

Highways Committee

18 September 2009

**Proposed Traffic Calming Scheme
East Moor Road,
Murton**



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1.0 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To advise Members of representations received with regard to a traffic calming scheme on East Moor Road, Murton.
- 1.2 This report requests that Members consider the representations received in relation to the proposals and endorse the recommendations.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 Public concern regarding the speed of vehicles on East Moor Road was highlighted by residents to the Local Members. As a result, Councillor Alice Naylor and Councillor Alan Napier requested that a traffic calming scheme be consulted upon.
- 2.2 A draft scheme comprising of 6 No. speed cushions was prepared as shown on the attached plan no N84524/01.
- 2.3 Each of the 175 properties received a letter, a plan of the scheme and a pre-paid reply card and residents were invited to respond with their comments. The plan showing the extent of the consultation is enclosed (plan no. N84524/02).
- 2.2 A total of 53 cards were returned. Of these, 71% (38) indicated support for the scheme and 29% (15) raised at least one representation. However as a number of these representations did not relate to the traffic calming scheme, they are not covered in this report.
- 2.3 The formal advertisement of the proposal, in the press and on-site, started on 16 July 2009 and ended on 7 August 2009. During this period no further objections were received.
- 2.4 Residencies from which representations were received are shown on attached drawing No. N84524/03.
- 2.5 The Police are in support of the scheme.

3.0 Current Position

3.1 Each topic of objection is reported together with the number of objectors who raised the particular issue and the County Council's response.

3.2 Representation 1

"Not required – waste of money"

Similar issues were raised by six respondents.

Response: The consultation was undertaken in response to concern from the local community. The County Council is confident that, if it is implemented, lower vehicle speeds will be achieved which will be an improvement in road safety terms, especially for pedestrians and other vulnerable road users.

3.3 Representation 2

"Speed cushions cause damage to vehicles"

This issue was raised by two respondents.

Response: The Highway Code advises in Rule 153 that motorists should reduce their speed when approaching traffic calming features that are intended to slow them down. Therefore the principle applies that if the speed cushions are negotiated at a reasonable speed then they will not cause discomfort, damage or constitute a danger to any road user. The proposals are based upon national guidance for traffic calming measures and these take into account all types of vehicles likely to encounter these features.

2.0 Local Member Consultation

2.2 Both Local Members are minded to support the scheme.

5.0 Recommendations and Reasons

5.1 Members are recommended to endorse the proposal to set aside the representations and proceed with the scheme.

Background Papers

Correspondence on office file

Copies of correspondence have been placed in the Members' Resource Centre.

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Appendix 1: Implications

Finance

Funding will be provided by Local Member through the Local Area Measures Allowance.

Staffing

None

Equality and Diversity

None

Accommodation

None

Crime and Disorder

The measures will discourage the issues associated with inappropriate driving along the road.

Sustainability

None

Human Rights

None

Localities and Rurality

As detailed in report.

Young People

Potential safety improvements.

Consultation

Residents and statutory consultation carried out on 9 March 2009.