



**SOUTH
LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE
MEETING –07 MARCH 2024
WRITTEN ANSWERS PROVIDED TO PUBLIC
QUESTIONS**



1.	Public question from Alun Watkins
	<p>Question:</p> <p><i>“A friend on our street has recently shared you contact details as a point of contact for someone who may be able to assist our campaign to lower the speed limit on our street to 20 MPH. I live on Barkers Road, Nether Edge. We are a straight road that leads onto Lyndhurst Road. Traffic comes through Nether Edge and up the hill and mainly continue along Machon Bank to Osborne road. However, some cars proceed along Barkers Road and as this is the first 'straight' road for a while many do exceed the speed limit (currently at 30 MPH). Some cars must be doing anywhere between 40 - 60 MPH which is a huge concern. The road has many parked cars along both sides and my fear is that this is as accident waiting to happen. There are many children of school age that live on the road and it would only take one to step out between cars at the wrong time.</i></p> <p><i>Union Road, which has a junction at the top of Barkers Road has a 20 MPH speed limit, as does Brincliffe Edge Road not too far away. We wondered if this could be expanded to Barkers Road to help slow the traffic.</i></p> <p><i>We hope to have some representation at the LAC meeting this evening, but also looking to raise this issue as widely as possible.”</i></p>
	<p>Response:</p> <p>Good afternoon Alun,</p> <p>Thank you for sharing your question</p> <p>Please see the below information that was shared from the transport committee</p> <p>Thank you for your question, Barkers Road is proposed to be included in the “Brincliffe” signed only 20mph scheme that is currently in design.</p> <p>We are hoping to consult on this scheme in the Spring and all residents will receive a letter and plan inviting them to comment on the proposals at that time. The timescales for when this scheme can be implemented on site depends on the outcome of the consultation. Any objections to the scheme will need to be reported to the Transport, Regeneration and Climate Policy Committee for a decision to be made about whether the scheme can proceed.</p> <p>Any speeding can be reported to South Yorkshire Police on their non-emergency 101 number, or online at https://smartcontact.southyorkshire.police.uk/advice/driving-complaint/</p> <p>We have no further road safety engineering measures planned for this stretch of road at the moment. We analyse all the collision data we receive from our</p>

partners and using that data we take a worst first approach to prioritise our budget on Local Safety schemes in those locations that have a history of previous collisions. Although we cannot know where the next collision may occur, it is more likely to happen at a location having a collision history than one with few or none.

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In addition, the sharrow and Nether Edge Ward Councillors are planning to organise a site visit to see if anything else could be put in place to improve community safety. I will be in touch regarding the date. as it would be great if you could attend.

Many thanks,
Adeola

South LAC Team

2. Public question from: Lucy Ruck

Question:

“I live on Barkers Road and just at the top there is a crossroads with union Road going up to Lyndhurst Road where a lot of children cross the community going to different schools and also local NHS centres have residents that they walk down to Nether edge shops. You will be acutely aware of speeding in the area, and we have noticed a massive increase on our road in the past few months. I’m very aware that whilst many residents would fully support the whole area being a 20 mph limit it’s unlikely that this will happen unfortunately so I’m trying to focus on specifics and there is nothing to indicate for drivers to slow down at the top of our road, so they often zoom over the crossroads.

I actually wrote an article in the Nether Edge newsletter because every time I send the kids out to walk to school, I have to really block out the feeling that they or another person will get run over.

Due to the fact that we are on the bus route, I’m thinking it’s probably unlikely that we could get speed bumps, but even a sign asking motorists to slow down children crossing or zebra crossing etc.

We have come together on Barkers Rd to try and see what action we can take as many of the residents support some kind of action on this and also support anything being done in the wider community. The majority of residents have been able to feed in to our road safety group that they support action being taken or at least some attention to understanding the issue.

I’m happy to send a photo or video of the area that I am particular talking about.”

Response:

Response from the Transport Committee

Dear Ms Ruck,

Thank you for your question to the Transport, Regeneration and Climate Committee that took place on Wednesday 13th March 2024, please see below the response that was provided:

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3.	Public question from Marion Gerson
	<p>Question:</p> <p><i>“In July 2023 I had a reply to a LAC question from Cllr Alexi Dimond about work to Sheldon Road pavements. He said that all designs and consultation would be ready by March 2024. Eight months on and I discover that the design for Sheldon Road hasn’t even been sent to the Tree Panel and Officers estimate that it will be October at the earliest before even the consultation is carried out. That will mean YET ANOTHER winter with dangerous pavements that are not even accessible for wheelchairs and mobility scooters.</i></p> <p><i>Why is it considered acceptable by our representatives on the relevant Council Committee?”</i></p>
	<p>Response:</p> <p>Dear Marion</p> <p>Thank you for raising your question at the last South LAC Public meeting on 7th March 2024.</p> <p>As will you be aware Cllr Alexi Dimond stated that he would raise this at the relevant cabinet committee meeting and ask for you to be provided with a response. We have now been provided with a copy of the response which you now should have received, I’ve also included this below.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Sarah</p> <p>South LAC Team</p> <p>Dear Marion Gerson,</p> <p>Thank you for your email.</p> <p>I apologise for raising expectations with officer’s original ambitions, however I can advise that the outline programme for consultation with the public for Sheldon Road is July this year. I understand this was discussed with officers at the recent Drop In Session at Ecclesall Library on Saturday 2nd March, please let me know if you have any further queries on this.</p> <p>The response provided to you in July last year by officers in hindsight does now appear to have been overly ambitious promising to carry out the design work and the consultations by March 2024.</p> <p>The Lowcock recommendation does in fact state:</p> <p>“The Committee should agree and endorse the commitment to have designs in place for all roads outstanding from 2018 by 6 March 2024, to have work completed on these roads through the 2024/25 financial year”.</p>

In this respect, I can confirm that all the design work is now completed for 25 of 26 roads including Sheldon Road. The remaining road, Ecclesall Road, that has not yet been completed involves some additional site investigations in the bus lane and that has delayed the final designs. The design proposals for Sheldon Road however are currently being reviewed with the Sheffield Street Tree Partnership and this was also a commitment made by the council.

Unfortunately, the consultation cannot take place until the designs have been completed and discussed with the SSTP. This process took a bit longer than expected along with finalising the brief for the design work, agreeing the protocol for consultation with the SSTP and allocating the skilled resources to carry out the design work. We are pleased however to have met the design milestone of March 2024 and launched the first consultation for Phase one . The comments received on this phase have been very constructive with many residents pleased with officer's willingness to listen to the issues raised and revisiting aspects of the design with the public.

I can confirm that the format will be very similar to the arrangements made for Phase 1 and so, there will be an opportunity to speak to officers at the Drop in Sessions held locally to discuss the detailed designs on Sheldon Road.

I hope this goes some way to assuring you that progress is being made despite the delays.

Kind Regards

Cllr Joe Otten

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