Waltham Forest 20mph Zones We need your views!

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Introduction

Waltham Forest Council is consulting people in the area north of the A406 North Circular Road on the introduction of a 20mph speed limit and speed-reducing measures in all residential streets to improve safety for all road users.

These proposals are central to the Council's ambition to introduce 20mph zones in all residential areas across the borough, and support the London Mayor's "Safe Streets for London" strategy, the Council's "20 / 20 Vision for Cycling" and the GLA funded "Mini Holland" Programme.

In addition to the road safety and casualty reduction improvements, these measures will also promote the residential nature of these streets, encouraging more sustainable transport methods like cycling and walking with the associated environmental and social benefits.

Why is the Council proposing 20mph limits?

The London Mayor has set a new target to halve those killed or seriously injured ('KSI') in road collisions on London's roads by 2020 (compared with 2009 figures). Road safety statistics for Waltham Forest show a reduction in 'KSI's since 2005, however in the last three years in Waltham Forest there were still 174 collisions involving death or serious injuries and 1,743 collisions involving slight injuries.

Research has shown that with a 30–35mph impact speed, a pedestrian's survival rate is only 50%, whereas at 20mph it is 95%. 20mph zones in London have produced a 53% reduction in KSI casualties, with the greatest reduction being amongst children and car occupants.

The 20mph scheme is planned to take place over a few years owing to its size and the first zones south of the A406 NCR have already been completed. Previous consultations undertaken on the introduction of 20mph zones within these areas have shown an average public support level of almost 80%.

What is being proposed on your street?

The Council is now consulting people in the areas between the A406 North Circular Road and Hall Lane / New Road / Chingford Lane, but these and other main roads will not be changed to 20mph. Subject to the results of this consultation, the associated works will be completed during this financial year (2015/16). The costs of this consultation and the proposed speed reducing measures are being paid for by the London Mayor / Transport for London (TfL).

In order to make the new 20 mph speed limits 'self-enforcing', the Council is proposing to install a combination of physical traffic calming measures and road signage and markings. These measures include road humps which extend across the whole road, smaller 'speed-cushions', 20mph roundel markings on the road and signs to advise drivers of the speed limits. The humps and 'speed-cushions' will be cycle-friendly and would cause minimal discomfort to drivers and passengers alike when vehicles travel over them at the appropriate speed.

The proposed 20mph measures are based upon analysis of recent accident and collision data and traffic speed surveys which have already been carried out this year. **Please see the proposals shown on the plans in this leaflet.**

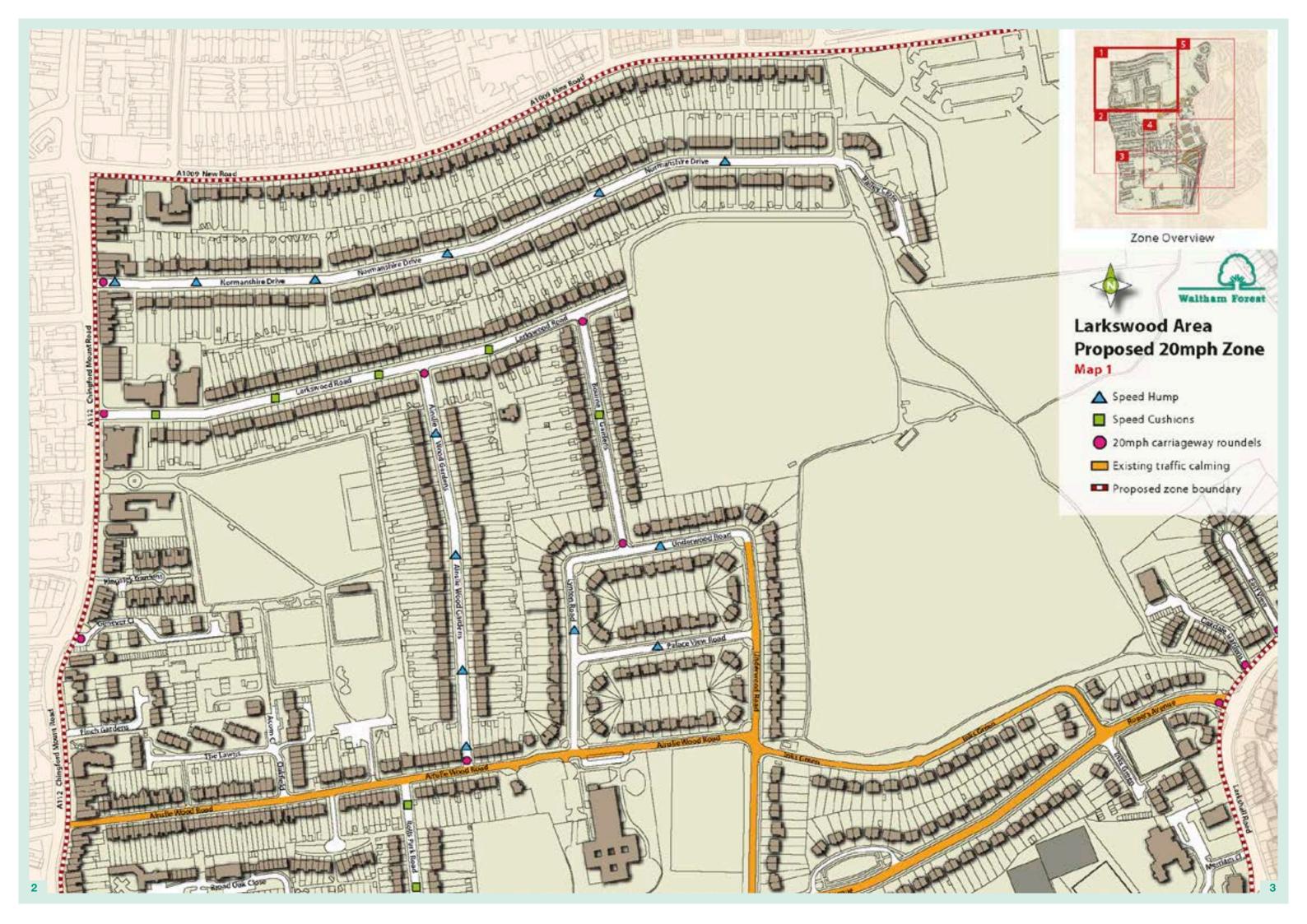
We need your views!

To express your views on the proposals, please take time to read and complete the attached questionnaire and return it to the Council by detaching, folding, sticking and posting by **Monday 12th October 2015**. Owing to the expected large public response it will not be possible to provide individual replies to any responses received.

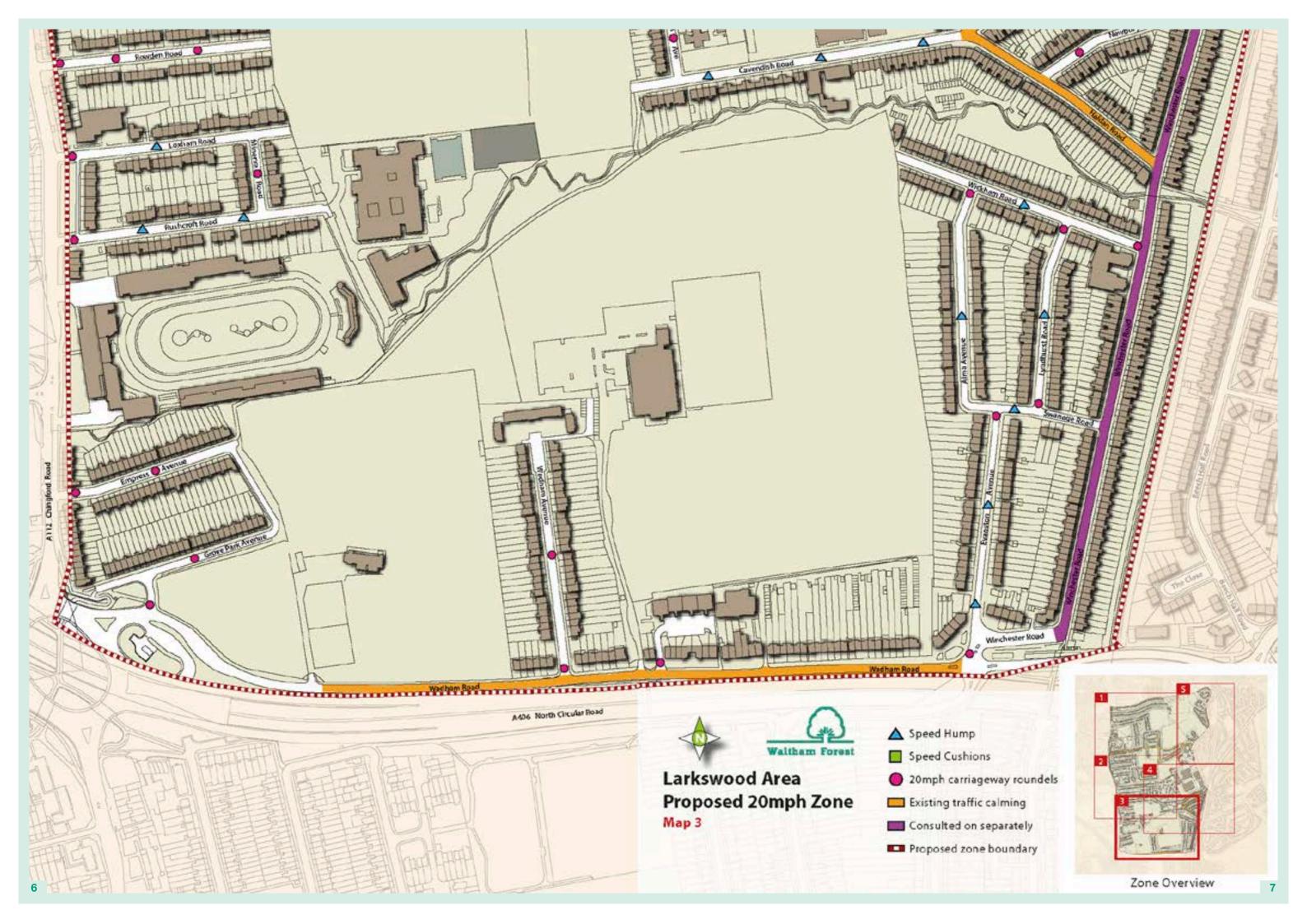
What happens next?

The Council will write to you again when the consultation responses have been analysed and the Council has decided how to proceed with the 20mph proposals. This is likely to be in November 2015.

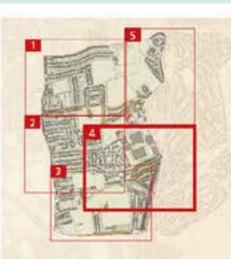










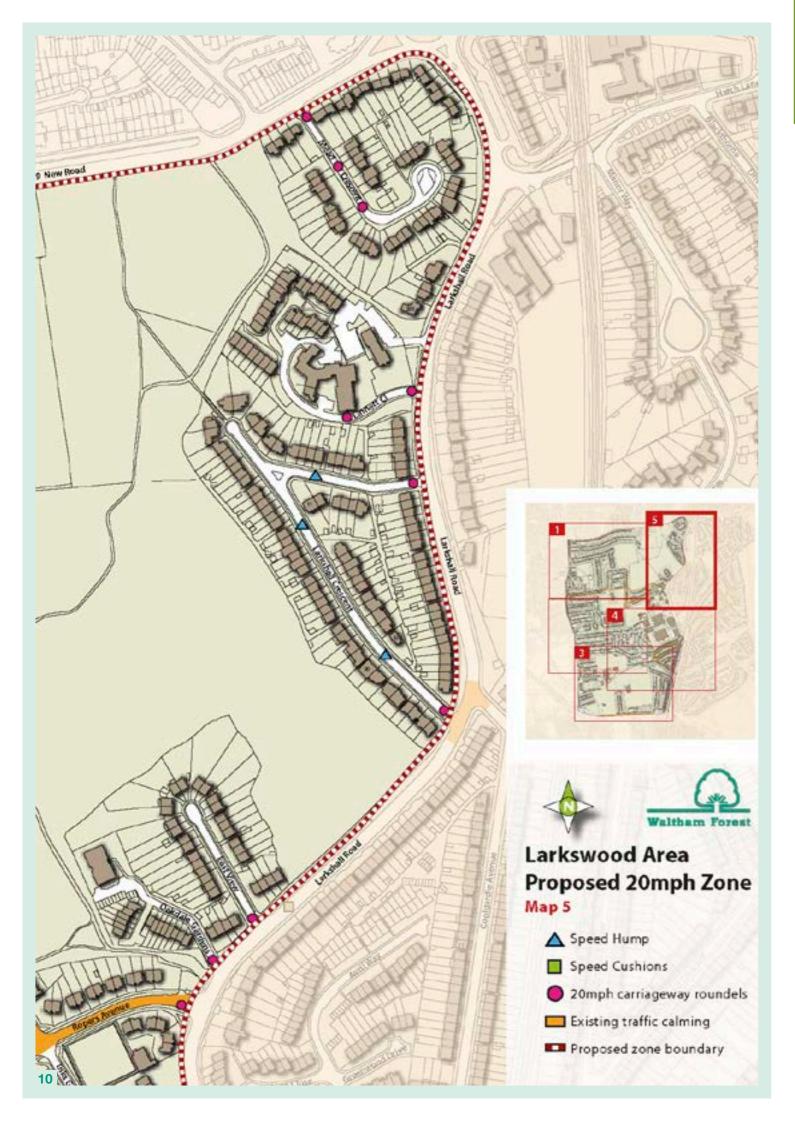


Zone Overview



Larkswood Area Proposed 20mph Zone Map 4

- ▲ Speed Hump
- Speed Cushions
- O 20mph carriageway roundels
- Existing traffic calming
- Consulted on separately
- Proposed zone boundary



Consultation Questionnaire – 20mph Zones Larkswood Area

We need your views!

Please read through the leaflet and look at the plans showing the 20mph proposals and how these will affect you.

Complete the questionnaire and then detach, fold, stick and post it back to the Council by Monday 12th October 2015.

- Name: **Address: Post Code:** E-mail (optional): **1.** Residents or Business Are you? Fold A Resident A Business 2. Do you support the introduction of the 20mph zone and measures as described and shown in the leaflet? Yes No
 - 3. Any comments that you wish to make?

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