

Quietway pre-consultation ward Councillor meeting 23rd April 2019 5pm to 7:30pm
Meeting Notes

Attendees:

Cllr Pauline Coakley-Webb (Coppetts ward)
Cllr Barry Rawlings (Coppetts ward)
Cllr Geof Cooke (Woodhouse ward)
Cllr Anne Hutton (Woodhouse ward)
Cllr Alan Schneiderman (Woodhouse ward)
[REDACTED], Senior Engineer (Re)
[REDACTED] (Sustrans)
[REDACTED] (Sustrans)
[REDACTED], Cycling Officer (Re)

Absent:

Cllr Reema Patel (Coppetts ward)

Apologies:

Mario Lecordier, Interim Strategic Lead Commissioner – Highways (Barnet)

Quietway proposals discussed as below:

Forest Walk (Drawing no's 05-00-01 and 05-00-02)

- Cllr GC suggested the 4 metre lighting columns should be movement and time controlled.
- Cllr PCW asked whether the golf course fence could be screened off using planting (possibly climbing roses).
- Cllrs asked about access to vehicles of residents backing on to Forest Walk. Confirmed access for residents would remain the same as present and proposed resin bound path would allow for this.

Outcome: Proposed designs approved by Cllrs to go to full consultation

Orion Road, Pegasus Way and Atlas Road (Drawing no's 06-00-01, 07-00-01 and 09-00-01)

- Cllr GC asked about wheelchair access onto Orion Rd from Alexandra Rd ramp, confirmed new ramp would provide this.
- Cllr GC asked about erecting signs to drivers warning of the new parallel crossing for pedestrians and cyclists by the existing roundabout at the top of Orion Road.
- Cllr GC and Cllr AH commented on access to land behind Pegasus Way for future development possibly by Barnet Homes. Confirmed this land would still be accessible at the rear of the existing roundabout.
- **ACTION:** [REDACTED] to liaise with Barnet Homes for further details on their proposals.

Outcome: Proposed designs approved by Cllrs to go to full consultation

Secret Path (Drawing no's 10-00-01 and 10-00-02)

- [REDACTED] outlined proposals to improve existing path due to raised drain covers and voids to be backfilled, as well as cutting back vegetation on exit from Secret path to improve visibility.
- Cllr PCW asked whether lighting was required. [REDACTED] confirmed column lighting is already present, so no requirement for additional lighting.

Outcome: Proposed designs approved by Cllrs to go to full consultation

Martock Gns/Friern Barnet Road/Shapwick Close and slip road by Friern Barnet Library/Ramsden Road (Drawing no's 11-00-01 and 12-01-01)

- Cllrs requested no loss of parking on the library side of the Toucan crossing across Friern Barnet Road. ■ confirmed this would not be the case.
- Cllr AH questioned the 'no entry sign' on the slip road after the Toucan crossing as you travel from Ramsden Road. ■ stated the sign was for cyclists as the cycle contraflow did not extend beyond this point.

Outcome: Proposed designs approved by Cllrs to go to full consultation

Goldsmith Road/ Friern Barnet Lane (2 options provided for Goldsmith Road, drawing no's ????? and drawing no. 13-00-01)

- ■ explained that speeds on Goldsmith Road meant that they did not meet Quietway criteria set by Transport for London therefore some intervention was required to reduce speed.
- **Option 1, kerb buildouts along Goldsmith Road**
- Cllrs were not keen on losing parking spaces as a consequence.
- ■ suggested that kerb buildouts may not reduce speeds as traffic generally travels in one direction towards Friern Barnet Lane due to the 'no entry' to Goldsmith Rd for vehicles on Friern Barnet Lane. Drivers on Goldsmith would then continue at their normal speed as they are less likely to encounter oncoming vehicles.
- **Option 2, sinusoidal humps along Goldsmith Road**
- Cllrs preferred this option as opposed to buildouts as no parking spaces would be lost as vehicles can park across sinusoidal humps.

Outcome: Proposed design option 2 (Sinusoidal humps) and drawing no. 13-00-01 approved by Cllrs to go to full consultation.

Friern Barnet Lane/Buxted Road (Drawing no's 14-00-01 and 15-00-01)

- Some discussion had on the need for another door knocking exercise to be undertaken with the properties on Friern Barnet Lane.

Outcome: Proposed designs approved by Cllrs to go to full consultation

Ashurst Road/Buxted Rd (Drawing no. 16-00-01)

- Cllr Cooke was concerned that proposals would not reduce vehicle speeds or improve safety. ■ stated the 90-degree bend in the road would require a reduction in vehicle speed in order to navigate the bend in the road.
- ■ explained the proposals would be effective in reducing traffic volumes by eliminating rat running and also reduce traffic speeds which would satisfy TfL criteria for a Quietway route. The secondary benefits would be that the proposals would at the same time address concerns raised by residents from the pre-engagement exercise of vehicle speeds and traffic volumes.
- Cllr Cooke proposed warning signs of the new road layout on both approaches of Ashurst Road as they were downhill.
- Cllr Cooke urged that the full consultation should address the fears of local residents and note the alternative routes that mean residents do not have to join traffic at the junction of

Woodhouse Road, Colney Hatch Lane and Friern Barnet Lane due to the proposed no right turn from Horsham Avenue onto Woodhouse Road (i.e Horsham Avenue residents can travel onto Ashurst Rd, Friern Park and then Lewes Road to access the western end of Woodhouse road).

- [REDACTED] explained that monitoring would take place throughout the 6-month trial period to monitor vehicle speeds and volumes as well as congestion at the junction of Woodhouse Rd/Friern Barnet Lane and Colney Hatch Lane, and modifications could be made to address any issues.
- Cllr BR was sceptical that once engineering measures had been installed to implement the trial whether this would mean the measures would become permanent. [REDACTED] explained that the measures would be temporary in nature during the period of the trial. For example, movable planters would be used to block access rather than permanent structures.

Outcome: Proposed designs approved by Cllrs to go to full consultation

Friern Park (2 options provided, Drawing no's ??????)

- [REDACTED] explained speeds on Friern Park slightly exceeded the acceptable speeds set out by TfL for a Quietway route, and so additional measures were required to reduce vehicle speeds.
- Cllr AH commented there was a possible proposal to turn part of Friern Park to 'one way'
- Cllr BR commented that residents did not have an issue with speed but would have an issue if parking was removed
- Option 1, additional 2 buildouts which would remove parking
- Option 2, installation of sinusoidal humps where no parking is removed
- Option 3, installation of planters on road which would remove parking
- **ACTION:** [REDACTED] asked [REDACTED] to draft a lighter touch design with 'dragon's teeth' markings on the carriageway which should reduce vehicle speed to within the limits of the TfL Quietway requirements. [REDACTED] to contact TFL sponsor for approval.

Outcome: New design to be drafted for Friern Park with 'dragon's teeth' markings on the carriageway which Cllrs approve to go to full consultation.

- Cllr GC asked about governance going forward once the consultation was complete.
- **ACTION:** [REDACTED] to confirm with [REDACTED] whether approval would be sought by area committee or Environment committee alongside the ward members.

Consultation dates

- Councillors agreed the start date of the consultation should be the 20th June
- Cllrs asked that residents are given sufficient notice, of at least one week, for the public meetings.