Dear Sir or Madam

MEAD PRIMARY SCHOOL – PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS

Mead Primary School has achieved Gold level accreditation from Transport for London (TfL) through their STARS (Sustainable Travel: Active, Responsible, and Safe) School Travel Plan Accreditation Programme. The scheme recognises and rewards schools engaged in promoting safe, active, and sustainable travel, and delivering positive changes in behaviour. The school and the council recognise that some do need to drive to school, however as much is done as possible to encourage parents to ‘park and stride’ a safe distance from the school.

From September 2019, it will expand to a 4 form entry school and the nursery will increase to accommodate 60 places. With this imminent expansion, the current situation of parking and manoeuvring near the school entrances is not considered to be sustainable.

We have worked with the school and ward councillors to determine where best to make improvements. The school requested that we improve the quality of the footway surface and so we are reconstructing footway in Amersham Road from Petersfield Avenue to Amersham Drive. This work is due to commence on Monday 4th March 2019 but this date will depend on how weather affects our contractor’s current works programme.

Should you like to have a new or widened vehicle crossover, and your property frontage is within our works, then we can offer you the discounted rate of £90 per square metre. Please notify me in writing or email to the addresses at the top of this letter. Payment will be required before work outside your property commences.

We are also considering other works to manage school traffic and making it easier to walk around the school. This is currently at an informal stage and we are seeking your views on the following:

1. Making Amersham Road a one-way street, starting at the junction with Harlesden Road/Amersham Walk northbound to Petersfield Avenue.
This will prevent vehicles entering and exiting from the same junction and prevent hazardous turning manoeuvres within the road. Two-way access will be maintained for people cycling.

2. Building out the footway at various points along Amersham Road: south of junction with Petersfield Avenue; either side of school main gates; outside no. 133; opposite junction with Amersham Drive and west of Amersham Walk. The resulting road width will be 4.5m (this width could be reduced further if deemed necessary to enforce the one-way).
   This gives pedestrians more footway space at points where they congregate and cross.

3. Reinstating grass verges at the Amersham Road junction with Amersham Drive.
   This will prevent vehicles being parked on an area of footway and will provide a more pleasant green feature. It will also be safer for pedestrians travelling from Gooshays Drive.

4. Extending the footway across Amersham Road at its junction with Petersfield Avenue.
   This will give pedestrians right of way when crossing Amersham Road.

The proposals are shown on the two attached reduced scale drawings, numbers QQ045/02.A and QQ045/03.A.

Before a decision is made on whether to amend these proposals or take them to formal consultation, you have the opportunity to comment, which should be in writing or email to the addresses at the top of this letter.

Plans showing the proposals are available to view on the Council’s web site, a link of which is shown; https://www.havering.gov.uk/Consultations

Comments should reach us by **Friday 1st March 2019**. Please note that all comments we receive are open to public inspection.

If you have any questions, please contact our project engineer, Mrs Nicola Childs on 01708 433103. Further details about the planned work and the formal consultation will follow in due course.

Yours faithfully

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