



HIGHWAYS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

11 December 2012

REPORT

Subject Heading:

Ravenscourt Grove - Proposed pedestrian facilities (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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Excellence in education and learning	<input type="checkbox"/>
Opportunities for all through economic, social and cultural activity	<input type="checkbox"/>
Value and enhance the life of every individual	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
High customer satisfaction and a stable council tax	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

SUMMARY

Ravenscourt Grove – Proposed pedestrian facilities was one of the schemes approved by Transport for London for funding. A feasibility study has recently been carried out to identify pedestrian facilities along Ravenscourt Grove.

A public consultation has been carried out and this report details the finding of the feasibility study, public consultation and recommends the installation of pedestrian refuge and centreline hatch road markings along Ravenscourt Grove by Ravencourt Drive.

This scheme is within **St Andrews** Ward.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Committee having considered the representations and information set out in this report recommends to the Cabinet Member for Community Empowerment that a pedestrian refuge and centreline hatch road markings along Ravenscourt Grove by Ravenscourt Drive as shown on Drawing No. QL005/R/1R be implemented.
2. That, it be noted that the estimated cost of £12,000 can be met from the Transport for London's (TfL) 2012/13 financial year allocation to Havering for Accident Reduction Programme.

REPORT DETAIL

1.0 Background

- 1.1 In October 2011, Transport for London approved funding for a number of Accident Reduction Programmes as part of 2012/13 Havering Borough Spending Plan settlement. Ravenscourt Grove was one of the schemes approved by TfL. A feasibility study has been carried out to identify pedestrian facilities. The feasibility study has now been completed and has looked at ways of improving safety and it is considered that the proposals, as contained in this report will improve road safety and provide pedestrian facilities. In January 2012, the Highways Advisory Committee approved this scheme in principle for public consultation.

2.0 Proposals

- 2.1 It is proposed to provide a pedestrian refuge and centreline hatch road markings along Ravenscourt Grove by Ravenscourt Drive as shown on Drawing No. QL005/R/1R. These proposals would provide a 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 January 2012, letters, describing the proposed pedestrian refuge along Ravenscourt Grove outside Dell Court, were delivered to local residents / occupiers along Ravenscourt Grove. Emergency Services, bus companies and cycling representatives were also consulted on the proposals. Approximately, 150 letters were delivered by hand to premises in the area affected by the proposals. The deadline for receipt of comments was Monday 1st October 2012. In total 11 responses were received, of the total respondents, 36% supported; 36% objected and 28% provided comments such as waste of money, road closure and alternative suggestions.

3.2 Due to the above public consultation results, a second public consultation was carried out on the alternative pedestrian refuge location along Ravencourt Grove by Ravenscourt Drive and letters, describing the proposals were delivered to local residents / occupiers. Emergency Services, bus companies and cycling representative were also consulted on the proposals. Approximately, 150 letters were delivered by hand to premises in the area affected by the proposals. The deadline for receipt of comments was Friday 23rd November 2012. 7 written responses from London Buses, Local Members and residents were received and the comments are summarised in the Appendix.

4.0 **Staff comments and conclusions**

4.1 The proposed pedestrian refuge and centreline hatch road markings would improve pedestrian facility, reduce vehicle speeds and accidents in the area. All respondents supported the scheme. 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 £12,000 which can be met from the Transport for London's (TfL) 2012/13 financial year allocation to Havering for Accident Reduction Programme. Spend will need to complete by 31st March 2013, to maximise grant funding.

This is a standard project for streetcare and there is no expectation that the works cannot be contained within the cost estimate. There is an element of contingency built into the financial 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 proposals including pedestrian refuge, however the proposals would generally improve safety for both pedestrians and motorists.

The Council has a general duty under the Equality Act 2010 to ensure that its highway network is accessible to all. Where infrastructure is provided or substantially upgraded, reasonable adjustments should be made to improve access. In considering the impacts and making improvements for people with protected characteristics (mainly, but not limited to disabled people, the young and older people) this will assist the Council in meeting its duty under the Act.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. **Public consultation letter.**
2. **Public consultation responses.**
3. **Drawing No. QL005/R/1R.**

APPENDIX

SUMMARY OF RESPONSE

RESPONSE REF:	COMMENTS	STAFF COMMENTS
QL005/R/1 (London Buses)	No comments relating to buses.	-
QL005/R/2 (Ravenscourt Grove resident)	It is a much better place for the crossing.	-
QL005/R/3 (Ravenscourt Grove resident)	Query about the exact location.	The location plan provided.
QL005/R/4 (Local Member 1)	Good idea, this is a popular crossing point.	-
QL005/R/5 (Local Member 2)	I don't have a problem with this proposal.	-
QL005/R/6 (Local Member 3)	Well done, about time.	-
QL005/R/7 (Local Member 4)	We do need something done to make it easier for us to cross the road	-