

**Addendum to Sutton South Cheam and Belmont, Local Committee:
Public Questions
26 November 2020**

Sutton South, Cheam and Belmont Local Committee

This addendum contains questions from Members of the Public received and answered since the last committee meeting on 5 March 2020

Safer, Active Greener Street Schemes (agenda item 8)

1. Question asked by Elizabeth Trzebinski, Resident

Throwley Way is now a single lane due to bollards increasing the delay to traffic. No one uses the lane that is blocked off neither cycles nor pedestrians. Please can you remove this unnecessary expense?

Reply by Alex Constantinides, Assistant Director of Highways and Transport

Thank you for your feedback on the cycleway scheme in Sutton Central, which has been introduced as part of Transport for London's (TfL) London Streetspace Programme. This programme has been introduced in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, to make it safer for pedestrians and cyclists to move around the town centre and other busy areas. The scheme on St Nicholas and Throwley Way is currently being trialled and monitored, with the intention of assessing whether the facility should be made permanent, modified or removed by the end of March 2021.

The Crossway and Downsway Traffic Conditions (agenda item 9)

1. Question asked by Linda Chan, Resident

What implementations will be in place to monitor / enforce the 20mph limit?

What implementations will be made for cyclists as there is none at the moment since this has become a major traffic route once quiet 6 months ago but no longer.

Reply by Alex Constantinides, Assistant Director of Highways and Transport

Officers monitor the effectiveness of 20mph speed limits implemented by repeating speed surveys. The enforcement of all speed limits is the responsibility of the Police, so they will enforce the speed limit as and when they feel necessary.

The purpose of the committee report is to request for funding to be released for officers to spend time investigating the roads / road network and come up with some proposals for councillors to consider.

2. Question asked by Mr & Mrs Forkan, Local Resident

The 20mph limit would be welcomed but we need more aggressive measures. Can traffic calming measures, such as 7.0feet wide width restrictors, already in place in Queens Road, Kingston, be used? They would divert larger vans and trucks from using our residential roads.

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Reply by Alex Constantinides, Assistant Director of Highways and Transport

As mentioned in the report, officers propose to investigate measures such as width restrictions and weight restrictions. An immediate response to the request for measures to reduce the speed and volume of traffic is that the South Sutton Low Traffic Area scheme could consider an extension to the 20mph speed limit area, as that is within the remit of the funded scheme and is going through the consultation phase at the moment. The request for measures to reduce the volume of traffic needs further investigation and consideration, given the impact it may have on parallel roads such as Chiltern Road and Downs Road and the pending London Cancer Hub development.

3. Question asked by Mrs J Luff , Local Resident

Despite the lockdown the traffic in Crossways is non-stop and quite fast. Please can something be done as this is a residential road and should not be a rat-run. The new yellow lines are a bonus but will not affect the weight of traffic

Reply by Alex Constantinides, Assistant Director of Highways and Transport

The purpose of the report is to ask for the committee to release some funding for officers to spend time on investigating measures for Crossways, The Gallop and The Downsway. Officers will assess the existing conditions, i.e. speed and volume of traffic, the percentage number of lorries, road layout and existing features, and investigate options available to reduce the speed and volume of traffic. They will present possible improvement measures to ward councillors for consideration.

4. Question asked by Anthea Winterton , Local Resident

Why was Crossways excluded from the 20mph limit and is Kings Lane going to be reopened, now we have increased traffic,

Reply by Alex Constantinides, Assistant Director of Highways and Transport

Crossways, The Gallop and The Downsway are the boundary roads to the South Sutton Low Traffic Area scheme. The road network lends itself for these roads to be included in a future area scheme, including Chiltern Road and Downs Road, as these roads run parallel with each other and should be considered at the same time so it was decided to leave these roads out of the South Sutton 20mph speed limit area.

The Kings Lane experimental closure is still in its trial period. It is planned to do further traffic monitoring in January 2021 with the intention of concluding if the scheme should be made permanent, modified or removed by the end of the six months trial period.

5. Question asked by Anthea Winterton , Local Resident

What happened about the tables for Crossways? Please direct commercial vehicles off Crossways.

Reply by Alex Constantinides, Assistant Director of Highways and Transport

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The purpose of the committee report is to request for funding to be released for officers to spend time investigating the roads / road network and come up with some proposals for councillors to consider. The investigation is likely to include proposals for raised tables as they are an effective speed reducing measure.

6. Question asked by Simon Cook , Local Resident

Current parking restrictions in The Downsway do not prevent dangerous parking near the junction with Brighton Road. The solution is double yellow lines at least up to Heath Drive junction. Accidents will occur if this dangerous situation is not addressed. Measures to reduce traffic volumes are also required.

Reply by Alex Constantinides, Assistant Director of Highways and Transport

The current parking restrictions, and possible double yellow lines as suggested, will be considered as part of the Crossways, The Gallop and The Downsway feasibility works subject to committee approval.

Street Cleansing - Leaf Clearance Service (agenda item 11)

1. Question asked by Elizabeth Trzebinski, Resident

Leaves & rubbish pile up on the pavement between Cedar Rd & Cavendish Rd. Needs sweeping regularly. Never see anyone do it. Why not?

Reply by Matt Clubb, Assistant Director Environment and Community Safety

Cavendish and Cedar Roads certainly are scheduled for cleansing, and this will include mechanical and manual sweeping. Both these roads will also be visited by the additional dedicated leafing teams employed in the borough over the coming weeks to remove the bulk of the leaffall.

Thank you for your feedback, we have passed this to our contractor as the standards set should ensure regular sweeping and cleaning is undertaken if there is a problem with litter and leaves as you have described. It is not an area that has been highlighted to us before, but it will be inspected to see if any follow up cleansing is required. We would always advise to pass more immediate concerns through Report It to ensure a more direct response from the street cleaning teams.

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