



20th October 2016

Agenda Item: 7

REPORT OF CORPORATE DIRECTOR - PLACE NABBS LANE, HUCKNALL - TRAFFIC CALMING

Purpose of the Report

1. To consider the return rate received during the initial consultation to Traffic Calming Proposals on Nabbs Lane in Hucknall which was below 35% and whether the scheme should proceed to formal consultation.

Information and Advice

2. Nabbs Lane is a distributor road in Hucknall with a speed limit of 30mph that links the B6009 Watnall Road with Common Lane and ultimately the A611 Hucknall Bypass. Common Lane is already traffic calmed using raised plateaus similar to those being proposed for Nabbs Lane.
3. A number of children have been injured in road traffic collisions on Nabbs Lane adjacent to the Recreation Ground. In the 3 year period (01/01/13 to 31/12/15) there have been 3 reported injury collisions on Nabbs Lane between Watnall Road and Strathmore Close. Two of these were serious and both involved young pedestrians aged 9 and 11. The third involved a 10 year old cyclist who was slightly injured. 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. 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 for questionnaires sent out for traffic calming is that a minimum of 35% 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 Transport and Highways Committee (THC) must specifically state this and include a request for a decision by the Committee for the scheme to proceed further.
5. An initial consultation for the installation of proposed traffic calming along part of Nabbs Lane was undertaken during May 2016. Eighty-eight letters were to residential properties on Seymour Road, Strathmore Close, Elizabeth Close, Godber Road and Brett Close plus local shops on Watnall Road close to the Nabbs Lane junction. The letter including a questionnaire requesting views on the proposals. Of the 88 questionnaires sent out, 26 (29.6%) replies were received including 18 (69.2%) in favour of the introduction of traffic calming. The response rate is less than the minimum 35% required, 31 responses would have to be received to achieve the level of 35%. The scheme is being promoted on safety

grounds so the recommendation to Committee is for the proposals to progress to formal consultation.

6. The preferred method of traffic calming is the installation of three individual 75mm high plateaus along Nabbs Lane, these are classed as a vertical traffic calming deflection feature and consist of a large flat area of tarmac with ramps at each side. There are similar examples on Common Lane and Ruffs Drive. Bus operators favour this type of plateau as they can negotiate them more easily than speed cushions. The proposals are shown on the accompanying drawing P.H.EU.41617.02/02.
7. The next stage is formal consultation which will include notices placed on site and in the local press, letters to statutory consultees and also keeping affected residents and businesses up to date. A future report may be required to Committee depending on the nature and quantity of any objections received. The works are provisionally programmed to be undertaken with resurfacing works along Nabbs Lane in February 2017.

Other Options Considered

8. Other types of both vertical and horizontal traffic calming features and the introduction of pedestrian facilities 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

9. Local County Councillors will be included in the next stage of consultation on the final design proposals.

Reason for Recommendation

10. The aim of the proposals is to reduce child casualties occurring along the route. As the return rate to the consultation (29.6%) was close to the required threshold (35%) it is considered appropriate to proceed to final design and consultation on the scheme.

Statutory and Policy Implications

11. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (public health services), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and adults at risk, 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

12. Nottinghamshire Police will be included in the next stage of consultation on the final design proposals.

Financial Implications

13. The scheme is funded from the Local Transport Plan (Integrated Transport Measures) budget for 2016/17 at a cost of £40,000.

RECOMMENDATION/S

It is **recommended** that:

- 1) Formal consultation be undertaken regarding installing proposed traffic calming measures on Nabbs Lane, Hucknall, as set out in this report.

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Constitutional Comments (SJE 10/10/16)

14. Transport and Highways Committee is the appropriate body to consider the content of this report.

Financial Comments (GB 29/09/16)

15. The financial implications are set out in paragraph 13 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

Hucknall	Councillor Alice Grice
Hucknall	Councillor John Wilkinson
Hucknall	Councillor John Wilmott