

Summary of items on the AGENDA for HOME RA Zoom Traffic meeting with Council Officers and elected representatives on 21/7/20

1) Arcadis Report

(A) The Background: October 217: The Council is aware that the “no entry ACR/ Canning Road” would displace traffic with the likelihood of *“further schemes to be brought to the Committee in order to mitigate any significant negative impact of the proposals felt by residents in the surrounding area.”*

(B) The context of the request for a low traffic neighbourhood for HOME roads: January 2020: Councillor King decides that the option of a low traffic neighbourhood on HOME roads should be explored as per Labour policy of liveability at meeting attended by HOME, Councillors and Council Officers.

(C) HOME’s response to the Arcadis report:

(i) It does not consider liveability, air quality, carbon emissions or traffic evaporation, and it applies different standards to HOME roads than are being applied/ have already been applied to neighbouring roads, suggesting that rat running (domination by through traffic) is typical and counts as “very low” in terms of volume.

(ii) It does not analyse collision data properly. It confirms a correlation between traffic volume and distribution of collisions, which suggests that liveability schemes on neighbouring roads will have shifted safety risks onto HOME roads.

(2) Possible solutions, long and short term

a) low traffic neighbourhood

HOME still wishes this to be pursued, the Council’s position in light of the Arcadis report needs to be confirmed.

b) reversal of changes in Addiscombe West

If the Council is ruling out a low traffic neighbourhood on the basis of the standards set out in the Arcadis report, it must reverse some of the traffic displacement that has occurred onto HOME road by applying the same standards to neighbouring roads. A funded proposal must be put before TMAC without the need for any informal consultation requiring broad support as any scheme which displaces traffic in any direction cannot achieve this, experience of previous schemes demonstrates it will need to be imposed.

c) Mitigation

An FOI request has revealed that a draft final version of the Arcadis report shared with the Council recommended: *‘To ensure traffic volumes on local streets do not increase in the future, the use of two-way traffic chicane or width restriction bollards could be considered’.*

This must be considered as HOME residents are worried about a future increase in traffic as a result of the pandemic and its affect on limiting numbers on public transport due to social distancing.

3. Next steps

No change is not an option for our residents. Summary of the agreed points.