

Decision Maker: Environment Portfolio Holder

For Pre-Decision Scrutiny by the Environment PDS Committee on:

Date: 7th March 2017

Decision Type: Non-Urgent Executive Non-Key

Title: CONGESTION RELIEF - CROYDON ROAD JUNCTION WITH ANERLEY ROAD

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Ward: Penge and Cator, Crystal Palace, Clock House

1. Reason for report

- 1.1 This report details proposals to help alleviate congestion and improve road safety at the junction of Elmers End Road / Croydon Road / Anerley Road.
- 1.2 Currently vehicles waiting to turn right into the Aldi store cause traffic to queue back into the junction causing gridlock. The proposals will widen the carriageway to introduce a second lane to allow vehicles to pass the right turn queues.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the proposed improvements to the carriageway layout in Croydon Road and Elmers End Road are implemented subject to consultation with Local Ward Councillors.
- 2.2 That approval be given to the scheme at a cost of £300k which will be met from the Borough's Local Implementation Plan (LIP) fund and Transport for London Bus congestion reduction funding.
- 2.3 That authority to make any further minor modifications, which may arise as a result of proposed consultations and detailed design, be delegated to the Executive Director of Environment and Community Services.

Impact on Vulnerable Adults and Children

1. Summary of Impact: Nil
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Corporate Policy

1. Policy Status: Existing Policy: Further Details
 2. BBB Priority: Quality Environment Vibrant, Thriving Town Centres Healthy Bromley: Further Details
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Financial

1. Cost of proposal: £300k
 2. Ongoing costs: None
 3. Budget head/performance centre: TfL LIP Funding
 4. Total current budget for this head: £907k
 5. Source of funding: 2017/18 LIP funding for congestion relief and/or TfL Bus Priority Programme funding
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Personnel

1. Number of staff (current and additional): 1
 2. If from existing staff resources, number of staff hours: 140
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Legal

1. Legal Requirement: None
 2. Call-in: Applicable
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Procurement

1. Summary of Procurement Implications: None.
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Customer Impact

1. Estimated number of users/beneficiaries (current and projected): All drivers using the A213 or A214, plus pedestrians crossing at this junction.
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Ward Councillor Views

1. Have Ward Councillors been asked for comments? Ward Members have expressed concerns about congestion at this location in the past and will be consulted on these specific proposals.
2. Summary of Ward Councillors comments: Any comments will be relayed at PDS meeting.

3. COMMENTARY

Description

- 3.1 The junction of Elmers End Road / Anerley Road (A214) / Croydon Road (A213) is located in the North West of the Borough and lies on a major route into Bromley from Crystal Palace.
- 3.2 The junction is street lit and subject to a 30mph speed limit.
- 3.3 The junction has been identified as an area of very high congestion. There have been 8 personal injury accidents at this junction in the latest 36 months for which data is available.
- 3.4 Site investigations have highlighted the following issues contributing to congestion which results in driver frustration and associated collision risk.

Croydon Road outside Aldi

- 3.5 Vehicles queuing to turn right into the Aldi supermarket prevent vehicles from exiting the junction until they have cleared. This has a knock on effect on all surrounding roads, increasing congestion and driver frustration. Buses are particularly impacted and pedestrians find it difficult to cross all arms of the junction because of vehicle congestion.

Elmers End Road (southbound)

- 3.6 Elmers Elm Road is also relatively narrow and reduces the volume of vehicles that are able to exit the junction in this direction.
- 3.7 Officers are currently applying to TfL for funding from their bus congestion reduction budget, to supplement the cost to the LIP budget. The extent of any contribution is not yet known but it is recommended that detail design work be carried out so that Bromley is in a position to proceed once funds are identified.

Proposals

- 3.8 The primary proposal involves widening the carriageway in Croydon Road between the junction and the entrance to Aldi. This will allow for the provision of an additional lane parallel to a dedicated right turn lane into Aldi.
- 3.9 Vehicles will subsequently be able to bypass the queues waiting to turn into Aldi, reducing congestion, journey times, driver frustration and associated accidents.
- 3.10 A substantial part of the cost of this proposal is associated with a major British Telecom underground chamber will have to be diverted.

4. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 This proposal is in line with the Council's aim to reduce traffic congestion and improve journey time reliability and also to reduce the risk to all road users of traffic collision injury.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The estimated cost of the scheme is £300k.
- 5.2 It is intended to apply to TfL for Bus Priority Programme funding to meet the costs. In the event that this is not successful, the costs will be met from the 2017/18 LIP funding for congestion relief which is currently estimated to be £907k.

Non-Applicable Sections:	Impact on Vulnerable Adults & Children, Personnel, Procurement & Legal Implications
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	