

20th July 2017**Agenda Item: 12****REPORT OF CORPORATE DIRECTOR - PLACE****B6041 RAYMOTH LANE, WORKSOP - TRAFFIC CALMING****Purpose of the Report**

1. To consider the responses received during the formal consultation to Traffic Calming Proposals on Raymoth Lane in Worksop and recommend that the proposed traffic calming measures should be installed as set out in this report.

Information and Advice

2. Raymoth Lane is a distributor road in Worksop with a speed limit of 30mph that forms a link between Blyth Road and Gateford Road and ultimately the A57 Worksop Bypass. The proposed traffic calming section is approximately 160m in length and is adjacent to a Sure Start Centre and St John Church of England Academy.
3. In the 4 year period (01/01/13 to 31/12/16) there have been 3 serious reported injury collisions on Raymoth Lane at the Toucan Crossing adjacent to the school and Sure Start Centre between Valley Road and Fleetway. All 3 accidents involved young pedestrians aged 10 to 14 crossing at the toucan facility and failing to judge the closing distance of approaching vehicles. The collision circumstances have been examined and it is concluded that vertical deflection traffic calming measures are the most appropriate solution to reduce the number of road accident casualties at this location.
4. The preferred method of traffic calming is the installation of three individual 75mm high plateaux along Raymoth Lane, one at the toucan crossing itself and one either side of the crossing. These are classed as a vertical traffic calming deflection feature and consist of a large flat area of tarmac with ramps at each side. The proposals are shown on the accompanying drawing HW00789/1.2.
5. In accordance with the Nottinghamshire Traffic Calming Design Guide all traffic calming schemes will be subject to consultation at the conceptual and finalised design stage. The criteria associated with the consultation is that a minimum of 35% of the consultation questionnaires must be returned, and of those returned, a minimum of 65% must be in favour of the proposal for the scheme to proceed. If a scheme is promoted on accident reduction grounds and fails to achieve a 35% return rate or a 65% majority in favour, then the report to Communities & Place Committee must specifically state this and include a request for a decision by the Committee for the scheme to proceed further.

6. Initial consultation for the installation of proposed traffic calming along part of Raymoth Lane was undertaken during January 2017. Seven letters were sent to residential properties on Avon Way & Fleetway, whose rear gardens back onto Raymoth Lane plus a further four letters to the County Councillor, Nottinghamshire Police, Sure Start Centre and St Johns' School. The letter included a questionnaire requesting views on the proposals. Of the 11 questionnaires sent out, 6 (54.4%) replies were received including 3 (50%) in favour of the introduction of traffic calming. Responses in favour were received from St Johns School, Nottinghamshire Police and the County Councillor for the area. Responses not in favour were received from 32, 25 & 21 Avon Way citing an increase in noise levels as their reasons for not being in favour of the scheme.
7. This initial consultation did not meet the 65% in favour required. However, given the scheme is being promoted on safety grounds and 3 serious child pedestrian accidents have occurred at this toucan facility, it was felt on balance the scheme should proceed to formal consultation.
8. Wider more formal consultation was undertaken in June 2017 once final designs had been concluded. The formal consultation included further letters to the affected residents, St Johns School, Sure Start Centre and the Three Legged Stool Public House, letters to statutory consultees, and notices placed on site and in the local press. No further responses were received from residents. The Police added no further comments to their original support for the scheme and the bus operator Stagecoach queried the use of plateaux over traffic calming cushions. It has been explained to Stagecoach the technical difficulty of installing cushions at this location which would ultimately impact adversely on ride comfort.
9. Subject to the approval of this Committee, the works are provisionally programmed to be undertaken with resurfacing works along Raymoth Lane in August 2017, before the new school term.

Other Options Considered

10. Other types of both vertical and horizontal traffic calming features have been considered. The option chosen is the most suitable for use on a bus route. To do nothing is not considered to be an alternative option as a problem with child casualties has been identified.

Comments from Local Members

11. The Local County Councillor has been included in both stages of the consultation and the final design proposals and is in support of the scheme.

Reason for Recommendation

12. The aim of the proposals is to reduce child casualties occurring along the route. 50% of respondents were in favour of the scheme. To meet casualty reduction targets and fulfil our statutory duty as a Highway Authority it is considered appropriate to proceed to installation of the scheme.

Statutory and Policy Implications

13. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, finance, human resources, human rights, the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults, service users, sustainability and the environment and ways of working and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

Crime and Disorder Implications

14. Nottinghamshire Police have been included in both stages of consultation on the final design proposals and support the scheme.

Financial Implications

15. The scheme is funded from the Local Transport Plan (Integrated Transport Measures) budget for 2017/18 at a cost of £38,000.

RECOMMENDATION/S

It is **recommended** that:

- 1) The proposed traffic calming measures on Raymoth Lane, Worksop should be installed as set out in this report.

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Constitutional Comments (SLB 27/06/2017)

16. Communities and Place Committee is the appropriate body to consider the content of this report

Financial Comments (GB 22/06/2017)

17. The financial implications are set out in paragraph 15 of the report

Background Papers and Published Documents

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

None

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

Worksop West Councillor Sybil Fielding