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ROAD SAFETY AUDIT RESPONSE

Endymion Road/Alroy Road Pedestrian Safety Measures - RSA STAGE 1/2

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This report details the results of a Combined Stage 1/2 Road Safety Audit carried out on a proposed cycling facilities improvement scheme at the mini-roundabout junction at Alroy Road with Endymion Road, London. The Audit was undertaken in response to a written request by the Design Team (London Borough of Haringey) and was carried out in October 2014.

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The Client Organisation:-

- London Borough of Haringey

The Client Officer:-

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The Audit was undertaken in accordance with procedures laid out in the Design Manual for Roads and Bridges - HD 19/03 for Road Safety Audits. The Audit comprised an examination of the drawing and documents, and a visit to the site. 1.6 The Audit comprised an examination of the drawing and documents provided by the DesignTeam as listed in Appendix A of this report. The site visit was carried out between 12:00 and 13:00 during daylight hours on Saturday 11th October 2014; the weather was fine and the road surface was dry.

Item description and recommendation	Designer response Gary Smith	Project Sponsor comment Danny Gayle
<p>2.1.1 PROBLEM: Location A: Raised table - Drawing 003. Summary: Inappropriate speed could lead to pedestrian accidents. Detail: No construction details, including Polished Stone Values (PSV), of the raised table have been provided for assessment. Although, it is recognised that traffic speeds are likely to be lower, due the presence of the raised table, there will still be turning movements at this junction and as such it is likely that there will be a number of vehicle conflicts. If the surface course has a low PSV value then there is a risk of rear end shunt or side impact accidents. RECOMMENDATION: That the surface course of the raised table should have a PSV that is appropriate for the traffic speeds.</p>	<p>Agreed - The new surface is expected to be have 65psv.</p> <p>Also in early 2015 this road will become have a 20mph limit applied. The design team feels that these additions along with the new raised table will provide an improvement on the present situation.</p>	<p>Concur with Engineers response</p>
<p>2.1.2 PROBLEM: Location B: Raised table - Drawing 003. Summary: Inappropriate drainage could compromise road safety. Detail: The proposals indicate that 6 gullies have been allowed to drain the carriageway; however, their positions are unknown. Insufficient drainage facilities at the base of the ramps and at the tapered buildout could lead to ponding, which would be detrimental to road safety and could lead to loss of control accidents. RECOMMENDATION: That care is taken to ensure that ponding does not occur, either by assessment</p>	<p>Agreed - During detailed design two new gullies will be included in the proposal the drain the lead in to the raised table.</p>	<p>Concur with Engineers response</p>
<p>2.1.3 PROBLEM: Location C: Mini-roundabout - Drawing 003. Summary: Insufficient details could compromise road safety.</p>	<p>The splitter islands have been revised to be over-run areas.</p>	<p>Concur with Engineers response</p>

<p>Detail: No construction details have been supplied for the splitter islands at the junction or the tapered buildout on the southwest bound approach to the junction. Inappropriate construction could compromise road safety.</p> <p>RECOMMENDATION:</p> <p>That the construction details of the splitter islands should be provided for assessment.</p>		
<p>2.3.1 PROBLEM:</p> <p>Location D: Mini-roundabout - Drawing 003.</p> <p>Summary: Location of traffic island could compromise road safety.</p> <p>Detail: No swept paths at the junction have been provided for assessment and there is concern that vehicles, whilst negotiating a path around the traffic islands, may strike the kerb or overrun the footway, which could lead to loss of control or pedestrian accidents.</p> <p>RECOMMENDATION:</p> <p>That swept paths should be checked to ensure that all expected vehicle movements can be safely accommodated.</p>	<p>The final layout has been tracked and is freely manoeuvrable by common vehicles and does not inhibit HGV's.</p>	<p>Concur with Engineers response</p>
<p>2.3.2 PROBLEM:</p> <p>Location E: Mini-roundabout - Drawing 003.</p> <p>Summary: Tapered buildout could compromise road safety.</p> <p>Detail: No swept paths at the junction have been provided for assessment and the tapered build out will push southwest bound traffic further into the centre of the carriageway. In addition, it is proposed to have a traffic island on the southbound approach to the junction, which will restrict turning movements. During the site visit it was noted that under current conditions traffic turning left out of Alroy Road invariably overran the parking bay on the northeastern side of the carriageway. There is concern that traffic turning left out of Alroy Road may have head on collisions with waiting traffic; strike</p>	<p>The splitter islands have been revised to be over-run areas.</p> <p>The final layout has been tracked and is freely manoeuvrable by common vehicles and does not inhibit HGV's.</p>	<p>Concur with Engineers response</p>

<p>the kerb or overrun the footway, which could lead to loss of control or pedestrian accidents; or hit a parked vehicle.</p> <p>RECOMMENDATION:</p> <p>That swept paths should be checked to ensure that all expected vehicle movements can be safely accommodated and that the length of the parking bay on the northeastern side of the carriageway should be reduced.</p>		
<p>2.4.1 PROBLEM:</p> <p>Location F: Uncontrolled crossing on Endymion Road - Drawing 003.</p> <p>Summary: Inappropriate gaps for pedestrians could compromise road safety.</p> <p>Detail: During the site visit it was observed that traffic flows were constantly high on all arms of the junction, and that suitable gaps for pedestrians, particularly on Endymion Road were very infrequent. It is recognised that the introduction of a raised table will reduce traffic speed and that drivers approaching the junction may give way to pedestrians; however, there is concern that drivers exiting the junction will not be expecting pedestrian movements, which could lead to pedestrian or rear end shunt accidents.</p> <p>RECOMMENDATION:</p> <p>That the raised table should be extended and that a controlled crossing, type dependent on traffic flows, speeds and pedestrian movements, should be introduced on Endymion Road.</p> <p>Alternatively, that additional speed reducing features should be introduced on Endymion Road to provide suitable gaps for pedestrians.</p>	<p>In early 2015 this road will become have a 20mph limit applied. The design team feels that these additions along with the new raised table will provide an improvement on the present situation.</p>	<p>Concur with Engineers response</p>
<p>2.4.2 PROBLEM:</p> <p>Location G: Uncontrolled crossing on Endymion Road - Drawing 003.</p> <p>Summary: Insufficient visibility could increase risk of collision.</p> <p>Detail: On the southern side of the carriageway of Endymion</p>	<p>In early 2015 this road will become have a 20mph limit applied. The design team feels that these additions along with the new raised table will provide an improvement on the present situation.</p>	<p>Concur with Engineers response</p>

<p>Road, the visibility to the left at the proposed uncontrolled crossing is restricted by fencing and the left hand bend. In addition, traffic approaching the junction from the southwest approaches at an inappropriate speed and often crossed the centre line during the site visit. Restricted visibility and inappropriate speeds could lead to pedestrian or rear end shunt accidents.</p> <p>© Project Centre 2014 ■ Road Safety Audit Combined Stage 1/2 5</p> <p>RECOMMENDATION:</p> <p>That the height of the fencing should be reduced; centre hatching should be introduced on the northeast bound approach to the junction; and that the problem should be read in conjunction with item 2.4.1.</p>		
<p>2.4.3 PROBLEM:</p> <p>Location H & I: Uncontrolled crossings - Drawing 003.</p> <p>Summary: Inappropriate kerb height could lead to pedestrian trips.</p> <p>Detail: No details on dropped kerbs or the slope gradients have been provided for assessment. Dropped kerbs that are not flush or within a 6mm tolerance, could lead to pedestrian trip accidents; further excessive slopes, greater than 2.5%, are difficult to negotiate for many manual wheelchair users.</p> <p>RECOMMENDATION:</p> <p>That the dropped kerbs should be flush with a 6mm tolerance.</p>	<p>Agreed – all crossing points will be step free.</p>	
<p>2.5.1 PROBLEM:</p> <p>Location J: Northeast approach bound to the junction - Drawing 003.</p> <p>Summary: Inappropriate signage could compromise road safety.</p> <p>Detail: On the northeast bound approach to the mini-roundabout junction there is an</p>	<p>Agreed – Signage will be replaced.</p>	

<p>advanced direction sign, indicating a priority junction with the northeast bound movement having priority (see figure 1 below), where a 'Roundabout Ahead' sign immediately follows; however, this sign is very faded and in poor condition. There is concern that traffic on this approach could be misled and this could lead to side impact or rear end shunt accidents.</p>  <p>RECOMMENDATION: That both signs should be replaced with appropriate signage</p>		
<p>2.5.2 PROBLEM: Location K: Mini-roundabout junction - Drawing 003. Summary: Insufficient signage could compromise road safety. Detail: Currently, there is no 'Mini-roundabout' signage on the northeast bound approach to the junction, nor is such a sign proposed as part of the works. Traffic on this approach is insufficiently warned that right turning traffic has priority at the junction, which could lead to side impact accidents, particularly during conditions of poor visibility when the road marking may be less visible. RECOMMENDATION: That a 'Mini-roundabout' sign to diagram 611.1 should be installed at the junction for northeast bound traffic.</p>	<p>Agreed – Correct signage will be installed.</p>	

<p>2.5.3 PROBLEM:</p> <p>Location L: Mini-roundabout junction - Drawing 003.</p> <p>Summary: Inappropriate parking restrictions could compromise road safety.</p> <p>Detail: Currently, there is limited waiting available at the junction, which could lead to inappropriate parking, which could compromise road safety.</p> <p>RECOMMENDATION:</p> <p>That at 'At Any Time' waiting restrictions should be installed at the junction.</p>	<p>Agreed – the design team will pursue an At Any Time restriction in this location.</p>	