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Your chance to have a say! Abbey Road Footway Widening & Cycling Scheme



Please return your questionnaire by 30 November 2007

Introduction

Bexley Council has been successful in securing funding from Transport for London (TfL) to carry out improvements along Abbey Road between Florence Road to the west and St Augustine Road to the east.

The main concerns on this stretch of the road are speeding, accidents involving dangerous manoeuvres and substandard cycle lanes. The wide road width encourages drivers to speed and the

wide central hatching permits overtaking, creating hazardous conditions. A speed survey carried out recently shows that the average speed is higher than the speed limit on this road.

The Council therefore wants to introduce measures, which will help in addressing these concerns. The Council has commissioned their consultants, Mouchel Parkman, to investigate these issues and to propose measures that would benefit all road users, along this route.

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Proposals

(1) Footway widening

Recorded average speeds along Abbey Road are between 30 and 35 mph. The accident rate is four reported collisions involving personal injuries.

In order to provide safer conditions for all road users, we propose that the footway be widened. This reduction in road width would help in reducing vehicle speeds and collisions.

(2) Cycling facilities

There are existing cycle lanes along the whole length of Abbey Road. Narrowing down the carriageway will leave insufficient room for these existing cycle lanes. Hence, as part of the proposed widening of the footway we are proposing to move the cycle lanes onto the widened footway. This would avoid cyclist and motorist conflict at pedestrian refuge islands along the road and also remove the possibility of car doors being opened as cyclist's pass. Near bus stops and pedestrian crossings, the proposal is to convert the adjacent area into a shared use footway with priority to pedestrians.

(3) Parking and waiting restrictions

No changes are proposed to the existing waiting restrictions with only one slight change to the parking layout, but with **no overall loss of parking space.**

Plans

The proposals are shown on the enclosed plans.

Please Give Your Views

Please return your comments on this proposed scheme by detaching the questionnaire and folding it as shown overleaf. Postage is pre-paid.

Unfortunately, we will not be able to reply in writing to individual responses.

What Happens Next?

We will carefully consider all the comments returned to us, and if appropriate, modifications may be made to the proposals.

The Council's Cabinet Member for Transport will consider the consultation results before deciding how to progress the scheme. The proposals are not fixed and may change as a result of this consultation.

Questionnaire

Please return by **30 November 2007**

Please tick one box only				
If the road is to be narrowed then the cycle lane will have to be moved onto the footway. Therefore:		Yes	No	No View
1	In general, do you support this package of proposals for Abbey Road?			

In the interest of removing unnecessary / redundant road signs and posts, please let us know of any such sign that you are aware of:

If you wish to make any further comments please do so in this space:

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Please note that, under the Local Government (Access to Information Act 1985), any comments you make may be open to public inspection as background information to a Council report.

We will consider all comments but regret that we are unable to give individual replies.