


**Crossways, The Gallop, The Downsway Belmont**

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<b>Report Title</b>	Crossways, The Gallop, The Downsway Belmont		
<b>Committee</b>	Sutton South, Cheam and Belmont Local Committee		
<b>Committee Date</b>	26 November 2020		
<b>Committee Chair</b>	Councillor Tony Shields		
<b>Report From</b>	Alex Constantinides, Interim Assistant Director, Highways and Transport		
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<b>Ward(s) Affected</b>	Belmont		
<b>Ambitious for Sutton priorities</b>	Being Active Citizens Keeping People Safe		
<b>Open/Exempt</b>	Open		
<b>Signed</b>		<b>Date</b>	18 November 2020

**1. Summary**

- 1.1. The Council is ambitious to create safer, more active and greener streets for all our residents and visitors and to achieve net zero carbon emissions. The Council has received concerns relating to speed and volume of traffic in Crossways, The Gallop and The Downsway. As the Council is committed to improving road safety, this report sets out some possible options available to reduce the volume and speed of traffic and a possible funding option to progress the concept designs.

**2. Recommendations**

- 2.1. To approve the release of £5,000 of public realm funding for officers to investigate the area for possible remedial measures following concerns raised by some residents, produce some concept designs and present to ward councillors.
- 2.2. Note that if a scheme is developed, further funding will need to be identified to implement any measures.

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- 3.1. The plan at Appendix A shows the road in relation to the London Cancer Hub development area and the South Sutton Low Traffic Area scheme.
- 3.2. The South Sutton Low Traffic Area scheme was introduced on 7 September 2020 for a trial period of up to six months. The scheme includes an experimental road closure of Kings Lane and an experimental 20mph speed limit. Currently Crossways, The Gallop and The Downsway are not included in the experimental 20mph speed limit traffic order but could be considered for inclusion in the scheme, noting it would require an amendment to the existing Traffic Management Order (TMO). These roads 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.
- 3.3. The roads currently have a 30mph speed limit and there are already priority give way narrowings in Crossways.
- 3.4. There have been three recorded accidents in the last three years along these roads.
- 3.5. The area has had its Parking Strategy reviewed and is due for parking restrictions imminently.
- 3.6. An officer met with one household in Crossways in August 2020 to listen to the concerns they have about the possibility of speeds increasing due to the introduction of parking restrictions and speed and volume of traffic could increase due to the closure of King's Lane displacing traffic onto Crossways. The residents made some suggestions of measures that they feel will improve the situation.
- 3.7. The Harris Academy School in Chiltern Road introduced another year cohort in September 2019 and some residents have complained about the increase in traffic this has generated. Each year the school introduces another year group there is a likelihood of traffic in the area increasing. It is possible that more pupils are being driven to school this year given government guidance to avoid public transport during the COVID-19 pandemic. The school has raised its own concerns about parking on the roads in the local area.
- 3.8. The Royal Marsden / Institute of Cancer Research / London Cancer Hub area is being developed and was recently announced as the site for a new acute hospital.

**4. Benefits to Sutton and its Residents**

- 4.1. Introduction of a 20mph speed limit on these roads and/or other physical speed reducing features would reduce the speed of traffic and so improve the environment for the residents. The increased safety on lower speed roads may encourage more people to

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walk and cycle. A traffic count was undertaken in Crossways and in The Downsway in October 2020 as part of the South Sutton Low Traffic Area scheme. This data will give an indication of the current speeds of vehicles using the area.

- 4.2. Traffic restrictions such as a 7.5T weight restriction or a width restriction would reduce the number of large vehicles using the roads.
- 4.3. These measures and others will be investigated with the aim of reducing the speed and volume of traffic on these roads and the range of measures discussed with ward councillors and stakeholders.

**5. Implications**

- 5.1. The South Sutton Low Traffic Area scheme is a trial running to March 2021 and it is possible to consider extending the experimental 20mph speed limit area to include Crossways, The Gallop, and The Downsway. There will be implications for the timing of the experimental TMO.
- 5.2. Any measures to be considered for this area should be done in conjunction with the future plans of the London Cancer Hub development.
- 5.3. The investigation into measures for these roads may result in proposed measures in other roads also.
- 5.4. At the time of writing the report the cost of any agreed measures is not known and the future funding source is also not known.

**6. Finance and Legal Commentary**Finance Comment

- 6.1. There was no Transport for London (TfL) funding identified in the approved Local Implementation Plan (LIP) highway improvements programme for these roads in 2020/21. The borough would have normally submitted the 2021/22 programme for approval by TfL, but due to the covid situation this has not happened and funding for future schemes is undecided at the time of writing this report.
- 6.2. Introduction of a 20mph speed limit on the roads can be considered for funding as part of the South Sutton Low Traffic Area scheme.
- 6.3. Public Realm funding is available to undertake the concept design of possible measures and any necessary surveys to enable the designs.
- 6.4. Agreement is needed to fund £5,000 from the 20/21 Public Realm capital budget from this committee. Further funding may be required to implement further measures which will need to be reported at a future local committee.

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Financial Risks

- 6.5. A scheme could be developed but there is no guaranteed funding to implement any of them at this time.

Legal Comment

- 6.6. The Council, as the Traffic Authority for these roads, is empowered under the provisions of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 to make traffic management orders (TMO) to control or regulate vehicular and other traffic on an experimental or permanent basis, including imposing speed restrictions.

- 6.7. Any TMO would be made in accordance with the detailed provisions of the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996 (SI No.1996/2489). This includes consultation, publication of notice of any proposed order, consideration of any objections received before any Order is confirmed, with or without modification, and giving notice of any order made.

Legal Risks

- 6.8. At this preliminary stage there are no legal risks since the Council is exploring options.

**7. Appendices and Background Documents**

7.1. Appendices

<b>Appendix Letter</b>	<b>Appendix Title</b>
A	Area plan

7.2. Background Documents

<b>Date of Expiry</b>	<b>Background Document</b>
N/A	N/A

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## 8. Audit Trail and Consultations

<b>Consultees</b>	<b>Yes/No</b>	<b>Officer</b>	<b>Date of Comments</b>
Finance	Yes	Tony Cooke Senior Finance Lead	09/11/2020
Legal	Yes	David Fellows Assistant Head of Law	10/11/2020
EQIA	No	N/A	N/A
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