

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

**MEETING OF CABINET MEMBER – JOBS, ECONOMY AND
TRANSPORT**

10 September 2013

Report of the Acting Strategic Director – Environmental Services

**INFIRMARY ROAD, CHESTERFIELD – PROPOSED TRAFFIC
CALMING SCHEME**

(1) **Purpose of the Report** To consider the objections / comments received following consultations on the provision of a Traffic Calming Scheme on Infirmary Road.

(2) **Information and Analysis** Residential and business premises are located on Infirmary Road, as well as Chesterfield College. As such, this location can be busy with pedestrians, motorists and buses servicing the College.

At the scheme identification stage in late 2011, the collision history at this location identified that there have been 12 reported injury collisions over a 5 year period from 1 January 2006 to 31 December 2011; 6 involved injury to a pedestrian.

The improvements on Infirmary Road will help to address concerns, regarding pedestrian safety and inappropriate vehicle speeds, raised by local residents and Chesterfield College.

The proposed scheme will involve (for further details see Appendix 1):

- Installation of a system of three ‘bus friendly’ traffic calming plateaus on the Infirmary Road approach to Chesterfield College.
- Repositioning an existing pedestrian crossing to coincide with the traffic calming plateau at the main college car park.
- Installation of ‘hump’ warning signs on the approaches to the scheme.

The purpose of these measures is to reduce vehicle speeds on their approach to and departure from Chesterfield College, thus improving pedestrian safety for local residents and college students.

Public

Local Member Comment

Councillor Blank has been consulted. No comments have been received.

Officer Comment

Consultation on the proposed Traffic Calming Scheme was carried out on 26 April to 16 May 2013. This included a letter to affected frontages and letters to the Chief Constable, local Members and other statutory consultees (see Appendix 2 for details).

A road hump notice was also advertised from 11 July to 2 August 2013 (see Appendix 3).

Following the consultation process, one objection has been received and raises current concerns about standing water which the objector is concerned will be exacerbated with the introduction of the traffic calming feature. In addition, noise levels will increase with the introduction of the scheme.

The proposed scheme includes the provision of three plateaux features along Infirmary Road. The downside to the vertical traffic calming features is that they can result in minor increases in noise, especially when larger vehicles travel over them. Research suggests, however, that if these are constructed in accordance with legislation, such levels are negligible.

Drainage work, including the installation of additional gullies, is to be provided as part of this scheme which will hopefully improve the reported situation regarding standing water.

It is considered that the proposed Traffic Calming Scheme will be a valuable contribution to road safety and will help to reduce the incidence of collisions at this location.

(3) **Financial Considerations** The cost of the scheme, estimated at £25,000, is to be met from the Capital Scheme Service Plan 2012/13.

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered: legal, prevention of crime and disorder, equality and diversity, human resources, environmental, health, property and transport considerations.

(4) **Key Decision** No.

(5) **Call-In** Is it required that call-in be waived in respect of the decisions proposed in the report? No.

Public

(6) **Background Papers** Held on file in the Traffic and Safety Section of the Environmental Services Department. Officer contact details – Lee Wright, extension 38674.

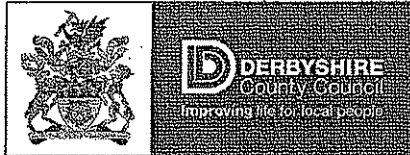
(7) **OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATIONS** That:

7.1 The Authority proceeds with the introduction of the proposed Traffic Calming Scheme on Infirmary Road, Chesterfield.

7.2 The local Member and objectors be notified accordingly.

Mike Ashworth
Acting Strategic Director – Environmental Services

Appendix 2



URS Infrastructure & Environment UK Limited
Royal Court, Basil Close
Chesterfield, Derbyshire
S41 7SL
United Kingdom
Tel: +44 (0) 1246 209221
Fax: +44 (0) 1246 209229



www.ursglobal.com

Our Reference: 47065657/CON/01

Your Reference:

Date: 26 April 2013

Dear Sir/Madam

Infirmary Road Traffic Calming Improvements, Chesterfield

URS is working in partnership with Derbyshire County Council (DCC) to provide safety improvements at a number of locations across the County. The improvements on Infirmary Road have been commissioned by the DCC Traffic & Safety Service in order to address concerns regarding pedestrian safety and inappropriate vehicle speeds raised by local residents and Chesterfield College.

URS is currently designing the above scheme on behalf of Derbyshire County Council. The scheme will involve:

- Installation of a system of 3 'bus friendly' traffic calming plateaus on the Infirmary Road approach to Chesterfield College.
- Repositioning an existing pedestrian crossing to coincide with the traffic calming plateau at the main college car park.
- Installation of 'hump' warning signs on the approaches to the scheme.

The purpose of these measures is to slow vehicles on their approach and departure from Chesterfield College, thus improving pedestrian safety for local residents and college students.

Details of the works are shown on the enclosed drawing 47065657/CON/01. Should you wish to make any comments on these proposals, please respond in writing by 16th May 2013. Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

for **URS Infrastructure & Environment UK Limited**

Engineer – Highways Management
Direct Line: +44 (0)1246 218 394
Andrew.sherwood@urs.com
Enc.

THE DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(INFIRMARY ROAD, CHESTERFIELD)
CONSTRUCTION OF
SPEED REDUCING MEASURES

Notice is hereby given that the Derbyshire County Council in exercise of its powers conferred by Sections 90A – 90I of the Highways Act 1980 propose to “traffic calm” the above length of road.

The effect will be to construct:

Three number 75mm high raised Plateaux on Infirmary Road, Chesterfield.

A plan showing the intended location of these features can be viewed at the offices of the Derbyshire County Council, Main Reception, County Hall, Matlock between 9am and 5pm, Monday to Friday, and at Chesterfield Library, Local Studies Library, New Beetwell Street, Chesterfield, Monday to Friday 9am to 7pm, and Saturday 9am to 4pm until 02 August 2013.

All objections and other representations to the proposal must be made in writing and all objections must state the grounds on which they are made and be sent to the Strategic Director of Environmental Services, Derbyshire County Council, Station Road, Darley Dale, DE4 2EQ (For Attention of Consulting and Contracting – Highways Team) by 02 August 2013.

Dated: 11 July 2013.

Mike Ashworth, Acting Strategic Director -
Environmental Services Department, Derbyshire County
Council, County Hall, Matlock DE4 3AG.