



Royal Way & Park Road Road Safety Scheme

Public Consultation Summary



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1.0 Introduction

Concerns have been raised with regards to the speed of traffic and the level of Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGV) through traffic along Royal Way/Park Road. A study has therefore been conducted to investigate general road safety and a solution to reduce of HGV use.

2.0 Proposals

The following options were put forward to public consultation via an online consultation with information boards placed on site to advise of the on-going consultation. This took place between 31st August 2018 and 14th September 2018.

2.1 Proposal 1 – Environmental 7.5T Weight Restriction

An environmental weight restriction may only be set at 7.5t or 18t and are based on the maximum gross weight of a vehicle. The limits only apply to goods vehicles and do not apply to buses, agricultural machinery, cranes or fire appliances and are therefore exempt from any traffic regulation order, unless specified.

2.2 Proposal 2 – Vertical and Horizontal Traffic Calming

Install rubber bolt down speed cushions along the length of the route in conjunction with signing and lining.

3.0 Consultation Responses

There was a total of 8 responses received during the consultation period. The following table details the overall response to the consultation.

	For	Against
Overall feedback to proposals	5 (63%)	3 (37%)

In addition to the general support for or against this scheme, the respondents were given the opportunity to provide general comments on the scheme for consideration. The table below provides a summary of the comments received as well as a response to these comments/concerns.

Comments/Concerns	No. of Suggestions (% of total respondents)	Telford & Wrekin Council Response
Objection to the use of speed cushions	4 (50%)	Half of the respondents had concerns over the installation of speed cushions along Park Road and Royal Way. Consideration should therefore be given to whether other measures are possible at this location.
Priority Give Way along Park Road	1 (13%)	Should speed cushions not be taken forward, consideration could be given to installing a priority give way system along Park Road to reduce vehicle speeds at this location and improve safety for pedestrians who are required to walk in the road at this point.
Installation of junction warning sign on the approach to Prince Edward Crescent	1 (13%)	This can be installed as part of this scheme
Installation of central refuge at the Brunel Road / Royal Way junction	1 (13%)	This proposal can be considered as part of the detail design.



No need for the HGV restriction following the completion of development work	1 (13%)	This is a low cost measure that will encourage all larger vehicles to use the higher category road network to negotiate the area and therefore deliver an overall benefit for these residential roads.
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4.0 Recommendations

Overall, the majority of respondents are in favour of the proposals set out as part of this consultation. However, it should be noted that only a small number of people responded to this consultation.

Whilst overall the proposals are supported, half of the respondents had concerns over the use of speed cushions. Therefore, consideration should be given to the use of alternative measures including a priority give way build-out on Park Road and other soft engineering measures along Royal Way such as a permanent Speed Indicator Device. There are a few other minor improvements suggested through the consultation that could be delivered as part of the scheme.

With the above in mind, it is recommended that this scheme is taken forward to detailed design and delivery with the abovementioned changes taken into consideration as part of this process. This scheme will deliver improved pedestrian and road safety along Royal Way and Park Road and could reduce the amount of rat-running due to the installation of physical measures.