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Section 17 Crime and Disorder Act 1998 considerations

Croydon Fiveways

In compliance with the Mayor's requirements and as a result of the above legislation, the Community Safety and Crime Prevention team of the Enforcement and On Street Operations Directorate has been consulted in regards to the Croydon Fiveways Scheme.

Main observations and recommendations

It is recommended that the potential redevelopment sites are used to promote natural surveillance and activity in the area. Further crime prevention advice can be given once land use for these areas is decided.

Trees It is recommended that trees along the route, particularly at key junctions are regularly pruned to ensure for clear lines of sight.

Cycle Parking It is envisaged that the project will see an increase in the number of cyclists in and around the new route, which may require additional cycle parking facilities. Any increase in cycles will ultimately lead to more opportunities for cycle thieves, as more available targets will present themselves. In order to reduce opportunities for crime, the following steps should be taken:

- The infrastructure at any proposed sites will need to be assessed to ensure suitable products are utilised and that all fixtures are sufficiently anchored. Sheffield or Camden stands are recommended as allow cyclists to secure both frame and wheel to the stand.
- Suitable crime prevention advice in and around the parking facilities should be deployed. Any advice should clearly demonstrate the optimum locking practices for cycles and guidance on suitable locks.
- A lack of investment in parking facilities will result in incidents of fly parking
- Cycle facilities should be located in areas with good opportunities for natural surveillance. Positioning these facilities in view of existing CCTV cameras would be advisable
- All facilities should be located in areas where good quality lighting is available. This will not only encourage cyclists to utilise the site but also deter potential offenders.

New lighting The lighting scheme should ensure the distribution of light is spread evenly with uniformity, avoiding pools and light variations. It is recommended that lighting compliments existing CCTV in the area. White light would be the desired

option as this can improve colour rendering qualities for CCTV and can have a positive impact on users by reducing feelings of insecurity and fear of crime.

New seating It is recommended that any new seating or benches include arm rest dividers to deter people from lying down or rough sleeping.

Proposed elevated link The area beneath the link again must be well lit, with an even distribution of light to increase the opportunities for surveillance at night and to send out positive messages about the management of the area.

Sacrificial coatings or treatments should be used within the structure to deter graffiti and flyposting.

It is recommended that the supporting columns should be as thin as possible to maintain visibility and clear lines of sight.

It is recommended that advice is followed from the new TfL's Streetscape Guidance document on Leftover Spaces 13.5 (currently in draft format). The guidance advises that unplanned or poorly maintained spaces can create negative spatial implication, similar to the broken window effect. The guidance recommends that these areas should not be designed or planned in isolation, but should encompass a wider strategy of improving leftover spaces along a designated route.

Site Security It is recommended that before improvement works commence, advanced warning is given to drivers detailing possible road closures. This would help reduce driver frustration and aggression during delivery of the scheme.

Once materials and plant is on site, it is recommended that they are secured throughout the duration of works. Cable and metal are particularly at risk items, therefore it is strongly recommended that the scheme incorporates measures to prevent theft.

When works involve lone working arrangements, it is advised that contractors complete a site risk assessment and take sufficient steps to ensure appropriate security arrangements are in place, e.g. via solar guard systems or personal attack alarms.

It is recommended that further advice is given as the project develops and a chosen option is decided.