

Westleigh Home Zone Newsletter

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News Update

This newsletter gives residents an update on progress with the Westleigh Home Zone. After a year of intensive public consultations, with workshops, meetings and exhibitions, the design of the Westleigh Home Zone is now nearly complete, and construction is scheduled to start in the autumn.

At the recent public exhibition in March 2003, residents were invited to look at the preliminary design and give their comments. Most residents approved of the scheme, and over 80% of respondents said they were satisfied or very satisfied with the proposals.

A number of modifications were suggested by residents, relating to parking, tree planting, drainage and play space, and these have been incorporated in the final design.

Detailed Design

During the past few months, work has progressed on preparing the detailed engineering designs for the Home Zone. This work has included:

- **Drainage:** feedback from residents indicated that there had been some flooding problems in the past, so a lot of effort has been put into designing the drainage facilities; this included preparing a 3-D model of how the drainage would work in practice;
- **Street Lighting:** a detailed survey has been carried out of the existing street lighting, and proposals have been drawn up for completely refurbishing it;
- **Pavement Materials and Street Furniture:** the County Council's consultants have been putting together proposals for the Home Zone's streetscape (surface materials, signs, furniture, trees, etc.) which will give the area a new look, and contribute to meeting the project's objectives – i.e. making the roads safer for residents and encouraging use of the roads for walking, playing and meeting people, as well as driving and parking vehicles.

Next Steps

The final designs for the Home Zone are scheduled to be approved by the County Council in September, and then a works order will be issued for construction work to begin.

It is expected that construction work will begin in the late autumn, and continue through until the late Summer 2004. Further details of the construction programme will be announced, as they become available.

If you have any comments or questions you would like to ask about the project, please contact **Robert Gallagher at Parkman on 01225 756600.**

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