

OFFICER DECISION IN CONSULTATION WITH CABINET MEMBER

Scheme of Delegation No: 209, Page 140

Officer: Richard McGuckin

TURTON ROAD, YARM – TRAFFIC CALMING

SUMMARY

The Community Engineer has been working with Yarm & Willey Flatts Residents Group to investigate their requirements with regards to traffic calming on Turton Road. This report presents the findings of a consultation exercise carried out to determine the public support for the scheme.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1 The result of the Consultation Exercise be noted.
- 2 Approval be given to the installation of the scheme to be a contender for future funding.
- 3 The Corporate Director of Law and Democracy be authorised to process the necessary Notice of Works and receive any objections submitted at the appropriate time.
- 4 The Ward Councillors, Town Council, the Residents Group and the residents consulted be informed of your decision.

DETAIL

Background

- 1 Members of Yarm & Willey Flatts Residents Group expressed concern with regards to the speed of some of the vehicles using Turton Road. The Community Engineer has worked with the Residents Group to develop a scheme to provide traffic calming on Turton Road. The final scheme has been presented and approved by the Residents Group.
- 2 Prior experience has indicated that consultation with all residents affected is required to ensure that all parties are aware of the proposal and have the opportunity to comment.
- 3 In this respect a letter which enclosed a plan of the proposal, a questionnaire and a prepaid return envelope was delivered to 63 homes directly affected by the scheme. The letter was dated 15 March 2010. Responses were requested to be made within 14 days of the date of the letter. A copy of the consultation letter, plan and questionnaire is included as **Appendix 1**. The effective closing date for the consultation exercise was therefore 29 March 2010.

Response to the Consultation

- 4 In all 33 responses have been received to the questionnaire, of which 30 indicated support for the scheme, with 3 being against the scheme.

- 5 14 of the responses supporting the scheme included comments, 2 responses against the scheme included comments (a précis of these comments is included as **Appendix 2**):
- 6 Responses in favour of the scheme: -
- a. Eight respondents indicated that it was a good idea/needed/good news and that they supported the scheme.
 - b. A concern was raised about the location of some of the features and would they be located as indicated on the plan. It was noted that it was a bus route and they sometimes have difficulty due to parked cars, it was indicated that could be alleviated by the provision of dropped kerbs so that vehicles could be parked off the highway.
 - c. One person highlighted that it was southbound traffic that travelled at the fastest speed and hence the build out should be reversed so that southbound traffic had to give way.
 - d. There was a request to extend the scheme into Worsall Road.
- 7 Responses against the scheme
- a. There was a request for an indication of the number of people who requested the provision of traffic calming. Concern was expressed about possible damage caused to vehicles by the features and that the features create more problems
 - b. Both respondents against the scheme would like to see more enforcement of the speed limits either by the Police or speed cameras.

Discussion/Revisions to Scheme

- 8 The results of the consultation indicate that approximately 91% of the responses from residents support the installation. In this respect it is considered that the scheme as proposed should be approved.
- 9 The location of the traffic calming features will be as indicated on the plan. The provision of pavement crossings will be considered by the Council and they can usually be installed, however, the residents would be charged for the installation, unless they were installed as part of a footway maintenance scheme.
- 10 The provision of the speed cushions will reduce the speed of vehicles in both directions, the build out was located in its indicated position so that traffic entering the built up area would have to slow down. The provision of traffic calming on Worsall Road is outside the remit of the Community Engineer, however the Network Safety Team at the Council will be made aware of the request.
- 11 With regards to damage to vehicles caused by speed humps, if vehicles are driven over them at an appropriate speed damage should not occur. The Police will be notified with regards to the request for action with regards to speeding vehicles. The provision of speed cameras would not be appropriate on a residential road such as Turton Road and is against Government Policy.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The estimated cost of the scheme is £18,000. At the present time finance is not available for this scheme so it is considered that it should be placed on a list of schemes to be considered for future funding.

POLICY CONTENT

The proposals are consistent with the Local Transport Plan and Sustainable Community Strategy.

CONSULTATION

The consultation is as detailed in the report. Councillor Sherris has indicated his support for the scheme, Yarm Town Council have indicated that they do not object to the scheme, responses have not been received from the other Ward Councillors. Members of the Officers Traffic Group have no adverse comments with regard to the proposals. Statutory consultations with respect to the proposed scheme would be undertaken at the appropriate time.

CONCLUSION

The measures proposed should reduce traffic speeds which should in turn reduce the potential for accidents (or the severity of any accidents which do occur).

Corporate Director of Development and Neighbourhood Services

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Environmental Implications

The scheme should make the road a safer place for all road users in particular children, thus ensuring that the Borough continues to be a safe, healthy and attractive place in which to live and work.

Community Safety Implications

The provision of the traffic calming measures addresses the concerns of residents within the road with particular reference to speeding vehicles whilst improving public safety.

Background Papers

None.

Education Related Item?

No.

Ward(s) and Ward Councillors

Yarm : Councillor’s Jennie Beaumont, Jackie Earl & Andrew Sherris

Signed by the Delegated Officer.....Date.....

Richard McGuckin
Head of Technical Services

TURTON ROAD – TRAFFIC CALMING

I accept/do not accept the above recommendations.

Signed.....Date.....

Councillor R Cook
(Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Transport)

Comments

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Dear Sir/Madam

TRAFFIC CALMING, TURTON ROAD/WILLEY FLATT LANE

Concern has been expressed by a number of residents of the area around Turton Road/Willey Flatt Lane with regards to some vehicles being driven along the roads. These concerns were notified to Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council, who have responsibility for highway safety, by the Yarm & Willey Flatt's Residents Association.

In response to these concerns the Community Engineer employed by Stockton on Tees Borough Council has been working with the Residents Group on a traffic calming scheme for the road. A scheme has now been presented and agreed with the Residents Group and this will form part of a public consultation exercise with local residents.

A copy of a plan is enclosed detailing the scheme together with an information sheet about the proposals. The scheme comprises four sets of double speed cushions along the length of Turton Road/Willey Flatt Lane together with a build out and speed cushion at the southern end, together with the relevant warning signs,.

Also enclosed is a questionnaire together with a pre-paid return envelope. All residents are urged to complete the questionnaire and return it to arrive within 14 days of the date of this letter. If you would like to discuss any points with regards to the scheme you can contact Steve Lumb, the Community Engineer, on 0191 587 0444 or e-mail steve.lumb@a19.uk.com

Yours faithfully

Steve Lumb
Community Engineer

TRAFFIC CALMING SCHEME – TURTON ROAD/WILLEY FLATT LANE

I have inspected the plan and information leaflet detailing the proposed traffic calming scheme and I am: -

In favour of the installation of the scheme

Against the installation of the scheme

If you like to make any further comments please use the box below

Name

Address

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March 10

Appendix 1

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WARNING SIGN
D.557.1 & D.557.2

Humps for 400 yards



SIGN No 2
GIVE WAY TO ONCOMING
TRAFFIC D.615 AND D.615.1

Give way to oncoming vehicles



SIGN No 3
PRIORITY OVER
ONCOMING TRAFFIC
D.811 AND D.811.1

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DOUBLE SPEED CUSHIONS

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Turton Road/Willey Flatt Lane – Traffic Calming

General

Gateway - southern end

A build out to reduce the width of the carriageway to allow on one vehicle to pass the feature; vehicles coming into the built up area from the south will be required to give way to vehicles travelling in a southerly direction.



Scheme similar to the proposed gateways

On some previous schemes some concern was expressed by residents with regards to some motorists approaching the gateway accelerating to pass the feature and avoid having to give way, in subsequent schemes a speed cushion has been provided that ensures motorists have to slow down to negotiate the feature. The proposed features will be similar to the ones installed at Hilton and Elton Villages but without the 30mph signs.

Double Speed Cushions

To the north of the build out four sets of double speed cushions are proposed. The cushions will be similar to the ones in the photograph below.



Tarmac speed cushions

Appendix 3

Turton Road, Yarm – Responses supporting the scheme

Comment	Response
1 Although I am in favour I however hope that they are not directly in front of my property and are as the drawing shows, near to the crossroads/junction, as I feel, especially at night, traffic slowing down to go over they will be heard more and indeed will the vehicles that don't slow down!!	One of the features is to the left of the property, when looking towards the road, as indicated in the description. The locations will be as indicated on the plans.
2 Buses struggle on Turton Road because many drives do not have dropped paving kerbs: allowing access. Thus cars have to park on the road causing obstructions	Any resident can apply for the installation of a dropped crossing but there will generally be a charge for the installation
3 Where I have seen build outs it always looks dangerous. Must remember it is a bus route	The traffic calming features have been chosen to be acceptable to the bus operators
4 I have two young children, so the sooner it is done the better. I am sick of the young lads going upwards of 60/70 mph in cars and on bikes	Noted
5 Most of the speeding traffic is travelling south from just before the shop. This is probably because of the cars parked either side of the road at the north end of Turton Road. There is a bus stop just before the proposed build out, I would suggest because of the number of busses (10 minute service) priority should be traffic travelling north on Willey Flatts Lane/Turton Road	The build out is located to slow down traffic entering the built up area and hence northbound traffic will be required to give way. The provision of speed cushions along the length of Turton Road should slow drivers down
6 Yes I am in favour because some people drive really fast down Turton Road	Noted
7 Just hope it will stop all the speeding and hope it will be installed very soon. Thank You	Noted
8 As an elderly pensioner I think this is a good scheme	Noted
9 I am in favour of a calming area, but I would like to know where us residents are going to park our cars. Would it be possible to lower the kerbs as by looking at your proposal humps will be right outside my property. There is nowhere to park car anywhere else but outside of my property Kind regards	As indicated in 2 above dropped crossings can be provided.

Appendix 3

Comment

Response

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| 10 | It might be worth implementing a similar scheme on Worsall Road, with permanent speed cameras, this may be a deterrent for the taxis, especially at the weekend, who race up and down at inconsiderate speeds at all hours | The provision of traffic calming on Worsall Road is outside the remit of the Community Engineer. The Network Safety Team at the Council will be informed of the concerns |
| 11 | There was a petition to achieve this action years ago. I'm so pleased to see this calming scheme, finally without the need of child injuries to achieve this | Noted |
| 12 | Having children as well as our elderly residents it is important that our roads are safe. Every day we witness busses as well as cars hurtling down Turton Road, with the park, schools and bus stops that are close to the road it would only be a matter of time before a serious incident occurs | Noted |
| 13 | Very good idea, Good news | Noted |
| 14 | ASAP | Noted |

Turton Road, Yarm – Responses against the scheme

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| 1 | What percentage of Turton Road/Willey Flatt Lane have expressed their concerns? Why can't continual offenders/speeding motorists be brought to book? As a resident of Willey Flatt for 54 years why is it now only a concern? In my opinion these traffic calming measures create more problems. Will the scheme be decided on a vote? | The problem was raised by residents of the area, the exact number of residents is unknown. Without providing a continuous presence on the road it is impossible to catch repeat offenders and attempting this would prove a drain on Police resources. The scheme will progress if public support is indicated through this consultation exercise |
| 2 | These traffic calming suggestions will damage my car, therefore I suggest that a speed camera is installed in their place. This will make the people who break the 30mph limit on Turton Road pay the price of there speeding £60 fine and 3 points on their licence, instead of me paying by damage to my vehicle or even dare I say it put Police on patrol and uphold the law | Providing vehicles are driven over the features at an appropriate speed damage should not occur to vehicles. The provision of speed cameras is at present restricted to roads with poor accident records |