

## Highways Committee

29 June 2010

### Proposed Traffic Calming Scheme Unc. Wood View, Trimdon Station



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### Report of Terry Collins, Director of Neighbourhood Services Cabinet Portfolio Member Councillor Bob Young.

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#### 1.0 Purpose of the report

- 1.1 To advise members of a representation received with regard to a traffic calming scheme on Unc. Wood View, Trimdon Station
- 1.2 This report requests that members consider the representations received in relation to the proposals and endorse the recommendation.

#### 2.0 Background

- 2.1 Public concern regarding speeding on Wood View was highlighted by the local member and the Parish Council. As a result, Councillor Morris Nicholls requested that a traffic calming scheme be proposed and to proceed with the usual consultation exercise for schemes of this nature.
- 2.2 A draft scheme comprising of 4 No. speed cushions was prepared.  
  
A total of 46 properties received a letter, a plan of the scheme and a pre-paid reply card and residents were invited to respond with their comments.
- 2.3 A total of 18 cards were returned. Of these, 94% (17) indicated support for the scheme and 6% (1) raised one representation.
- 2.4 The formal advertisement of the proposal, in the press and on-site, started on 28 January 2010 and ended on 18 February 2010. During this period, no formal objections were received.
- 2.5 Residences from which representations were received are shown on Drawing No. N94504/01
- 2.6 The Police are in support of the scheme.
- 2.7 The local members, Brian Wilson and Morris Nicholls, are minded to support the scheme.

**3.0 Current position**

3.1 Each topic of objection is reported together with the County Council's response.

3.2 Representation 1a

"Has problems reversing caravan up drive."

*Response: The proposed hump location is on the boundary between 29/30 Russell Crescent which is approximately 10 metres from the driveway. This should be sufficient to allow a vehicle towing a caravan to negotiate the hump prior to unhitching or reversing the caravan onto the driveway.*

3.3 Representation 1b

"move to number 30 May Crescent."

*Response: The site has been reconsidered and unfortunately due to existing driveways and an access to a car park there is no scope to relocate this road hump. To move it any further away from the junction would require the provision of another hump due to the distance from the speed reducing feature.*

**4.0 Recommendations and reasons**

4.1 It is recommended that members consider the proposal and the representations and proceed with the proposals by setting aside the representations. This scheme would assist in keeping vehicle speeds to an appropriate level and complete the traffic calming scheme in the estate.

**5.0 Background papers**

List as appropriate to comply with the Access to Information Act 1985.

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**Appendix 1: Implications**

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**Local Government Reorganisation**

None

**Finance**

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

**Staffing**

None

**Equality and diversity**

None

**Accommodation**

None

**Crime and disorder**

The measures will reduce the problem of inappropriate driving along Coopers Close.

**Environment**

None

**Human rights**

None

**Localities and rurality**

None

**Young people**

Possible safer highway environment due to reduction in traffic speeds.

**Consultation**

Consultation was carried out with residents on 19 December 2008.