

Appeals & Complaints Committee

A meeting of Appeals & Complaints Committee was held on Thursday, 21st July, 2022.

Present: Cllr Evaline Cunningham(Chairman), Cllr Pauline Beall(Vice-Chair), Cllr Mohammed Javed, Cllr Maurice Perry, Cllr Hugo Stratton, Cllr Julia Whitehill

Officers: Jonathan Kibble(DoCS,E&C), Julie Butcher, Sarah Whaley(DoCS)

Also in attendance:

Apologies: Cllr Tina Large

**ACC
1/22** **Evacuation Procedure**

The Evacuation procedure was noted.

**ACC
2/22** **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**ACC
3/22** **Draft minutes of the meeting which was held on 20th June 2019**

Consideration was given to the Appeals and Complaints Committee Minutes from the meeting which was held on 20th June 2019 for approval and signature.

RESOLVED that the minutes be approved and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

**ACC
4/22** **Committee Procedure**

The Committee considered and agreed a proposed procedure for the meeting, which the Chairman explained ahead of the following item.

RESOLVED that the procedure be agreed.

**ACC
5/22** **STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL, SOBER HALL AVENUE, INGLEBY BARWICK, TRAFFIC CALMING SCHEME**

The Committee were presented with a report to seek Member's views on unresolved objections received following the statutory advertising of a proposal to implement a traffic calming scheme on Sober Hall Avenue, Ingleby Barwick, consisting of 4 sets of speed cushions on the section of road between Blair Avenue and Round Hill Avenue.

The Principal Transport Officer presented the main report to members. The officers report also contained the representations received from members of the public in response to the statutory consultation process in full and summarised them within the main report. Since the original report additional representation

was also received from one of the objectors which was distributed and considered by Members of the Committee.

Members of the committee debated the arguments for and against the proposed scheme carefully and were mindful that this was a proposed traffic calming measure on the section of Sober Hall Avenue between Blair Avenue and Round Hill Avenue and was as a result of an investigation into alleged speed related issues on Sober Hall Avenue, Ingleby Barwick and which had been identified as a priority by the Ingleby Barwick West Ward Councillors to address concerns relating to speeding issues raised by local residents, however Officers explained that this was an environmental traffic calming scheme and was not linked to collision history.

Officers had provided a list of traffic calming measures which could be implemented along the section of Sober Hall Avenue as detailed within the main report which offered the Ingleby Barwick West Ward Councillors a choice of options which were safe to deliver.

Members were also informed that should the Committee recommend the Ward Councillor's preferred option of speed cushions then the carriageway way would also be resurfaced as part of the scheme as the carriageway was in poor condition and it made sense to do this at the same time as implementing speed cushions rather than wait until it was scheduled to be resurfaced.

The estimated cost to provide 4 sets of speed cushions and the associated signing and lining was estimated to be £35,000 and was to be funded from the Ingleby Barwick West Ward Transport Budget allocation.

The Committee briefly discussed 2 recorded accidents on Sober Hall Avenue, however, were informed these were not speed related. Members also discussed possible impact of speed cushions on larger vehicles such as buses, Heavy Goods Vehicles, and larger SUV's.

The Committee debated whether speed cushions were the best choice out of all of the Officers recommendations and expressed their need to understand better why Ingleby Barwick West Ward Councillors had opted for that option before making any recommendations on the proposal.

A proposal was made and seconded that the item be deferred to a future meeting of the Appeals and Complaints Committee to enable the Committee to ask Ingleby Barwick West Ward Councillors directly their reasons for choosing speed cushions over alternative options which may overcome some of the objections that had been received from local residents.

A vote took place, and the item was deferred.

RESOLVED that the proposed Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council, Sober Hall Avenue, Ingleby Barwick, Traffic calming scheme be deferred to a future meeting of the Appeals and Complaints Committee for the reason as detailed above.

