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DELEGATED DECISION FRONT SHEET

DEVELOPMENT AND NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

OFFICER KEY DECISION/OFFICER IN CONSULTATION WITH CABINET MEMBER(S)

OFFICER: Richard McGuckin		SERVICE AREA FUNCTION: Minor Highway Improvement Scheme		DATE/INITIALS 8 June 2011 (MG)	
DECISION NO: TS.T.25.11		DELEGATION POWER AND PAGE OF CONSTITUTION 207, Page 142		CHECKS & BALANCES: In consultation with local Ward Councillors, Town Council, local residents and Cabinet Member	
DETAILS OF DECISION: The report seeks approval for an environmental traffic calming scheme for Wallington Road, Billingham, as a contender for future funding.			IS IT A KEY DECISION? No		IS DECISION IN THE FORWARD PLAN? No
IF NOT IN FORWARD PLAN, IS GENERAL EXCEPTION PROCEDURE TO BE APPLIED? N/A			IF GENERAL EXCEPTION PROCEDURE NOT TO BE APPLIED, HAS MEMBER CONSENT BEEN OBTAINED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SPECIAL URGENCY PROCEDURE? N/A		
REASONS FOR DECISION: The scheme will help to ensure speeds appropriate to the treated length of road.					
ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED As detailed in the report.					
ANY CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARED BY ANY CABINET MEMBER CONSULTED No					
ANY DISPENSATION GRANTED BY STANDARDS COMMITTEE IN RESPECT OF ANY DECLARED CONFLICT OF INTEREST N/A					
REPORT/BACKGROUND PAPERS (matters which are not exempt or confidential): Report TS.T.25.11					
ANY FURTHER ACTION REQUIRED: Inform local Ward Councillors, Town Council and residents consulted of your decision.					
CABINET MEMBER(S) CONSULTED: Councillor M Smith - Cabinet Member, Regeneration & Transport					
FINANCE MANAGER CONSULTED (for acceptance of contracts only):					
SIGNATURE: 		DATE: 19/6/2011		SIGNATURE: 	
OFFICER		CABINET MEMBER		DATE: 14/6/11	
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OFFICER DECISION IN CONSULTATION WITH CABINET MEMBER

Scheme of Delegation No: 207, Page 142

Officer: Richard McGuckin

WALLINGTON ROAD, BILLINGHAM – TRAFFIC CALMING

SUMMARY

The Community Engineer has been working with North Billingham Residents Group to investigate their requirements with regards to traffic calming on the northern length of Wallington Road, Billingham. 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, to be presented to the June Northern Area Transport Strategy meeting.
- 3 The Corporate Director of Law and Democracy be authorised to process the necessary Notice of Works at the appropriate time and receive any objections submitted.
- 4 The Ward Councillors, Billingham Town Council, the Residents Group and the residents consulted be informed of your decision.

DETAIL

Background

- 1 Members of the North Billingham Residents Group expressed concern with regards to the speed of some of the vehicles using Wallington Road between Butsfield Way and Longfellow Road in Billingham. The Community Engineer has worked with the Residents Group to develop a scheme to provide traffic calming on the affected length of 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 on the proposals.
- 3 In this respect a letter which enclosed a plan of the proposal, a questionnaire and a prepaid return envelope was delivered to 73 homes directly affected by the scheme. The letter was dated 19 August 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 2 September 2010.

Response to the Consultation

- 4 In all 32 responses have been received to the questionnaire, of which 24 indicated support for the scheme, with 8 against.
- 5 Seven of the responses supporting the scheme included comments and all 8 against the scheme providing comments (a précis of these comments is included as **Appendix 2**):
- 6 Responses in favour of the scheme: -
 - a. Seven of the respondents indicated support for the scheme.
 - b. One respondent requested that lorries be banned from Marsh House Avenue.
- 7 Responses against the scheme
 - a. Four of the respondents considered that there was not a problem and hence the scheme was not required/unwarranted. It was stated by one respondent that only the odd car speeds along this section of road.
 - b. Concern over parking was highlighted as a problem by four respondents. Environmental problems were a concern of three respondents, noise, increased vehicle emissions and aesthetics, associated with the proposed traffic calming.
 - c. A question was raised regarding the installation – why had the whole of Wallington Road not been considered.

Discussion/Revisions to Scheme

- 8 The results of the consultation indicate that approximately 75% of respondents support the installation of the scheme. It is therefore considered that the scheme should be approved for future installation.
- 9 There will be no alteration in the parking along Wallington Road as vehicles are allowed to park on the speed humps. With regards to environmental problems, if vehicles drive along the road at a constant slower speed there should be a reduction in noise and vehicle emissions, with regards to aesthetics, since 1993 all new housing estates have traffic calming installed when they are built and objections are not received from residents.
- 10 With regards to only a section of Wallington Road being calmed, this was the section of road highlighted as having problems with speeding by the Resident's Group.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The estimated cost of the scheme is £10,400. 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. The scheme will be presented to stakeholders at the June 2011 meeting of the Northern Area Transport Strategy meeting.

POLICY CONTENT

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

CONSULTATION

The consultation is as detailed in the report. Councillors Leckonby and Mrs Apedaile have indicated their support for the scheme, as have Billingham Town Council. No response was received from Councillor McCall. The Residents Group have confirmed their support of the scheme.

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 area with particular reference to speeding vehicles whilst improving public safety.

Background Papers

None.

Education Related Item?

No.

Ward(s) and Ward Councillors

Billingham North : Councillors Lynne Apedaile, Colin Leckonby and Ray McCall

Signed by the Delegated Officer..........Date...19/6/2011.

Richard McGuckin
Head of Technical Services

WALLINGTON ROAD – TRAFFIC CALMING

I accept/~~do not accept~~ the above recommendations.

Signed.....*M Smith*.....Date *14/6/11*.....

Councillor M Smith
(Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Transport)

Comments

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Dear Sir/Madam

TRAFFIC CALMING – WALLINGTON ROAD

Concern has been expressed by a number of residents of Wallington Road with regards to some vehicles being driven along the road at excessive speeds. These concerns were notified to Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council, who have responsibility for highway safety, by the North Billingham 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 Wallington Road. A possible scheme has now been presented and agreed with the Residents Group and this will form part of a public consultation exercise with residents whose properties have direct access to Wallington Road.

A copy of a plan is enclosed detailing the scheme together with an information sheet about the proposals. The scheme comprises the provision of seven round top speed humps at locations indicated on the attached plan together with associated signing..

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 – WALLINGTON ROAD

I have inspected drawing no SL094 and the 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 _____

November 10

TRAFFIC CALMING – WALLINGTON ROAD

The proposal is to install seven round top speed humps as indicated on the attached plan, the features will be similar to those indicated on the photograph below



Comments supporting the scheme

- 1 Totally for it, as been needed for some time especially as the road opened to Longfellow Road.
- 2 Should have been done a long time ago. Lucky no one has been injured or worse. Should be done a.s.a.p.
- 3 There are other issues I would like addressed - when are heavy lorries going to be banned off Marsh House Avenue.
- 4 It is a pity the scheme for speed humps was refused a few years ago when my next door neighbours car was written off, mine was damaged and it was in my garage.
- 5 Very much welcome the scheme. We are concerned about the parking on the road and would welcome double yellow lines. We would also like our pavement crossing adjusted as it is too steep.
- 6 Sometimes it is dangerous coming out of my drive as cars are going too fast, this should alleviate the problem.
- 7 I am in favour particularly to slow down traffic.

Comments against the scheme

- 1 I don't think we have a problem with people driving at excessive speed. I also think it will create problems with parking at the positions of the speed humps.
- 2 I have lived on this road for 36 years and I am a driver my-self but I do not wish to have these speed humps put in. You will always get the odd car speeding but we have managed so far. I am sure you have better ways to spend your money.
- 3 We live in a town house with no parking provision. The humps will cause problems with parking. We know somebody who has a humps outside there house and they create noise.
- 4 Pointless. I have lived here for 5 years and strongly disagree that my part of the road is being used as a rat run. Very quiet and 99% of people drive at the speed limit. Speed humps are dangerous in snow and ice. They cause pollution. Please drastically reduce the number if the scheme is to go ahead. The people who do speed will drive over them like the Dukes of Hazard.
- 5 If calming is going to be located outside my property I will have to park further away and it will also cause problems for visitors. You should therefore provide parking on the grassed area of Wallington Road to allow more parking.
- 6 Why not all of Wallington Road?
- 7 Totally unwarranted, resided in Wallington since 1973 never had cause to complain about speeding.
- 8 I feel that this road does not need traffic calming. I have lived here 5 years and never seen any problems regarding cars. I do not think it will fit in with that area, it will lower the tone of the area. They will cause problems with parking as it will reduce the length available for parking.



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Humps for
475 yards




SIGN No 1
SPEED HUMP WARNING SIGN
D.557.1 & D.557.2

ROUND TOP ROAD HUMP



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