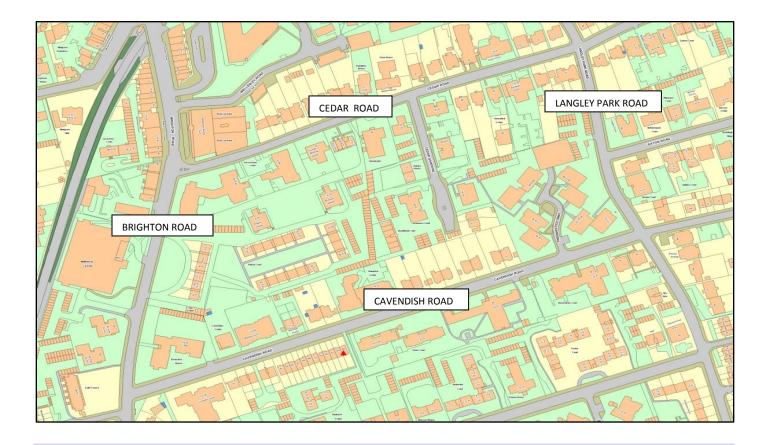
Sutton South Traffic Study Cavendish Road & Cedar Road Residents Consultation



London Borough of Sutton Environment & Neighbourhoods Directorate

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Background

A petition was received by the Council from the residents of Cavendish Road requesting additional/improved speed reduction measures to be implemented in Cavendish Road, as they consider that the existing traffic calming measures are ineffective in reducing the vehicular speeds. Similar enquiries have been received from residents in Cedar Road.

Cavendish Road and Cedar Road form part of the **Sutton South 20mph Zone** that was implemented in 2007/08. The zone is traffic-calmed using raised tables and speed cushions. Cavendish Road and Cedar Road are also bus routes for the S1 and S3 routes respectively, which are used by large number of elderly residents of these roads.

The Sutton South, Cheam and Belmont Local Committee, at the meeting on 11 October 2012, have agreed a budget of £7K to undertake the necessary traffic study in Cavendish Road and the surrounding roads.

The objective of the questionnaire is to seek your views and opinions about your concerns and perceived difficulties in using the roads. These will assist officers in proposing options and measures to address issues that have been identified.

Issues & Concerns

The key issues and concerns highlighted by residents in Cavendish Road and Cedar Road are as follows:

Speeding Vehicles – Vehicle speeds are reported by the residents to be high, an issue that makes crossing the roads for elderly residents a perceived danger. Some have requested for additional and designated crossing points. Residents feel that the existing traffic calming is ineffective at reducing speeds sufficiently on these roads.

Rat-Running – These roads are also reported to be used by traffic trying to avoid the traffic congestions on the main roads during peak hours. Again, the main concern with this issue is that it makes crossing the roads for elderly residents a perceived danger.

These issues have also been highlighted by residents of other roads within the Sutton South area. Other issues highlighted within this area are;

- Vehicles turning right from Langley Park Road into Morland Road illegally, through the 'No Entry' plug at Morland Road.
- The current priority give-way under the bridge in Langley Park Road causes congestion and at times confusion to motorists. Residents requesting for the direction of the priority to be changed, with priority be given to the traffic travelling southward, i.e. towards Crossways.

Accident Records

The accident records for the area covering Christchurch Park, Devonshire Avenue, Devonshire Road, Egmont Road and the whole of the Sutton South 20mph Zone (comprises of Cavendish Road, Cedar Road, Langley Park Road, Eaton Road and Cumnor Road) show a total of **three** reported Personal Injury Accidents (PIAs) in the past 36 months.

Two of these accidents occurred in Cedar Road, comprising one Serious PIA and one Slight PIA.

The third accident was recorded in Langley Park Road at its junction with Devonshire Road resulting in Slight PIA.

Immediately outside this area, within the same time period, there have been two Slight PIAs in the Crossways at its junction with Langley Park Road; and six collisions (five Slight PIAs and one Serious PIA) at the junction of Carshalton Rd with Langley Park Road which is on the 'Red Route' and was recently modified by Transport for London to improve accessibility at the junction.

Traffic Survey

The following traffic surveys are undertaken in the Sutton South area:-

Automatic Traffic Counts – to provide existing traffic speeds and volumes.

Manual Origin and Destination Survey – to verify if rat-running occurs during peak traffic hours.

Questionnaire

Please complete and return the questionnaire included with this leaflet.

We believe it is vital that people who live in the area are involved in identifying where improvements may be needed, which can help create a safer environment for pedestrians, cyclists and public transport users.

What Happens Next?

The results of the traffic survey and public consultation will be assessed by Council officers so a report can be produced for this traffic study.

The findings of the report are planned to be presented at the Sutton South, Cheam & Belmont Local Committee meeting, which is on Thursday 21 March 2013.

Currently there is no funding to develop any proposals that may be suggested in the report.

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