

***Make Sure
You Object
to "Throttles and
Chicanes" in Bickley***

Bromley Council have recently circulated revised proposals for the proposed traffic calming scheme in Bickley. Many improvements have been made but the "throttles" and "chicanes" on Hawthorne Road and Oldfield Road are still unacceptable. Make sure you ask for better alternatives. See overleaf for more details and how to object.





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The proposed Bickley traffic calming scheme has been extensively revised and many of the silliest features have been dropped and other improvements made. However, the plans still include a total of seven "throttles" and "chicanes" on Oldfield Road and Hawthorne Road. These measures may slow traffic, but they also create unnecessary hazards for road users, and unneeded congestion. There are other alternatives that could be used to reduce excessive traffic speeds in these roads if that is justifiable, and the accident record does not particularly indicate that these roads are exceptional in that regard.

Throttles slow traffic by introducing "one-way" working where drivers have to stop for on-coming traffic – but in one direction only (they don't slow traffic in the other direction). But drivers race to get through before the contra direction vehicles, or brake sharply at the last minute when they realise they do not have right of way. Experience in other London boroughs show they are the source of numerous minor accidents and road rage incidents – for those reasons they have not been used in Bromley in the past but the consultants used by Bromley Council know no better.

Chicanes also slow traffic by "horizontal deflections" but residents only have to drive down nearby Magpie Hall Lane to experience how dangerous such features are. Vehicles simply drive down the centre of the road to smooth out the chicane with the result that they tend to meet head on. Or go and ask the residents of that street what they think of this design and the impact on their lives from increased traffic noise, and more minor accidents.

Please return the slip below to Bromley Council to ensure your objections are heard, or contact BBRAG for more information - send an email to: roger.lawson@btclick.com or phone 020-8467-2686. You could also write to one of your local ward councillors (for example Gordon Jenkins) at Members Room, Bromley Council, Bromley BR1 3UH.



To Rue Butcher, London Borough of Bromley, Stockwell Close, Bromley, BR1 3UH (or email to rue.butcher@bromley.gov.uk) . Quote reference ADE(TP)/RAB/T52/4.

Please note my objections to the following aspects of the Bickley Traffic Calming Scheme (tick all that apply): The "throttles" and "chicanes" on Hawthorne Road , and the "throttles" on Oldfield Road . Please replace these features with alternative measures if necessary.

Name _____

Address: _____

_____ Postcode : _____

Signature _____

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