

**DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

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

**11 November 2014**

Report of the Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Environment

**STAND ROAD, CHESTERFIELD - PROPOSED TRAFFIC  
CALMING**

(1) **Purpose of the Report** To consider the objections received following the public advertisement and consultation on the provision of traffic calming on Stand Road, Chesterfield.

(2) **Information and Analysis**

**Background**

Funding has been allocated to provide traffic calming along Stand Road, Chesterfield due to the high number of reported injury accidents involving vulnerable road users. A scheme has been prepared to provide five flat top plateaux at regular intervals along the length of Stand Road and these are shown on the attached drawing (drawing No. 14-040201/cons1).

Consultations have been carried out including a letter drop to all residents that front Stand Road and the statutory letters to the Emergency Services, Chesterfield Borough Council, Council Members and other relevant consultees. Public Notices were also erected on street for the duration of the consultation period.

Following this process, officers had support from the Local Member, Borough Councillors and the Police, and one enquiry from a resident relating to the location of one of the plateaux. One written objection to the proposals was received.

The objector has sought the views of two neighbours and their concerns are outlined as below:

The objector considers that the number of humps proposed is not adequate and that more are needed. He also considers that the proposed dimensions will not slow down vehicles.

## Public

The alternative route from Littlemoor to Whittington Moor roundabout is unattractive and, therefore, Stand Road has become more of a route used by through traffic and he considers, therefore, that if the proposals are not amended, then they will not be value for money.

### Officer Comment

Stand Road is a residential street and links the B6150 St John's at the end of St John's Road with its junction with Dunston Road. This makes Stand Road a busy cut through route for many motorists.

Stand Road also has a large recreation ground located alongside it, as well as allotments and a public house, which all generate pedestrian movement at various times of the day.

Accident analysis shows that there are a number of reported injury accidents, particularly involving vulnerable road users, and these occur within the sections covered by the proposed traffic calming features. Stand Road is also a bus route and therefore this restricts the type and height of traffic calming features the Authority can use. The best type of feature is the flat top plateau and a 70mm high feature is acceptable for the bus companies and for emergency service vehicles.

In advice given by the Department for Transport, traffic calming features on strategic routes are best spaced at between 100m - 150m. The spacing of the proposed traffic calming features varies between these two figures even though there are bus stops, vehicle dropped kerbs and existing traffic islands which has made siting the 10m long plateaux extremely difficult.

However, the location of the proposed five plateaux targets the existing accident sites and are therefore considered to properly address the accident problems. It is intended to monitor the situation once implemented and re-evaluate should the need require.

### Local Member Comment

Councillor Innes is happy for the scheme to go ahead as planned and states that it is a well thought out plan to solve an old problem.

(3) **Financial Considerations** The cost of the proposed traffic calming is £40,000 and will be funded through the Local Transport Plan - 2014/15.

(4) **Legal Considerations** Section 90A of the Highways Act 1980 ("the Act") enables a highway authority to construct road humps in a highway maintainable at the public expense and for which they are the highway authority where the highway is subject to a statutory speed limit of 30mph or less.

## Public

Section 90C of the Act provides that where it is proposed to construct road humps, consultations must be carried out with the chief officer of police for the area in which the highway is situated and such other persons or bodies as may be prescribed by regulations made by the Secretary of State. Notice of the proposal shall also be published in a local newspaper and placed at appropriate points on the highway allowing at least 21 days for the receipt of objections. A local inquiry may be held if the highway authority thinks fit.

The relevant regulations are the Highways (Road Humps) Regulations 1999 which also require consultation with the chief officer of the fire brigade and the chief officer of the ambulance service for the area in which the highway is situated, and with organisations which appear to the highway authority to represent persons who use the relevant highway or who are otherwise likely to be affected by the road humps.

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

(5) **Key Decision** No.

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

(7) **Background Papers** Correspondence held on file in the Economy Transport and Environment Department. Officer Contact Details – Bridget Gould, extension 38579.

(8) **OFFICER'S RECOMMENATIONS** That:

8.1 The proposed traffic calming features for Stand Road, Chesterfield, as shown on attached drawing No. 14-040201/cons1, be implemented.

8.2 The local Member and objector be notified accordingly.

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NOTES :-

1. NO DIMENSIONS TO BE SCALED FROM THE DRAWING.
2. ALL DIMENSIONS IN MILLIMETRES UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED.

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