

Forest Hill Road Summary Report

20mph speed limit enforcement works – Summary Report

January 2019

Introduction

This report has been produced by the London Borough of Southwark Highways team to provide a summary on the consultation exercise for the proposed 20mph speed limit enforcement works on Forest Hill Road.

Forest Hill Road is located on Southwark's border with Lewisham.

Southwark became a 20mph borough in March 2015. However, we have identified a number of sites where speeds regularly exceed 20mph, sometimes by a significant amount. This can increase the risk of accidents, as well as the risk that, when accidents occur, injuries may be more serious or even fatal.

We have conducted a detailed review of the sites where traffic most regularly exceeds the 20mph limit, and we have identified measures to encourage reduced vehicles speeds and keep them to the posted limit.

Average speeds more than 6mph above the limit, with many vehicles regularly exceeding 31mph, were observed in traffic heading northbound on Forest Hill Road, particularly around the junction with Canonbie Road.

We have a duty to make any adjustments necessary to ensure that the law is being upheld, and to look after our residents' safety.

We proposed a range of measures to encourage drivers to abide by the 20mph limit on Forest Hill Road. These included :

- Crossings on either side of the Brenchley Gardens/Canonbie Road junction to be widened and raised, providing a vertical deflection that will encourage drivers to slow down.
- Proposed bench for seating at the corner of Brenchley Gardens.
- New raised table between Canonbie Road and Honor Oak Rise for vertical deflection to slow traffic.
- Crossing points at Honor Oak Rise and Netherby Road junctions for easier movement by pedestrians.
- New cycle stands near to Netherby Road junction.
- Pedestrian crossing east of Netherby Road to be widened, raised and upgraded to a zebra crossing to provide a safer crossing for schoolchildren.

We considered these works appropriate to successfully reduce speeds on Forest Hill Road. However, it was decided to seek the views of local residents and other stakeholders on whether there are any additional approaches we could take.

Public Consultation on these proposals took place from 23 November to 10 December 2018. All residents within the consultation area were invited to comment on the proposals and make any further suggestions.

Consultation Process

The views of the local community were sought as part of this consultation exercise. A letter was posted to all Southwark addresses within 200m of the affected stretch (155 addresses), and dropped by hand to all Lewisham addresses within 200m..

The distribution area was large enough to gain views from the wider community that may be considered to be affected by the proposed measures.

A copy of the letter is appended..

Consultees were advised to respond to the consultation via the online consultation portal. They were also given an email address and telephone number by which to respond.

Public access to the online form was removed at the end of the consultation period.

Summary of Consultation Results

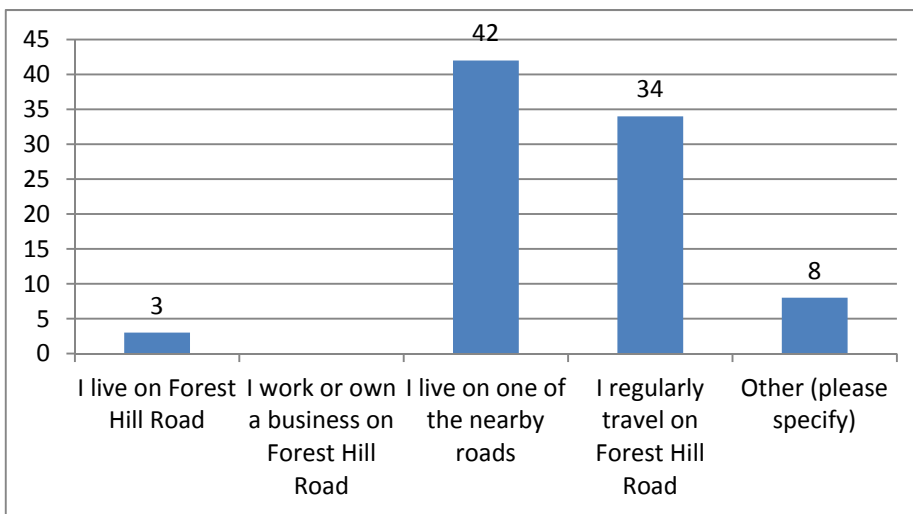
Consultation Returns and Response Rate

The consultation closed on 10th December 2018. Public access to the online portal was removed at midnight on this date.

A total of **58** online responses were received during the consultation period. This is a low response rate, but it should be recognised that there are relatively few homes on Forest Hill Road itself.

Question 1: What is your relationship Forest Hill Road? (respondents could select more than one answer)

Relationship	No. of respondents
I live on Forest Hill Road	3
I work or own a business on Forest Hill Road	0
I live on one of the nearby roads	42
I regularly travel on Forest Hill Road	34
Other (please specify)	8

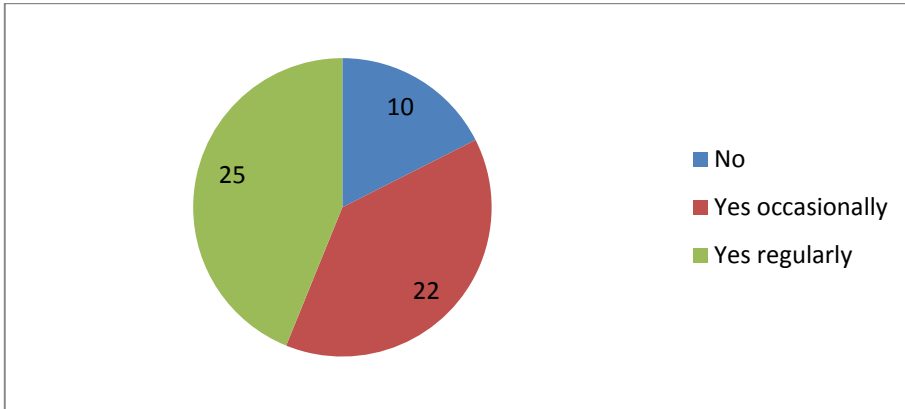


'Other' included:

- My children attend Fairlawn primary. we are crossing Forest hill road several times a day and coming from Honor Oak Rise
- I cross FH Rd regularly to travel to son's in Nunhead
- My children cross Forest Hill Road to get to school every day
- I use the Forest Hill Road Group Practice regularly
- Children attend St Francesca Cabrini Primary School
- irregular visitor and representative of a community organisation 20's Plenty for Us

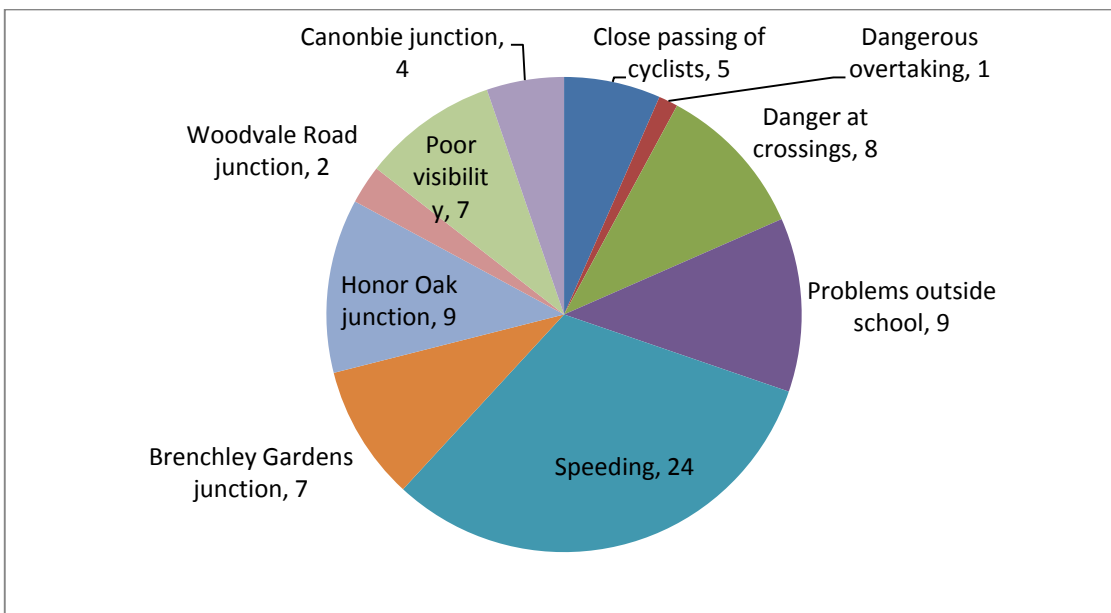
Question 2a: Have you observed any incidents or dangerous situations on Forest Hill Road? (e.g. accidents, near misses or examples of dangerous driving)

Incidents?	No. of respondents
Yes, occasionally	22
Yes, regularly	25
No	10



Question 2b: Please give details/examples

Analysis of the responses shows the following broad categories/locations of incidents:



2b: Please give examples of any incidents or dangerous situations on Forest Hill Road

Close passing of cyclists

- Close passes of cyclists, aggressive driving
- I have been close pass overtaken while riding my bicycle.
- Drivers close passing cyclists.
- I often cycle north on Forest Hill Road (which is downhill) and have been beeped at and aggressively driven at when taking primary position in order to turn right into Brenchley Gardens.

Dangerous overtaking

- Some amazingly dangerous overtaking by the bus stop and pedestrian crossing near Marmora Road

2b: Please give examples of any incidents or dangerous situations on Forest Hill Road

Danger at crossings

- Trying to cross the road near Francesca Cabrini is a nightmare. Cars won't stop, the crossings in the middle of the road are far too narrow for pedestrians, particularly if you have a pushchair and small children - widening these and adding a zebra crossing will be so helpful.
- Cars not stopping coming out of Honor Oak Road onto Forest Hill Road. If the new zebra crossing is built cars will just plough straight into children crossing.
- Regular near misses due to speeding and lack of observation and planning. Pedestrians at risk from speeding vehicles while trying to cross.
- Almost no car will ever stop to let us cross. Even when I hold the hand of my two small children and carry shopping. We rely on waiting for a gap in traffic during rush hour.
- All the crossing points should be zebra crossings in my view. Crossing points alone do nothing to encourage drivers to let pedestrians cross.
- Motor vehicles routinely turn into Blenchley Gardens downhill from FHR at speed with no regards for pedestrians crossing this junction. Vehicles also drive into this crossing at speed from Blenchley Gardens as there is merely a raised island for pedestrians to negotiate this busy junction.
- Without enough proper crossings it makes it very difficult for pedestrians to make their way along or across the road. I walk past Netherby Road twice a day on my way to Honor Oak Park Station and I have seen so many instances where children or parents with children are hastening across road, dodging the cars, particularly coming from or going to the P4 bus stop on the other side of Honor Oak Road. It is scary to watch and I feel sorry for the families that have to make that crossing every day.

Problems outside school

- The school start and finish times are a problem: pavement parking, double yellow line parking, double parking, u-turns in the road. This creates problems and impatience.
- Parents from primary school on Forest Hill road speeding and mounting pavements while school children walking to Fairlawn school.
- Near misses sometimes as a result of parents trying to drop off their children at school during school runs - who in turn are probably trying to dash to work (not missing their buses or trains or beat the traffic if driving...) and not just ensuring that their children get in school on time...
- Issues here are exacerbated by school drop-off. The lollipop lady for St. Francesca does a great job in a pretty dangerous environment.
- Parents/Carers parking on Forest Hill Road in dangerous places and shepherding children on the road into cars.
- Very many children along this road during the school run. In the morning this is also during rush hour - lots of car driving fast and there are cars that pull up and park along the pavement on Forest Hill Road to drop their children at St Francesca Cabrini Primary school. I have seen incidents where these cars parking have been close to hitting children walking to school.
- During school pick up the road is regularly parked up by parents. This is not a problem for me however there is again no consideration for parking rules e.g double lines or parking close to the corner of Honor Oak Rise on double lines.
- This is particularly bad at school times for Cabrini's, where it's difficult to cross and people park their cars illegally - this is a major issue as well and makes the whole situation worse.

Speeding

- Vehicles going over the 20 mph limit as they do throughout Forest Hill.
- Cars going too fast across the corner, people trying to cross the road from the back entrance of the station without clear visibility of cars around the curves while cars are speeding by.
- When I go to this area, I am struck by the speed of vehicles. The carriageway layout is clearly a legacy of an attempt from an earlier and different time to create very wide roads that would maximise vehicle capacity. Clearly if funds allowed, it would be appropriate to return the layout to single carriageway working potentially allowing segregated cycle lanes to be included.
- Traffic speeds tend to be excessive in the area between Blenchley Gardens and Wood Vale, but no traffic-calming measures are proposed here.

2b: Please give examples of any incidents or dangerous situations on Forest Hill Road

- The speeding up and down the street has never been managed, making life extremely dangerous for local residents as well as all the kids who go to either Francesca Cabrini or Fairlawn. This has been a long-time coming. It should have been done a lot sooner.
- Motor traffic consistently breaks the speed limit.
- Vehicles regularly travelling far above the 20mph speed limit in both directions.
- I very regularly see cars travelling well above the 20mph limit. On occasions when traffic is light (especially in the evenings or night time) cars and motorcycles can be seen travelling well above even 30mph. These are not isolated incidents but regular occurrences
- Cars frequently accelerate up the hill as they pass Brenchley Gardens, far exceeding 30 mph.
- Cars accelerating very fast up the hill, even undercutting / undertaking to get ahead
- Many cars speed down (and up) Forest Hill Road at all times of the day and this makes it very difficult to cross the road safely.
- Car driving up and down hill at speed near Francesca Cabrini school, endangering the crossing which is used by many children.

Brenchley Gardens junction

- Cars turning right into Brenchley Gardens tend to take chances, and pedestrians crossing the north side of the road are a some risk
- Cars frequently accelerate up the hill as they pass Brenchley Gardens, far exceeding 30 mph. Cars turn into Brenchley Gardens at high speed (almost without slowing) because of the wide nature of the junction.
- The junction with Brenchley Gardens is a tricky one for our children because the traffic is heavy in the mornings when they go to school and many cars swerve into Brenchley Gardens from Forest Hill Road as soon as there is a gap between cars, without due care of the children crossing.

Honor Oak junction

- Bad driving caused by confusion of road layout around junction with Honor Oak Road.
- The junction with Honor Oak Road is always a bit hairy both exiting from latter and rejoining from former.
- The main issues I have noticed is i) cars parked close to the junction with Honor Oak Road causing a dangerous obstacle for cars coming down the hill and ii) again at the junction of Honor Oak Road the changes that were made a few years ago for traffic turning right from Forest Hill Road on Honor Oak Park made it more dangerous for cyclists turning right who have less room to keep out of the way of cars/lorries as this is a difficult junction.
- The junction with Honor Oak Road is not well set out or controlled. Morning rush hour traffic doesn't flow well and relies solely on good will of drivers.
- Families having to cross by the petrol station on honor oak rise junction without a proper crossing and v difficult to see what the traffic light s are telling oncoming traffic
- Vehicles parking on Forest Hill Road, right up to the junction with Honor Oak Rise, making it impossible, when driving out of HOR, to see if any vehicles are approaching from the Brenchley Gardens side
- Also, exiting Honor Oak Rise onto Forest Hill Road by car is particularly difficult for these reasons.

Woodvale Road junction

- Accidents have occurred at the Forest Hill Road/Woodvale Road intersection.
- Left turn onto Woodvale from Forest Hill Road when lights are red

Poor visibility

- This a poor visibility area with high traffic volume so I have seen hear misses with people coming over the hill. This is not a speed issue
- Also parking on Forest Hill Road opposite Brenchley Gardens obscuring view bu crossing point.
- The view for all vehicles at the junction from Honor Oak Rise is consistently blocked by school run traffic at peak times and parked vehicles on Forest Hill Road at other times.
- the "planting" (weeds?) in the central reservation in the section up to Wood Vale make visibility poor all year but especially in summer. Many times we have almost collided with other vehicles when attempting to cross this junction in the car.
- Parking of a van on the crossing so impossible to see cars and despite me explaining this to the house holders who live there they insist on still parking on the crossing endangering lives.

2b: Please give examples of any incidents or dangerous situations on Forest Hill Road

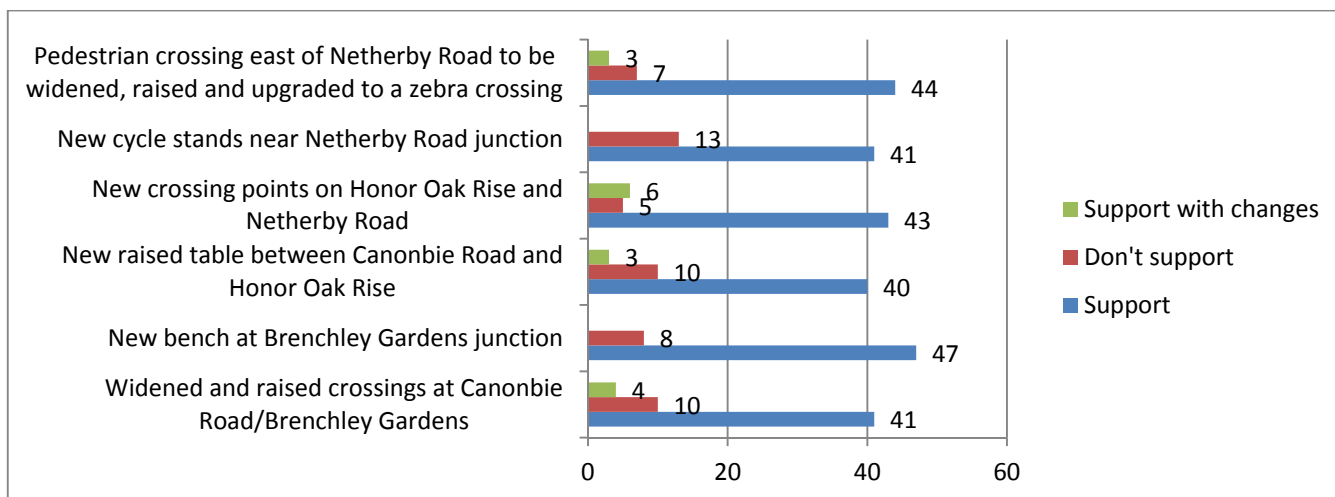
- visibility is limited due to vans parking near junctions.

Canonbie junction

- We live on Canonbie road and see many cars rat running from the other side of Forest Hill Road to the bottom (we believe the issue has been addressed to Lewisham Council). The junction of Canonbie road and Forest Hill Road gets congested at peak time in the morning and evening and cause traffic building up on Canonbie road. This may be helped by having pedestrian crossing on the section B in your plan as it will stop traffic on Forest Hill Road to let cars proceed out of Canonbie road.
- Car accidents junction of Canonbie road and forest hill road
- It is very difficult to cross FH Road from Canonbie into Brenchley Gardens (by car) and vice-versa. Although most people are sensible and give and take it is a confusing junction and traffic speeding down hill from Honor Oak Road junction do not help. I don't think it's just a speed problem though - the whole junction is difficult

Question 3: Do you support the changes we have proposed to bring down speeds on Forest Hill Road and improve the road for pedestrians and other road users?

Do you support the changes we have proposed to bring down speeds on Forest Hill Road and improve the road for pedestrians and other road users?	Support	Don't support	Support with changes
Widened and raised crossings at Canonbie Road/Brenchley Gardens	41	10	4
New bench at Brenchley Gardens junction	47	8	0
New raised table between Canonbie Road and Honor Oak Rise	40	10	3
New crossing points on Honor Oak Rise and Netherby Road	43	5	6
New cycle stands near Netherby Road junction	41	13	
Pedestrian crossing east of Netherby Road to be widened, raised and upgraded to a zebra crossing	44	7	3



Question 3b invited suggestions for any changes to the proposals. Comments here included:

Comments

- Provide a bus service to Honor Oak Park station (by extending the 63) and then people won't need to drive or walk this route. The public transport provision in the area is inadequate, fix that before you damage private transport provision.

- I support your attempts to make this area safer for pedestrians BUT NOT a zebra crossing at this point where traffic coming down the hill fast will simply plough into pedestrians. You have to sort out the

junction at the top of the hill first, ie the dangerous three way junction between FHR, Honor Oak Park and Honor Oak Road.

- Putting a raised crossing on Forest Hill outside the RC school will make cycling up this noticeable hill even harder and discourage people from cycling. It will make cyclists even slower and potentially increase their risks from impatient motor vehicle drivers.

- I would propose improved crossing safety at the Brenchley Gardens junction for pedestrians rather than a bench that would hold little appeal on such a busy road. At peak times it can be difficult to cross here with small children due to the volume of traffic turning in from Forest Hill Road from both directions. I would also propose safety improvements for cyclists rather than cycle stands (what is the evidence for demand at this location?) especially for cyclists turning right off Forest Hill Road.

- I support changes IF they do not make the road narrower as this will cause traffic jams and increased pollution, as well as delay bus routes even more.

- I don't understand what benefits a bench and cycle rack are thought to provide. Surely they will just reduce visibility - a very bad thing! I am not sure the use of (just) a zebra will make crossing safe for children - they can lead to confusion on all sides if children think they have priority and try to cross without being sure cars will stop. And cars thinking they don't need to stop if they consider it unnecessary or unsafe. (risk of children being run into and cars running into back of each other. a potential increase in accidents!) Why not traffic lights at Honor Oak Road/FH Road junction? There was a consultation about this many years ago but nothing happened! (This is a difficult area as it is used heavily by traffic E/W and N/S especially in rush hour.

- I support the crossing points however all crossing should be zebra crossings. I'm afraid drivers do not care about crossing points unless forced to stop and giving pedestrians right of way. In my view that is the only way to make walking on this road enjoyable and safe. I don't understand why there is a need for a cycle stand . I cannot see anybody using it. There are no shops or trains.

- The proposed raised tables and crossings will certainly slow the traffic down so long as they are of sufficient height and gradient as otherwise cars will still approach them at speed, especially cars that use this section of road regularly .

- I support all the proposed changes but feel they need to go further. A pedestrian / zebra crossing should be considered at the junction of Brenchley Gardens and Forest Hill Road. Speed cameras alongside Brenchley Gardens and outside the school along Peckham Rye are not in operation. I have observed vehicles travelling at well over the speed limit (on occasion at 40 MPH or more) and no flashes have been observed from the cameras. This is unacceptable. The School at the top of FHR should be approached to do more to encourage less school drops by motorised vehicles and especially help with the increased traffic / pollution in the area during school times. Cars using the side roads for this activity should be discouraged at peak times. Consider further traffic calming measures and perhaps restriction of HGVs using FHR.

- Throughout, as father of 2 small children I would like it to be made possible to walk to the horniman museum from the west and southwest without major risk crossing f h road and its junctions.

- This looks sufficient to address the specific problem in this location. The only thing to be suggested is to be less concerned about whether pedestrians use these tables as crossings and to feel comfortable designing them for pedestrian use. Formal crossings at regular and frequent intervals is entirely consistent with the aims of the Mayor's Transport Strategy and the concept of Healthy Streets. In Camden the raised crossings on Gray's Inn Road all have zebra crossings on them. On such a car-centric piece of road ensuring regular and safe pedestrian crossing should be included.

- Planting trees would be excellent to reduce the high levels of pollution

- No, this seems like a good set of solutions to us

- Please include zebra crossing on hengrave bus stop. This is a nightmare during school runs for parents / guardians / carers trying to drop off their child / children at st francesca primary school. Having a zebra crossing would be a big delight to us all. Moving vehicles just don't stop and you virtually often have to wait for none to be in sight (which is not often), thus causing risky actions by those wanting to get the

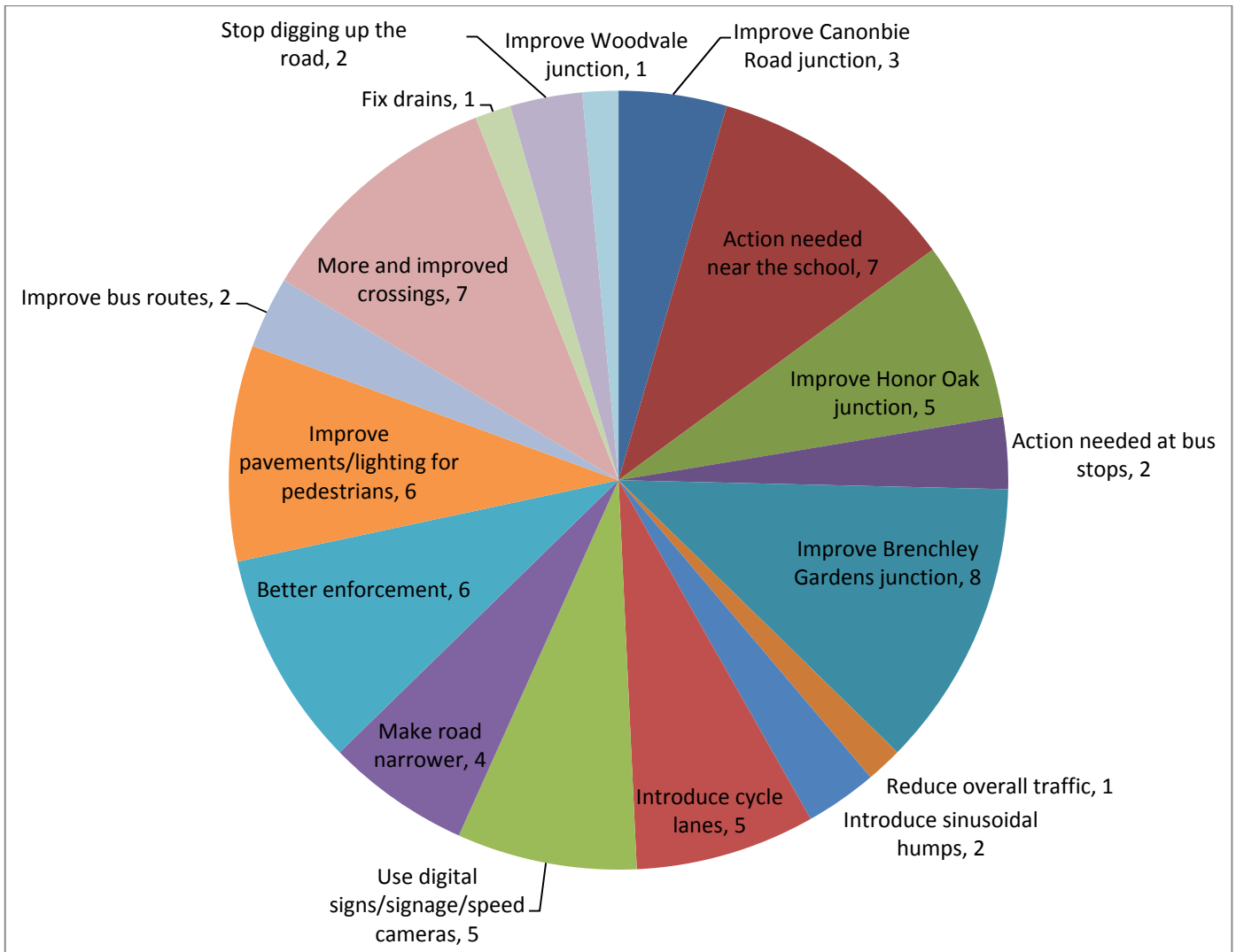
other sides of the road...

- I think we also need zebra crossings or a traffic light at the brenchley gardens crossing
- The road narrowing create pinch points that are dangerous for cyclists. There should be cycle bypasses to prevent such pinching and more effectively slow drivers.
- Changes are needed to prevent traffic bypassing this whole section of road and using Canonbie as a rat-run instead.
- Can we please have lights at the zebra crossings to really force the cars to slow down. Can we please have a total ban on cars parking outside the school along Forest Hill Road during the school runs and cameras to reinforce this
- There is a problem for cyclists with raised platforms to slow cars. This is a steep hill for cyclists and putting humps in the way is even more discouraging. There needs to be some consideration given to cyclists travelling south east - up the hill.

To summarise, the main additional proposals/changes that were raised by two or more respondents:-

- A pedestrian crossing at the Brenchley Gardens junction
- Upgrade zebra crossings to traffic lights – particularly at Honor Oak junction
- Querying need for the cycle rack and bench, as this is not a location where people are likely to stop
- Safety improvements such as a cycle bypass for cyclists particularly at pinchpoints.

Question 4: Do you have any further suggestions for improving Forest Hill Road to make it healthier and safer for all road users?



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<p>Improve Canonbie Road junction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Impose a road block at the junction between Canonbie and Honor Oak Road. • I would also recommend that at the junctions with Brenchley Gardens and Canonbie Road the rounding of the footway is removed, so that cars have to slow down and make a 90 degree turn to enter these side roads. This will slow traffic, and mean that pedestrians have to cross a small width. You could also consider installing continuous foot-ways across these junctions. • These improvements need to be considered in relation to the rat running on Canonbie Road and Netherby Road, which is becoming another serious issue. 	<p>The Highway Authority for both Canonbie, Netherby Road and Honor Oak Roads is the borough of Lewisham. All comments relating to issues within their area of management have been passed on for their consideration. Our short term priority is to ensure speeds on Forest Hill are reduced.</p> <p>Junction arrangements on Canonbie are considered sufficient, considering the proposed raised table on Forest Hill Road will create the primary cause for vehicle reduction.</p>
<p>Action needed near the school</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • quite simply impose no stopping by parents dropping off/picking up children from outside St. Francesca Cabrini primary school. Currently even with the work done by the school to persuade 	<p>We will take these comments on-board and we will work with the school to enhance safety around the school during pick-up and drop-off.</p>

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<p>parents not to do so, some still blatantly ignore this and continue to park opposite the school making FHR more dangerous.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parking around the school is madness at start and finish times and with deliveries. There should be some firm management of school traffic and some arrangement for deliveries. • Ban parents/Carers from parking within 200yards of the school. 	
<p>Improve Honor Oak junction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Top of the hill with the junction of Honor Oak Road. Cars turning right across each other, cars swinging left into Honor Oak Road make it dangerous for non car users travelling in both directions. Car swinging left into Honor Oak Park too fast makes crossing the road dangerous and there ought to be a further pedestrian crossing by the top of Hengrave Road. • the junctions need to be made safer, particularly Honor Oak Rise/Forest Hill Road, and Forest Hill Road/Brenchley Gardens • Pulling out from Honor Oak rise onto Forest Hill Road is always hazardous as you cannot see what is coming up the hill from the right due to parked cars, vans make it particularly difficult. One has to resort to counting and identifying vehicles which one can see passing the end of Brenchley Gardens and memorising where a gap in traffic will occur in order to pull out. Extending double yellow lines down the hill from Honor Oak Rise would improve visibility. 	<p>The Highway Authority for Honor Oak Road and its junction is the borough of Lewisham. All comments relating to issues within their area of management have been passed on for their consideration.</p>
<p>Action needed at bus stops</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The bus stops, and people turning right into Marmora Road leads to impatience. Turning the Pelican crossing into a zebra crossing should lead to cars travelling more slowly at that point. • Improved area for buses traveling south and terminating at Forest Hill Tavern stop. Traffic often gets stuck in that area due to the narrow road and limited area for buses to stop, leading to frustration for other road users and flared tempers contributing to bad decision making by vehicle users and cyclists alike. 	<p>Marmora Road and Forest Hill Tavern stop are both outside the scope of this project. Southwark will investigate this further, separate to this scheme.</p>
<p>Improve Brenchley Gardens junction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The junction at Brenchley Gardens is maniacal at times, which would be better controlled by lights, but these would be too near the junction of Wood Vale. Another pedestrian crossing at the end of Brenchley Gardens would have a slowing effect on cars. • Also the junction of Forest Hill with Brenchley Gardens is has a splay encouraging speeding both into and out of Brenchley Gardens. • Note that at the moment the most dangerous place to cross as a pedestrian is Southbound over Brenchley Gardens where it meets Forest Hill Road (where the new bench is marked). Vehicles can come from three locations, which can't all be monitored at once, and the vehicles coming from behind you tend to speed round the corner. • Cars turning into Brenchley Gardens from Forest Hill Road and travelling in a north easterly direction often accelerate excessively and speed along Brenchley Gardens reaching speeds far higher than those witnessed on Forest Hill Road. Some traffic calming 	<p>Brenchley Gardens is currently on the list of 20mph review schemes to be investigated. Any improvements to this junction, and along the length of Brenchly Gardens, will be considered as part of this future scheme.</p> <p>Note: The Brenchley Gardens junction will require a wider than normal splay to accommodate the entering and exiting of busses.</p>

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<p>measures are certainly needed along this initial stretch of the road to prevent cars using this as a race track (most notably at night). As you travel further along Brenchley Gardens the road is rather undulating (presumably due to large tree roots) so has the effect of reducing the speed of drivers and then the 20mph speed camera but this first section of the road is where drivers gain the speed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cars turn into Brenchley Gardens at high speed (almost without slowing) because of the wide nature of the junction. We have been extremely concerned over many years about our children having to cross these busy roads on the way to school and negotiate the fast moving traffic. We strongly support all the proposed speed reduction measures. Our top priority would be to slow down the speed at which cars turn into Brenchley Gardens in order to make this crossing safer for children in particular. 	
<p>Reduce overall traffic</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traffic volumes need to be reduced as part of an area wide modal filtering plan. 	<p>There are currently on plans to consider volume reduction.</p>
<p>Introduce sinusoidal humps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There should be sinusoidal humps. • Speed bumps that go all the way through the road not just those little islands which you can simply drive through. 	<p>Speed reduction measures we are proposing will extend the entire length of the road width.</p> <p>Sinusoidal humps will not be considered as they detrimentally impact the conform of bus passengers, and are not supported by TfL.</p>
<p>Introduce cycle lanes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There should be mandatory cycle lanes both ways with the centre line removed. This would make cycling more attractive and reduce motor vehicle speeds. • A protected cycle lane using wands in combination with repainting the car lanes would probably be the cheapest option. • Cyclists require segregated cycle lanes or shared path usage. Pinch points and traffic islands along Brenchley can bring motorists to make close passes on cyclists by road design. • A suggestion may be to improve for cyclists the junction between Forest Hill Road and Wood Vale, especially for those travelling northbound. To continue straight on it feels safer on a bicycle to stay in the bus lane even though technically this is for busses wishing to make a U-turn, so is not always practical. For cyclists continuing north, or turning right on to Wood Vale, it requires moving across in front of cars and potentially waiting in the ASL - this can be intimidating as cyclists are generally moving at a slower speed than cars (it's quite a hard hill to cycle up!), and then starting uphill from stationary is not always easy and can be intimidating to do when conscious of cars waiting behind. Could an early green phase for cyclists be introduced? Incorporate a cycle lane on the left for cyclists continuing north through the junction? 	<p>Currently there are no plans to consider the introduction of cycle lanes within this length of Forest Hill Road. The current road width cannot accommodate the introduction of a cycle lane, and would require the removal of a significant amount of parking and improvements to the Honor Oak Road junction (managed by Lewisham).</p> <p>The junction of WoodVale and Forest Hill Road is outside the scope of this scheme.</p>

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Use digital signs/signage/speed cameras

- Rather than cause huge disruption with significant construction works perhaps other calming measures could be trialled, such as digital signs requested drivers to slow down.
- I don't favour humps - those who are speeding probably ignore anyway! Get rid of those weeds in the central reservation! What a bad idea they were! I prefer the speed indicators - a sign showing you are actually doing 29mph can bring you up short (but again, maybe the deliberate speeders don't care?).
- I would like to see speed enforcement cameras employed to both deter and catch vehicles travelling at over 20mph on Forest Hill Road. In addition increased signage that this is a 20mph zone might be useful, along with any live notices displaying motorist's speeds or asking for motorists to reduce their speed.
- At the top of Forest Hill Road, where it bends sharply, vehicles frequently cut the corner coming very close to cars trying to turn right into Honor Oak Road. The markings on the road are worn so that on coming traffic acts aggressively towards vehicles coming up F. H. Road to turn right not realising that they are in the "box" for right turning vehicles. Maybe clearer road markings would help.

Due to cost considerations, and Forest Hill Road not meeting the current criteria for average and fixed speed camera installation, as set out by the Metropolitan Police, speed cameras will not be considered as part of this scheme. Post monitoring will be undertaken after 6 months from scheme implementation to assess the impact of the proposed measure on the effectiveness in reducing speeds.

The use of digital signs and speed cameras are not currently being considered as part of the scheme. After-monitoring of speeds post-implementation will be undertaken. If it is found that speeds have not been significantly reduced we will be considering measures such as these, if they would be found to be beneficial and meet the guidelines for implementing

Make road narrower

- For much of the consultation area, the road is wide enough for 4 or more lanes of traffic; this will always encourage speed. Much better to narrow the road to just two 2.5m lanes throughout the consultation area. The space saved can be used to increase pavement space, install a pocket park / play area, plant trees, and/or provide a protected cycle lane.
- Baffled why the dual carriage way section is not being removed and made single carriage ways with extension of Brenchley Gardens? This would significantly slow people down as it currently encourages speeding.
- More generally and in the longer term, it is to be hoped that Southwark would aim to remove this dual carriageway approach in this area that is out of keeping with the single carriageway roads that sit immediately to the north and south on Forest Hill Road. The space liberated could be used for greening and planting (a linear park?) the creation of wider pavements and segregated cycle lanes.

The current budget allocation does not allow for improvements remove the dual carriageway and narrow the carriageway along significant lengths of Forest Hill Road, therefore these measures were not considered.

Better enforcement

- Enforce the 20mph speed limit.
- The 20 mph limit is not respected on this road or many others in the area. Until the speed limit is enforced, speeding will continue whatever the measures. If speeding on Forest Hill Road is such an issue, i don't understand why low enforcement cannot take place. The proposals to try to address the speeding issue seem implicitly to accept that the law is being broken on the road. I am interested to know why it is considered inappropriate to take measures to enforce the law.
- I think the way forward will have to be 20 miles per hour and

Southwark are continually working with the police to provide better enforcement on roads within the borough. This will continue into the future to ensure speeds within the borough are reduced.

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<p>much more controlled crossing and parking where at all possible. Negligent parking causes issues without exception so should be made much more difficult to do so.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It would be helpful if it were made clearer to all, whether the 20mph speed limit is legally enforceable, and if so, what are the penalties for breaking it. I feel that some people break this limit because they don't take it seriously, and don't think breaking it will have any consequences (as opposed to some who just insist on driving fast). 	
<p>Improve pavements/lighting for pedestrians</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lighting for pedestrians needs improving all the way to the top of the hill. • More fencing at places where the walkways are very slim. It feels unsafe to walk around the junction in front of Francesca Cabrini School. I think a visual appealing road that looks more pedestrian will naturally slow down traffic. More distance between traffic and pedestrians. Make it more of a residential road flower pods around crossings for instance. (This could be a community project kept up by residence for instance). Maybe a farmers market on weekends somewhere. On Netherby Road? • Yes, plant more trees to engage the road, but also to help with pollution levels. There's fantastic space in front of coop which is ideal for a more community space feel with planting etc 	<p>Lighting improvements will be considered within the next design phase.</p> <p>Pedestrian guard railings are no longer being considered for implementation on footways within Southwark.</p> <p>Where space allows, additional planting will be introduced. This will be considered within the next design phase.</p>
<p>Improve bus routes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A bus that runs all the way up Forest Hill Road and into Honor Oak Park would A) slow traffic, B) make it safer for pedestrians who no long have to walk alongside traffic, C) link the Forest Hill Road community to Honor Oak Park station, negating their need to drive cars over the hill and park them on the residential streets by the station. • Provide a bus service to Honor Oak Park station (by extending the 63) and then people won't need to drive or walk this route. The public transport provision in the area is inadequate, fix that before you damage private transport provision. 	<p>Improvements to bus routes are the responsibility of TfL. These comments have been passed on to them for consideration.</p>
<p>More and improved crossings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More zebra crossings. Drivers are selfish and rarely stop for pedestrians to cross unless at traffic lights. • Stopping traffic for pedestrians so they are able to cross the Road is hugely important. Calming measures will not be enough. Pedestrians need physical assistance and barriers to motor traffic IE a lollipop lady / traffic lights / pedestrian crossings / enforcement. • I regularly have a stressful time when getting off the P12 bus, at the stop near Netherby Road, trying to cross Forest Hill Road, to get to Honor Oak Rise, due to the volume of traffic. The same applies when I need to cross from near St Francesca Cabrini School, to get to the P12/P4 bus stop opposite St Augustine's Church, near Hengrave Road. Crossings at these locations would greatly assist safety. • the number of crossings should increase, particularly around the 	<p>Where appropriate we have introduced zebra crossings. In the future, if additional crossings are required, the proposed raised tables can be retrofitted to accommodate the introduction of a new crossing.</p> <p>The introduction of a zebra crossing on Honor Oak Park will need to be considered by the relevant Highway Authority. In this case it is Lewisham and these comments have been passed on to them.</p>

4. Do you have any further suggestions for improving Forest Hill Road to make it healthier and safer for all road users??	
<p>P4 bus stop near Netherby Road/Forest Hill Road junction, and the crossing at the top of Forest Hill Road could be much improved and made safer, particularly the one right by the school.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More zebra crossings for children. • Please include zebra crossing on hengrave bus stop. This is a nightmare during school runs for parents / guardians / carers trying to drop off their child / children at st francesca primary school. Having a zebra crossing would be a big delight to us all. Moving vehicles just don't stop and you virtually often have to wait for none to be in sight (which is not often), thus causing risky actions by those wanting to get the other sides of the road... 	
<p>Fix drains</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • During heavy rain the drains at Forest Hill Road/Woodvale Road intersection become clogged and make it difficult for pedestrians to cross. Usually get splashed by turning cars. 	<p>This issue has been passed on to our maintenance team for further investigation.</p>
<p>Stop digging up the road</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This just sounds like a hair brain scheme to reduce speed despite the junction not meeting criteria for speed cameras (ie it is safe). 20mph is a very slow speed fire a fairly major road in the area, increase the speed limit to 30! The 'problem' magically goes away 	<p>Recent studies have identified that when speeds regularly exceed 20mph the risk of accidents, as well as the risk that, when accidents occur, increases and injuries may be more serious or even fatal. Southwark is committed to reducing speeds on our roads and making these roads safe for all road users.</p>
<p>Improve Woodvale junction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A suggestion may be to improve for cyclists the junction between Forest Hill Road and Wood Vale, especially for those travelling northbound. To continue straight on it feels safer on a bicycle to stay in the bus lane even though technically this is for busses wishing to make a U-turn, so is not always practical. For cyclists continuing north, or turning right on to Wood Vale, it requires moving across in front of cars and potentially waiting in the ASL - this can be intimidating as cyclists are generally moving at a slower speed than cars (it's quite a hard hill to cycle up!), and then starting uphill from stationary is not always easy and can be intimidating to do when conscious of cars waiting behind. Could an early green phase for cyclists be introduced? Incorporate a cycle lane on the left for cyclists continuing north through the junction? 	<p>The Wood Vale junction outside the scope of this project. Southwark will investigate this further, separate to this scheme.</p>

Question 5: In relation to Forest Hill Road, what forms of transport do you regularly use? (respondents could select more than one answer)

Transport type	No. of respondents
Walking	51
Walking with pushchair/buggy	12

Wheelchair	0
Bicycle	29
Public transport	33
Motorcycle/scooter	0
Car	39

Additional comments received by email

1. I have the following comments and additional suggestions:
 - I agree that there is a high degree of speeding going up the hill on Forest Hill Road and that vehicles also speed coming up and over One Tree Hill from Honor Oak Park on the Lewisham side. I do the drive in both directions most days and there is a serious accident waiting to happen, particularly because many of those speeding are in fact big lorries and industrial vehicles.
 - I am not currently convinced that the speed bumps coming up One Tree Hill from Honor Oak Park do that much to slow the traffic and I would suggest that more might need to be done than speed bumps on the Forest Hill Road side.
 - In addition to the speeding traffic, there are significant issues with people (mostly parents of St Francesca Cabrini school children and builders) parking on the yellow lines at the bottom of Honor Oak Rise and on Forest Hill Road. This can make it very dangerous for residents on Honor Oak Rise trying to get out onto Forest Hill Road as there is no clear line of sight to oncoming traffic and, as you have identified, vehicles are often coming up the road at a very high speed. It would be good to address this issue at the same time as the other issues you are dealing with. Perhaps coordination with the school and the regular presence of a warden during school drop off and pick off hours?
 - I'm not sure that it is safe to put a pedestrian crossing at the place where the lollipop lady for Cabrini's school usually stands. I'm not sure that cars will slow down enough coming round the bend at the top. I think it might be better to have proper traffic lights and perhaps put them a bit further down the hill - e.g. closer to Honor Oak Rise and then put a yellow box outside the Honor Oak Rise exit?
 - The turning onto Honor Oak Road is also unsafe at present due to the speeds of the cars coming round the bend from Honor Oak Park.
 - In any event, the plans are most welcome.

2. My wife and I are very supportive of the plans outlined. We have two young children who regularly walk to school or the station, and we are concerned that drivers tend to speed on this road. Our only suggestion is that you please consider extending your plan into Brenchley Gardens. Some drivers accelerate massively just after turning into Brenchley Gardens from Forest Hill Rd, seeming to treat the long stretch of road free of lights, speed bumps or cameras as an invitation to race. There are residents along the SW end of Brenchley Rd as far as our road, Buckstone Close, and it would be great if your scheme could extend to consider our safety as well. In particular, it would be great to have a safer crossing to get to the entrance to the Brenchley Gardens park than the traffic island just NE of Buckstone Close that we currently use. Perhaps a speed camera could be installed there (to complement the one at the other end of the park by the junction with Kelvington Rd, where Brenchley Gardens next becomes residential)?

Level of Consensus

There was a very high level of consensus in agreement with all of the proposed changes. Where respondents indicated that they supported the proposals but with changes, most of the proposed changes involved additional or more robust crossing features.

Recommendations

The Highways team is recommended to proceed with the proposed street improvements to reduce speeds on Forest Hill Road.

It is recommended to consider the additional comments received, and evaluate whether there are cost-effective features that could improve the scheme and provide additional benefits. In particular:-

- Additional changes that can make crossing the road safer at the Brenchley Gardens junction
- Changes to improve the crossings and encourage motor vehicle compliance at the Honor Oak end of the road
- Review parking control and enforcement around St Francesca Cabrini Primary School

APPENDIX A: Letter sent to residents

Dear Resident,

Forest Hill Road speed reduction

Southwark became a 20mph borough in March 2015. However, we have identified a number of sites where speeds regularly exceed 20mph, sometimes by a significant amount. This can increase the risk of accidents, as well as the risk that, when accidents occur, injuries may be more serious or even fatal.

We have conducted a detailed review of the sites where traffic most regularly exceeds the 20mph limit, and we have identified measures to encourage reduced vehicle speeds and keep them to the posted limit.

Average speeds more than 6mph above the limit, with many vehicles regularly exceeding 31mph, were observed in traffic heading northbound on Forest Hill Road, particularly around the junction with Canonbie Road. We have a duty to make any adjustments necessary to ensure that the law is being upheld, and to look after the safety of residents.

Forest Hill Road is a boundary road between Southwark and Lewisham. Southwark is the highway authority responsible for the management of this road. Plans for Forest Hill Road include:

- Crossings on either side of the Brenchley Gardens/Canonbie Road junction to be widened and raised, providing a vertical deflection that will encourage drivers to slow down.
- Proposed bench for seating at the corner of Brenchley Gardens.
- New raised table between Canonbie Road and Honor Oak Rise for vertical deflection to slow traffic.
- Crossing points at Honor Oak Rise and Netherby Road junctions for easier movement by pedestrians.
- New cycle stands near to Netherby Road junction.
- Pedestrian crossing east of Netherby Road to be widened, raised and upgraded to a zebra crossing to provide a safer crossing for schoolchildren.

We have drawn up these plans in consultation with our partners in Lewisham Council. Together, we think these works will successfully reduce speeds on Forest Hill Road and provide a much better and safer experience for pedestrians and other road users. However, we would appreciate your views on these plans, and whether there are any additional approaches we could take.

Please see details and provide feedback using our online form at southwark.gov.uk/foresthillroad20

Survey closes: **10th December 2018**

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