

Manor Lane Streetscape Improvements LBL Consultation. 28/10/16

Lewisham Cyclists (LC) response.

We are broadly supportive of these proposals and their aim to 'Make the street more pedestrian friendly and encourage sustainable travel modes'.

However we do not feel that the proposals go far enough as they don't in any way address the reduction of traffic flows through this predominantly residential area by e.g. implementing further 'filtering' of through traffic.

We are also concerned that the removal of the speed humps and replacement of them with just three speed tables may actually lead to higher vehicle speeds. The distance between the Fernbrook Road speed table and the Manor Park one is greater than 200m. Between Manor Park Gardens and Manor Park is also around 150m. These are long sections of road to not have any speed suppression (currently there are full width speed humps throughout) so we would argue that some additional intermediate smaller tables with informal pedestrian crossing facilities (aligned with pedestrian desire lines e.g. related to local schools) are needed.

Finally there is no explicit mention of cycle parking. We would hope that sufficient cycle parking e.g. Sheffield hoops, would be provided particularly outside the shops in Manor Lane and the Manor Park entrance, but also at a number of other locations for general visitors to the area. Also with a major street and footway redesign this would be a good opportunity to offer local people the option of secure on-street bike storage like the 'Lambeth Bikehanger'.

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