
Report of Corporate Management Team

**Alan Patrickson, Corporate Director of Neighbourhoods and
Climate Change**

**Councillor Brian Stephens, Cabinet Portfolio Holder for
Neighbourhoods and Local Partnerships**

Electoral division(s) affected:

Easington

Purpose of the Report

- 1 To advise the Highways Committee of representations received in relation to proposals to introduce traffic calming measures in the residential streets of Glenhurst Road and Oak Road in Easington Colliery.

Executive summary

- 2 The local county councillor and residents have raised concerns regarding the speed of vehicles using both Glenhurst Road and Oak Road in Easington Colliery. As both streets are residential in nature, they are worried that an accident may occur due to the number of children living and playing in the area.
- 3 As a result of these concerns, the Traffic Assets team has proposed to introduce traffic calming measures on Oak Road and Glenhurst Road in order to maintain lower vehicle speeds.
- 4 A statutory notice of the proposal was posted in a local newspaper and at appropriate points within the affected streets between 29th August 2019 and 19th September 2019.
- 5 In addition, all statutory consultees including the chief officers of the police, fire brigade and ambulance services were consulted as well as local county councillors Angela Surtees and David Boyes.

- 6 One formal objection from a local resident of Oak Road was received during this period. They objected on the basis that there were not many children in the street and that speed humps can cause damage to cars.

Recommendation(s)

- 7 The Highways Committee is recommended to:
- (a) Endorse the proposal in principle to proceed with the implementation of the traffic calming measures as detailed in Appendix 2 (Glenhurst Road Traffic Calming) & Appendix 3 (Oak Road Traffic Calming) with the final decision to be made by the Corporate Director of Neighbourhoods and Climate Change.

Background

- 8 The local county councillor and residents have raised concerns regarding the speed of vehicles using both Glenhurst Road and Oak Road in Easington Colliery. As both streets are residential in nature, they are worried that an accident may occur due to the number of children living and playing in the area.
- 9 As a result of these concerns, the Traffic Assets team has proposed to introduce traffic calming measures on Oak Road and Glenhurst Road in order to maintain lower vehicle speeds.
- 10 Research has found that traffic calming measures such as speed humps and speed cushions reduce vehicle speeds. Lower speed reduces the likelihood of collisions and of serious or fatal injury accidents occurring.
- 11 The introduction of traffic calming measures may also result in increased walking and cycling activity as well as other quality of life and community benefits.

Proposals

- 12 The proposed scheme consists of three sets of speed cushions on Glenhurst Road and a single speed hump on Oak Road in accordance with Section 90G of the Highways Act 1980.

Informal Consultation

- 13 An informal consultation was carried out with 75 affected residential properties in July 2019.
- 14 19 responses were received of which 15 were in favour and 4 were against the proposals.

Formal Consultation

- 15 As residents were broadly in favour, a statutory notice of the proposal was posted in a local newspaper and at appropriate points within the affected streets between 29th August 2019 and 19th September 2019.
- 16 In addition, all statutory consultees including the chief officers of the police, fire brigade and ambulance services were consulted as well as local county councillors Angela Surtees and David Boyes.
- 17 One formal objection from a local resident was received during this period and is considered below.

Representation and Responses

Representation 1

- 18 The family involved don't even live in our street. There are hardly any children in our street as they have all grown up.
- 19 Also, speed humps cause damage to cars i.e. damages the shockers. If this goes ahead and our car gets damaged, I will be putting a bill into yourselves for repair. Our road is an old concrete road and that slows you down.
- 20 If anything, we need more parking spaces. I live at number 39 Oak Road and most the time have to park on the grass.

Response 1

- 21 The local county councillor and residents have raised concerns regarding the speed of vehicles using the both Glenhurst Road and Oak Road in Easington Colliery.
- 22 Speed surveys taken on the estate also support the view that a small number of motorists are driving at inappropriate speeds.
- 23 As both streets are residential in nature, they are worried that an accident may occur due to the number of children living and playing in the area. We are therefore confident that speed humps and speed cushions will be beneficial.
- 24 When constructing road hump and speed cushions we follow Department for Transport advice. They will not exceed the recommended height to ensure no damage to vehicles will occur.
- 25 In addition, all motor vehicles are designed to 'Construction and Use' Government Guidelines. This ensures they are manufactured to take account of the various driving conditions they are likely to encounter

during everyday use including the traversal of road humps and speed cushions.

- 26 The creation of additional parking spaces is not within the scope of this scheme.

Conclusion

- 27 Having considered the representation, Officers remain of the view that traffic calming measures will prevent excessive speeds, reduce the likelihood of collision or serious injury occurring and may result in increased walking and cycling activity
- 28 It is therefore recommended that members agree in principle to endorse the proposal to proceed with the implementation of the traffic calming measures as detailed in Appendix 2 (Glenhurst Road Traffic Calming) & Appendix 3 (Oak Road Traffic Calming) with the final decision to be made by the Corporate Director under delegated powers.

Background papers

- Correspondence on Office File.

Other useful documents

- None

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Appendix 1: Implications

Legal Implications

A statutory notice of the proposal has been advertised by the County Council as highway authority in accordance with the Highways Act.

Finance

Funded by local councillors.

Consultation

A consultation has been undertaken in accordance with the Highways Act.

Equality and Diversity / Public Sector Equality Duty

It is considered that there are no Equality and Diversity issues to be addressed.

Climate Change

No impact.

Human Rights

Any interference with human rights is considered to be necessary in accordance with the law and proportionate in order to address highway safety issues.

Crime and Disorder

This TRO will allow effective management of traffic to reduce speeds and improve road safety.

Staffing

No impact.

Accommodation

No impact.

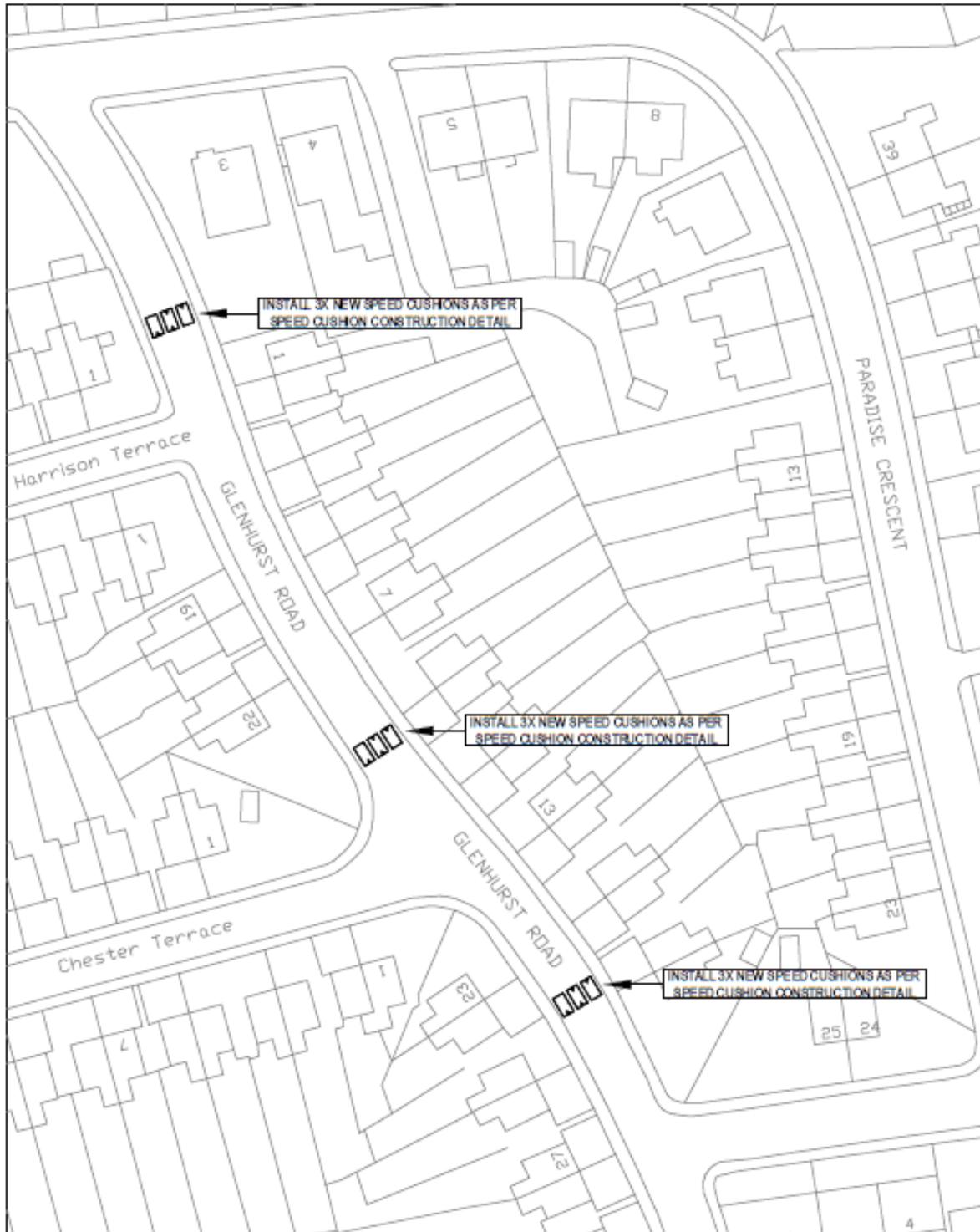
Risk

None.

Procurement

Works to be delivered by Highway Services.

Appendix 2: Glenhurst Traffic Calming



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