

CITY OF PLYMOUTH

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Executive Summary:

Committee in its meeting of 25 January requested a report on reasons for traffic calming and Refuge Island implemented in certain areas of Compton and Peverell. Reference was made to Hyde Park Road, Peverell Corner, Mannamead Road and Beacon Park Road. This report provides the information requested by the committee.

1 Introduction

As requested by the committee, this report has been prepared with information on some recent and ongoing schemes in the area. All these schemes have been subject to through consultation and Ward members have received detail information from officers during the consultation period.

This report gives a brief explanation of schemes designed for each of these sites.

2. Hyde Park Road:

The fork junction at Hyde Park Road / Weston Park Road has been identified for some time as an accident cluster site and confusing for drivers and pedestrians. There have been 12 recorded personal injury accidents over three years at this site including 4 involving pedestrians being knocked down when crossing the road.

The engineering solution implemented involves provision of two refuge islands in Hyde Park Road which would also have traffic calming effect.

The scheme was constructed in January 2010, and it is too soon to evaluate its impact. However we have received positive feed backs from residents.

3. Peverell Park Road, outside the library

Peverell Park Road is a local distributor in a residential area with a number of pedestrian activities close to its junction with Outland Road.

A pedestrian refuge island was provided in Peverell Park Road in 2007, as part of accessibility improvement programme. The location of the refuge island was carefully chosen close to a popular bus stop and in consideration with a number of activities at this site. No formal data has been collected, but from our observation a great number of pedestrians who use the refuge island on regular basis are elderly and children. The crossing has been successfully and regularly used by mothers walking their children to Nutkins Nursery, users of the library, Baptist Church, and residents accessing the local stores such as Co-Op.

4. Mannamead Road

Mannamead Road is a major bus route between the City Centre and northern part of the City. There are a number of bus stops in this route serving students, elderly and school children. Three year accident record shows that here have been a total of 12 recorded accidents including two serious injury accidents involving pedestrians crossing this road. Pedestrian refuge islands have been designed at locations north of the junction with “the Drive” and north of Russell Avenue to improve safety of pedestrians who need to cross the road to access public transport.

The refuge island on the north of Russell Avenue is currently under construction. The second island near “the Drive” junction requires diversion of utility services and is programmed for construction following the completion of roadwork in Mutley plain.

5. Beacon Park Road

This scheme was promoted by Police who were keen to see improved pedestrian facilities and measures that reduced traffic speed in the area. Accident records suggested that there had been 20 injury accidents along this road over a 3 year period.

The scheme involves 2 Pedestrian refuge islands and 1 build-out and has just recently been implemented. It is too soon to evaluate its success.

6. Consultation:

Electronic records show that consultation letters were sent to ward members or residents. Here are our findings:

Hyde Park Road:

Record shows that consultation letters were sent to Ward Members including Councillors Mahony on 31 July 2009.

Peverell Park Road:

The scheme was implemented in 2007. Record of consultation has been archived.

Mannamead Road:

Record shows that a comprehensive consultation plan has been followed and letters have been sent to ward members including Councillor Mahony.

Beacon Park Road:

Again records show numerous correspondences with residents and Ward members.

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