



HIGHWAYS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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REPORT

Subject Heading:

Lodge Lane – Proposed Humped Zebra Crossing (The Outcome of Public consultation)

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The subject matter of this report deals with the following Council Objectives

Clean, safe and green borough	[X]
Excellence in education and learning	[]
Opportunities for all through economic, social and cultural activity	[]
Value and enhance the life of every individual	[X]
High customer satisfaction and a stable council tax	[X]

SUMMARY

Lodge Lane – Humped zebra crossing proposed as part of Residential Care Home Development to improve pedestrian facility along Lodge Lane. A feasibility study has recently been carried out to identify pedestrian facilities along Lodge Lane and humped zebra crossing is proposed. A public consultation has been carried out and this report details the finding of the feasibility study, public consultation results and recommends that the above proposal be approved.

This scheme is within **Havering Park** Ward.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Committee having considered the representations and the information set out in this report recommends to the Cabinet Member for Community Empowerment that the humped zebra crossing along Lodge Lane just north of Turpin Avenue and the removal of existing speed cushions as detailed in this report and shown on Drawing No: QL038/2/R be implemented.
2. That, it be noted that the estimated cost of £20,000 can be met from the Developers S106 contribution to the Lodge Lane Residential Care Home Development.

REPORT DETAIL

1.0 Background

- 1.1 Lodge Lane Residential Care Home Development contributed funding to improve pedestrian facilities along Lodge Lane. A feasibility study has been carried out to identify pedestrian facilities. The feasibility study has now been completed and has looked at ways of providing pedestrian facilities and it is considered that the humped zebra crossing, as described in the recommendations will improve road safety and provide pedestrian facilities in the area. In February 2012, the Highways Advisory Committee approved this scheme in principle for public consultation.

2.0 Proposals

- 2.1 It is proposed to provide a humped zebra crossing along Lodge Lane by Turpin Avenue as shown on Drawing No: QL038/2/R. The proposal would provide pedestrian facility and improve road safety in the area.

3.0 Outcome of the consultation

- 3.1 Following Highways Advisory Committee approval for a public consultation in February 2012, letters, describing two options were delivered to local residents / occupiers who were asked to provide their views on the preferred option. The options were to provide a humped zebra crossing along Lodge Lane south of Frinton Road (Option 1) or to provide the crossing along the north of Turpin Avenue (Option2). Approximately, 200 letters were delivered by hand to premises in the area affected by the proposals. The deadline for receipt of comments was Monday 09 July 2012. In total 21 responses were received. Of the total respondents, 43% supported Option 1 and 57% supported Option 2.

3.2 Since the majority of residents / occupiers supported option 2, a second public consultation was carried out on the option 2 and letters, describing the proposals were delivered to local residents / occupiers. Emergency Services, bus companies and cycling representatives were also consulted on the proposals. Approximately, 200 letters were again delivered by hand to premises in the area affected by the proposals. The deadline for receipt of comments was Monday 08 October 2012. Five written responses from London Fire Brigade, London Buses and residents were received and the comments are summarised in the Appendix.

4.0 Staff comments and conclusions

4.1 Taking account of the responses from the public consultation results, it was considered necessary to relocate the proposed humped zebra crossing towards Turpin Avenue to accommodate the bus stop on the exit side of the crossing as shown on Drawing No: QL038/2/R. The proposed humped zebra crossing would improve pedestrian facility and reduce vehicles speed in the area. It is therefore recommended that the proposed measures in the recommendation should be approved for implementation.

IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

Financial implications and risks:

The estimated cost of the proposal is £20,000 which can be met from the Developers S106 contribution to the Lodge Lane Residential Care Home Development. This scheme is reasonably standard scheme for the service and there is no expectation that the scheme cannot be contained within the cost estimate. Additionally there is an element of contingency built into the estimate. In the unlikely event of an overspend, the balance would need to be contained within the overall Streetcare capital budget.

Legal Implications and Risks

The proposals do not require a traffic order. They can all be implemented using the Council's highway management powers.

Human Resource Implications and Risks

None directly attributable to the proposals.

Equalities and Social Inclusion

There would be some visual impact from the humped zebra crossing, however the proposal would generally improve safety for both pedestrians and vehicles.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 1. First public consultation letter.**
- 2. First public consultation responses.**
- 3. Second public consultation letter**
- 4. Second public consultation responses**
- 5. Drawing No. QL038/2/R**

APPENDIX

SUMMARY OF RESPONSE

RESPONSE REF:	COMMENTS	STAFF COMMENTS
QL038/2/1 (London Fire Brigade)	No comments to the proposal.	-
QL038/2/2 (London Buses Infrastructure)	London buses have concerns about the location as it is situated near the bus stop.	Following the discussions with London Buses, the proposed humped zebra crossing moved towards Turpin Avenue just south from the proposed location along Lodge Lane to accommodate the bus stop on the exit side of the crossing.
QL038/2/3 (London Buses)	Check to see whether there are any conflicts with northbound bus stop.	Following the discussions with London Buses, the proposed humped zebra crossing moved towards Turpin Avenue along Lodge Lane to accommodate the bus stop on the exit side of the crossing.
QL038/2/4 (108 Lodge Lane)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not accept a fair public consultation has taken place. - Parking problem in the area - Concerns about vibration 	As a result of public consultation, the proposed humped zebra crossing moved towards Turpin Avenue which is far away from the resident's property entrance. This would help to minimise the effect of vibration, if any. With reference to parking problem near Turpin Avenue, further measures could be considered at a later date, if necessary. It is considered that fair public consultations were carried out.
QL038/2/5 (57 Frinton Avenue)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Concern about bus stop being moved away from Frinton Avenue. - Request for double yellow lines. 	In order to improve road safety, the bus stop needs to be re-located at this location. Double yellow lines could be considered at a later date if necessary.