

Highways Committee

12 June 2009

**Proposed Traffic Calming Scheme
Unc. Valley Drive, Hamsteels Estate,
Esh Winning.**



Report of Terry Collins, Corporate Director, Neighbourhood Services.

1.0 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To advise Members of representations received with regard to a traffic calming scheme on Unc. Valley Drive, Hamsteels Estate, Esh Winning.
- 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 speeding on Valley Drive was highlighted by the Local Member. As a result, Councillor Malcolm Campbell 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 3 No. road humps was prepared.
- 2.3 Each of the 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.
- 2.4 A total of 11 cards were returned. Of these, 91% (10) indicated support for the scheme and 9% (1) raised at least one representation.
- 2.5 The formal advertisement of the proposal, in the press and on-site, started on 26 March 2009 and ended on 16 April 2009. During this period no objections were received.
- 2.6 Residencies from which representations were received are shown on drawing No. N81505/02.
- 2.7 The Police are in support of the scheme.
- 2.8 The Local Members, Councillors Malcolm Campbell and Joe Armstrong, support the scheme.

3.0 Current Position

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

3.2 Representation 1

"It is only residents who use this road."

Response: The necessity or otherwise of a traffic calming scheme is somewhat subjective depending upon one's viewpoint. However, the County Council is confident that, if it is implemented, lower vehicle speeds will be maintained which will be an improvement in road safety terms, especially for pedestrians and other vulnerable road users. There are areas either side of the road which are attractive to children and other pedestrians and given the open nature of the road, vehicle speeds are more likely to be higher at these points. The traffic calming will improve safety for these pedestrians.

4.0 Recommendations and Reasons

4.1 Members are recommended to endorse the proposal to set aside the representation 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 18 December 2008.

Health

None