- c) To remove 42.6 metres of 'double yellow' line on both sides of White Hart Lane N17 outside No.550.
- d) To install a raised table on the western side of Devonshire Gardens N17 at its junction with White Hart Lane outside property no.498.

6 Alternative options considered

6.1 None.

7 Background Information

- 7.1 Haringey regards road safety, particularly pedestrian safety, as a high priority and are keen to improve conditions ensuring that all pedestrians, including vulnerable road users, have safe crossing points and feel confident and safe in using them.
- 7.2 As part of the approved S106 agreement for the highway development works on 500 White Hart Lane, Haringey Council is proposing to introduce road safety and pedestrian accessibility improvements for White Hart Lane N17, as set out on the plan in Appendix A and detailed below:
- Provision of a new zebra crossing outside 550 White Hart Lane.
 - Installation of a raised table on Devonshire Gardens at its junction with White Hart Lane.
 - Footway widening on Devonshire Gardens at its junction with White Hart Lane.
 - Permit parking removal and waiting and loading amendments.
- 7.3 The total cost of the scheme is £125k, and funding is provided by the developer at 500 White Hart Lane, as part of a S106 agreement contributions.

8 Consultation

- 8.1 The notification letter was uploaded on the Council's website. Legal notices were placed on-street and in the local newspaper. A copy of the legal notice is shown in Appendix B.
- 8.2 As part of the statutory process, the following statutory bodies were also notified:
- AA
 - London Transport
 - Police (local)
 - Fire Brigade
 - London Ambulance Service

- Freight Transport Association
- Road Haulage Association
- RAC
- Metropolitan Police (traffic)
- London Travel Watch

9 Responses to Consultation

9.1 The Council received two objections during the statutory consultation period,

9.1.1 Objection – Resident

The resident stated the proposal will make parking in the area more difficult, encourage dumping of rubbish, create pollution and access issues for large goods vehicles delivering to Asda, if the proposed measures are approved for the junction of White Hart Lane/Devonshire Gardens.

Council Response

The aim of the proposed raised entry table is to slow motor vehicle traffic to a safe speed, prior to entering Devonshire Gardens from White Hart Lane, as the ramps become uncomfortable for vehicle drivers if they are driven over too fast. It also makes it easier and safer for pedestrians to cross the road on the top of the table where speeds are at their lowest. The removal of parking will improve pedestrian and vehicle intervisibility. It is acknowledged that the loss of 11.5m of parking may inconvenience some local residents, however, the proposal will help improve road safety and pedestrian accessibility by this junction, which will outweigh any potential dis-benefits.

It is unlikely that the proposed measures will create dumping of rubbish on the road. Nevertheless, the Council is committed to ensuring that any measures introduced along the public highway are duly monitored, therefore we will forward your concerns to our waste management team for their information. People who dump rubbish and litter can be fined or prosecuted by the courts, further information is available on the councils website: - [Fly Tipping and Dumped Rubbish | Haringey Council](#)

The pollution team is aware that emissions from traffic are the main source of pollution in Haringey and a combination of complementary initiatives including traffic management is key to creating a positive impact on air quality, in both the short and longer term. The Air Quality Action Plan (AQAP) 2019-24 lays out the Council's current and future ambitions to reduce air pollution. As with much of London, improving air quality is a key priority in Haringey because of the negative effect it has on our residents, particularly children, the elderly and disabled residents.

In terms of the proposed measures creating access issues, it should be noted that, at the design stage, a swept-path analysis was undertaken, using specialist software to analyse the evaluation and calculation of the space required when a large vehicle is making turning manoeuvres into Asda. During this process, the swept- path analysis did not identify any issues with regards to the proposed buildout.

9.1.2 Objection – Haringey Cycling Campaign (HCC)

The HCC objected to the proposed raised zebra crossing, stating that the proposed central island will prevent the introduction of any future protected cycle lanes from being introduced at this location and suggested future-proofing the site by removing the proposed central island.

Council Response

Haringey Council regards road safety, particularly pedestrian safety, as a high priority and are keen to improve conditions ensuring that all pedestrians, including vulnerable road users, have safe crossing points and feel confident and safe in using them.

In the last 3 years prior to 31 December 2021, there have been 10 reported personal injury accidents on White Hart Lane between Fenton Road and Rowland Hill Avenue, 8 slight, 1 serious and 1 fatal. The fatal collision occurred in December 2020 and involved a car colliding with a female pedestrian, which occurred near the Asda petrol station on White Hart Lane.

The proposed zebra crossing was initiated as a result of concerns raised by the local community specifically about introducing a safe crossing point at this location, following a fatal collision, which was then investigated and included as part of the Road Danger Reduction Investment Plan.

The Road Danger Reduction Investment Plan supports the Mayor's London-wide ambition to reach 'Vision Zero', by having no killed or seriously injured (KSI) casualties on Haringey's roads by 2041; and supports the Council's own ambition to reduce all casualty types (KSIs and 'slight' injuries) with specific attention to vulnerable road users such as pedestrians.

Should funding be identified in future works programmes to introduce protected cycle lanes along White Hart Lane, mitigation measures to remove barriers along the corridor can be explored.

10 Contribution to strategic outcomes

- 10.1 The installation of the zebra crossing at this location will support the Mayor's London-wide ambition to reach 'Vision Zero', by introducing a safe crossing point for pedestrians, in particular vulnerable road users. It will also support the delivery of the Councils' wider [Transport Strategy](#), encouraging walking, as pedestrians will feel more confident and safe when needing to crossing the road.
- 10.2 The work also supports the **Responding to the Climate Emergency** Theme in the Corporate Delivery Plan, particularly the high-level outcome of '**A Just Transition**'. The provision of the new zebra crossing forms part of the actions needed to achieve '*reduced casualties and safer road network in Haringey.*'

Statutory Officers' comments

11 Finance

- 11.1 This report seeks the approval for the implementation of the proposed zebra crossing on White Hart Lane outside no. 550 and parking removal on Devonshire Gardens. The total cost of the S106 contributions for the highway improvement scheme on White Hart Lane including the provision of the proposed raised zebra crossing and parking removal is £125k. The cost of this proposal will be fully met from the developer's contribution.

12 Legal

- 12.1 Pedestrian crossing facilities are provided under powers contained in Section 23 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, subject to Regulations made by the Secretary of State.
- 12.2 Before establishing, altering or removing a crossing, a local traffic authority shall consult the chief officer of police about their proposal to do so and shall give public notice of that proposal.
- 12.3 It shall be the duty of a local traffic authority to execute any works (including the placing, erection, maintenance, alteration and removal of marks and traffic signs) required in connection with the establishment, alteration or removal of crossings in accordance with regulations having effect under section 25 of the RTRA 1984, or in connection with the indication of crossings in accordance with such regulations.
- 12.4 Section 66 of the Highways Act permits highway authorities to provide objects or structures on a highway for the purposes of safeguarding persons using the highway.
- 12.5 The Highways Act 1980 permits local authorities to place objects or structures on a highway for the purposes of providing a service for the benefit of the public or a section of the public.
- 12.6 It is the view of legal services that what is being proposed and recommended within this report is in accordance with the law, as set out in this section.

13 Equality Comments

- 13.1 The Council has a Public Sector Equality Duty under the Equality Act (2010) to have due regard to the following:
- Eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation and any other conduct prohibited under the Act
 - Advance equality of opportunity between people who share those protected characteristics and people who do not
 - Foster good relations between people who share those characteristics and people who do not.”

Although it is not enforced in legislation as a protected characteristic, Haringey Council treats socioeconomic status as a local protected characteristic.

The Equality Act (2010) replaced previous anti-discrimination laws and introduced the term ‘protected characteristics’ to refer to the following nine groups that are protected under the Act:

- Age
- Disability
- Gender Reassignment
- Marriage and Civil Partnership
- Pregnancy and Maternity
- Race
- Religion or Belief
- Sex
- Sexual Orientation

- 13.2 The statutory consultation plan was uploaded on the Council’s website. Legal notices were placed on-street and in the local newspaper to ensure that all stakeholders were made aware of the Council’s proposals.

13.3 Having a kerb buildout with a raised table and a new raised zebra crossing as proposed will aid pupils crossing and would allow greater accessibility and safety of those in wheelchairs, and/or with buggies, thereby advancing equality of opportunity for groups with protected characteristics such as disability, age as well as pregnancy and maternity.

14 Use of Appendices

- Appendix A – Statutory consultation plan
- Appendix B – Legal notice