November 2016

Traffic Scheme Consultation

Imperial Drive
Cycle Route
Improvement Scheme

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

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Introduction

Harrow Council works closely with Transport for London (TfL) to promote and improve cycling throughout the borough. We have been successful in securing funding from TfL to upgrade the existing cycle route along Imperial Drive and encourage cycling between the residential areas, local schools, shops, stations and businesses in this area. We are seeking your views on these proposals.

Segregated cycle facilities are already provided along Imperial Drive between Rayners Lane Station and The Ridgeway / Imperial Drive junction. Unfortunately this section of the cycle route is adjacent to parked cars and on narrow carriageway where cyclists have to contend with the high volume of vehicles travelling at speed along this road. This makes cycling less safe and less favourable, particularly for young cyclist.

Imperial Drive provides an important link connecting existing cycle routes in North Harrow along Pinner Road and Rayners Lane along Alexandra Avenue.

Proposals

To provide a safer and wider cycle facility, segregated from the main traffic flow and minimising the loss of parking spaces for local residents, we are proposing to provide a shared use cycle route both sides of Imperial Drive using the existing wider footways.

On the western side, the shared use path is proposed between Imperial Court adjacent to Village Way East and Imperial Close. The existing segregated cycle track on the footway between Imperial Court and Rayners Lane and between Imperial Close and The Ridgeway will be retained.

On the eastern side, the shared use cycle route is proposed from the northern end of service road opposite Rayners Lane Station up to The Ridgeway junction. The existing cycle route on the carriageway between Rayners Lane and The Ridgeway will be removed.

The shared use cycle route will be clearly signed at the start and end of the routes and repeater signs erected at regular intervals to inform all road users of the shared cycle facilities in the area. The council has already built a number of off-road facilities at various sites across the borough and is successful in its operation. All vehicle accesses to properties will remain unaffected by these proposals. Please refer to the attached plans for more detail.

What about the emergency services – police, fire, ambulance etc?

The emergency services along with other statutory parties are consulted individually for their opinion and views on the proposals.

Who is funding this scheme?

This scheme is entirely funded by TfL to improve cycle facilities along Imperial Drive. These monies cannot be used for any maintenance related works in the area.

We need your views

If you would like to make comments/objections on these proposals, the council would encourage you to submit your response electronically as it is environmentally friendly and helps the council save costs. Please submit your comments/objections by using the questionnaire on-line by visiting www.harrow.gov.uk/trafficconsultations which will direct you to a page containing the survey named Imperial Drive Cycle Route Improvement Scheme. You may be asked to register your details before completing the survey.

If you do not have internet access, please complete the attached questionnaire and return it to:

Service Manager – Traffic, Highways and Asset Management
Harrow Council
PO Box 39
Civic Centre
Station Road
Harrow
HA1 2XA

Please return your comments on these proposals by 2nd December 2016.

If you require further clarification or would like to discuss any issues directly related to the scheme, please contact Project Engineer Tushar Patel, using the contact details below:

Tel: 020 8424 7534
Fax: 020 8424 7662
Email: transportation@harrow.gov.uk

Can I see the proposals in more detail?

A more detailed large-scale plan of the proposals can be viewed at:

Harrow Civic Centre
Station Road
Harrow
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(Opening hours – 10am to 5pm)

Please book an appointment prior to the visit by calling the number below to ensure that an Engineer is available at Harrow Civic Centre to explain the proposals.

What happens next?

All the responses received during the public consultation stage will be analysed and presented to the Portfolio Holder, who will make the decision on the scheme. If appropriate, modifications may be made to the scheme proposals. If the scheme is approved by the Portfolio Holder, it is anticipated that the construction works will be begin from January 2017.

Unfortunately it will not be possible to reply in writing to individual responses.

Thank you for replying to this consultation