

Sustainable Development Select Committee			
Title	Modern Roads Review– Evidence session	Item No.	5
Wards	All		
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Class	Part 1	9 th December 2014	

1. Purpose of paper

- 1.1. The Sustainable Development Select Committee has agreed to undertake a review looking at the topic of Modern Roads as part of its work programme for 2014/15. This report and appendices, coupled with evidence provided at the meeting, will provide information for the Committee to discuss as part of its review.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. The Select Committee is asked to:
- note the content of the report and consider the information presented at Committee.

3. Background

- 3.1. At the meeting of the Sustainable Development Select Committee Select Committee on 9 September 2014, the Committee decided as part of its work programme to undertake an in-depth review entitled Modern Roads. The Committee agreed that the focus would be around improving the road infrastructure in the borough for local residents and would look at three related strands:
- Introducing a borough-wide 20 mph speed limit
 - Improving the borough for cyclists
 - Improving air quality.

The Committee considered and agreed a scoping report (attached at Appendix 1) at its meeting on 30 October 2014 that sets out the keys line of inquiry for the review as well as the timetable. This meeting will be the first evidence session, with a second evidence session at the 20 January meeting of the Committee.

4. Introducing the 20 mile per hour speed limit

- 4.1. Information about the introduction of a borough wide 20mph zone is included at Appendix 2, which is a report to the Mayor & Cabinet meeting on 14 January 2015 outlining the proposed approach to introducing the limit

including the proposed programme of work covering the planning and delivery period 2014 to 2017.

5. Improving the borough for cyclists

5.1. Information about work being carried out to improve the borough for cyclists is included at Appendix 3, which sets out a wide range of current and future cycling initiatives being delivered in Lewisham, including:

- *Improvements to Infrastructure* (e.g. two Cycle Super Highway routes are planned, both routes remain in the design stage and are proposed to run down the A200 and A2 respectively).
- *Road Safety* (e.g. the Quietway Programme aims to provide quiet back street cycle routes that less confident or new cyclists can use comfortably - one of the first Quietways to be delivered in London will run along the new cycle and pedestrian path currently in development along the back of Millwall's football stadium, Surrey Canal Rd, Folkestone Gardens Park, Childers St, Edwards St, Deptford High Street, Crossfield St, Creekside and Half Penny Hatch Bridge).
- *Supporting Measures* (e.g. the Borough Cycle Hire Scheme – working in partnership with the cycling charity London Cycling Campaign (LCC), the Council is able to offer short term bike hire to local residents).

6. Improving air quality

6.1. Information about improving air quality is included at Appendix 4, which covers information about:

- The relevant UK objectives and EU limit values
- The impact of traffic on air pollution and how this might be mitigated
- The specific action being taken in Lewisham to improve air quality including a construction project, Air Quality Management Areas and reducing the emissions from Lewisham's fleet of vehicles.

7. Further implications

7.1. At this stage there are no specific financial, legal, environmental or equalities implications to consider. However, each will be addressed as part of the review.