

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

**MEETING OF CABINET MEMBER – HIGHWAYS, TRANSPORT AND
INFRASTRUCTURE**

11 April 2017

Report of the Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Communities

**PETITION: HIGH STREET, MAIN STREET AND BRETBY ROAD –
NEWHALL, SWADLINCOTE – REQUEST FOR TRAFFIC CALMING
MEASURES**

(1) **Purpose of Report** To consider a petition requesting traffic calming measures on High Street, Main Street and Bretby Road, Newhall, Swadlincote.

(2) **Information and Analysis** At the meeting on 12 July 2016, the Cabinet Member acknowledged receipt of a petition requesting traffic calming measures on High Street, Main Street and Bretby Road, Newhall, Swadlincote (Minute No. 76/16 refers). The covering letter is as follows:

“I am writing in regard to implementing traffic calming measures on High St, Main St, Bretby Rd, Newhall Derbyshire UK. These roads are all seeing higher volumes of traffic and have recently had crossing patrols removed, we would like to see speed bumps or some kind of measure to slow the traffic.”

Background

The petitioners’ area of concern is located in a busy urban area made up of shops, schools, a doctor’s surgery and residential properties. They are situated along the B5353 High Street, which then changes to Main Street and also encompasses the side road off the B5353, Bretby Road.

Officers from the Traffic and Safety section are aware of the local residents’ concerns and have, over a number of years, introduced a large number of traffic management safety measures to help reduce the risk of, and severity of, future collisions (Appendix 1 lists those measures).

A check of the collision history database, which records all collisions resulting in personal injury, reveals that there have been seven collisions here in the last 3 years from 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2016 (standard test period for assessment). These collisions are listed in Appendix 2

Officer Comment

In 2012, officers originally proposed to install a mini roundabout at the junction. However, due to a petition received objecting to this proposal, the scheme was cancelled and the funding was withdrawn.

At the time, officers preparing the report could not identify any trend in the collisions between High Street, Union Road and Queens Drive, and it appeared that the collisions were all random in their causation, making a solution to resolve all of the collisions difficult.

The introduction of traffic calming features, such as speed humps or cushions, would not be appropriate at this location, as the collision data does not suggest that speed was a factor in those collisions occurring.

However, it has been identified from the collision history that if a section of guard rail was installed on the footpath outside Sainsbury's, pedestrian access would significantly reduce the risk of pedestrians running into the carriageway.

In light of the collision history on this part of the highway network, an assessment of the current signage provision should be carried out and amendments made accordingly to the existing provision.

The Zebra Crossing located near to the mini roundabout on Main Street is on the list of pedestrian crossings to be refurbished with the zebrite Belisha beacon halos.

Local Member Comment

Councillor Bambrick is fully supportive of the residents' request and supports any measure that helps to reduce the severity of and risk of future collisions.

(3) **Financial Considerations** The costs to install the pedestrian guardrail and signage review at this location will be in the region of £2,500 and will be met from the Capital Budget for Traffic and Safety Network Management Measures 2017-18 Local Transport Plan.

(4) **Legal Considerations** Section 122 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 states that it shall be the duty of every Local Authority exercising the functions in that Act (so far as practicable having regard to the matters listed below) to secure the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of vehicular and other traffic (including pedestrians) and the provision of suitable and adequate parking facilities on and off the highway. The matters referred to above are:

- 1) the desirability of securing and maintaining reasonable access to premises;

- 2) the effect on the amenities of any locality affected and (without prejudice to the generality of this paragraph) the importance of regulating and restricting the use of roads by heavy commercial vehicles, so as to preserve or improve the amenities of the areas through which the roads run; 2ii) the national air quality strategy prepared under Section 80 of the Environment Act 1995;
- 3) the importance of facilitating the passage of public service vehicles and of securing the safety and convenience of persons using or desiring to use such vehicles; and
- 4) any other matters appearing to the Local Authority to be relevant.

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, social value 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** Held on file within the Economy, Transport and Communities. Officer contact details – Mark Sloan, extension 38687.

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

- 8.1 The Cabinet Member approves that a short section of pedestrian guard rail be installed at the pedestrian access into the Sainsbury's car park.
- 8.2 A review of the current lining and signage provision on High Street, Main Street and Bretby Road, Newhall, Swadlincote be carried out and any improvements that can be made be introduced.
- 8.3 The Zebra Crossing located near to the mini roundabout on Main Street be refurbished with the zebrite Belisha beacon halos, as part of the ongoing improvement scheme for Zebra crossings.
- 8.4 The Local Member and main petitioner be informed accordingly.

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Appendix 1

Swadlincote, Newhall – High Street, Main Street and Bretby Road Traffic Management Safety Features

30mph Speed Limit
Street Lights
7.5 Tonne Environmental Weight Limit

Mini Roundabout
Carriageway surface Anti-Skid treatment

Pedestrian facilities include:-
Zebra crossings
Pelican crossing
Pedestrian refuge
Pedestrian guard rails
Tactile paving at crossing points
Raised bus boarder kerbs

Road Markings Include:-
Centre line marking
Slow Markings
Single yellow lines
No waiting Monday to Saturday 8am to 7pm
Bus stop clearway markings
School keep clear yellow zigzags
Formalised parking bays

Signage:-
Advanced directional signage
Advanced mini roundabout signs
Advanced crossing signs
Bend warning signs
Chevron signs
School Children crossing patrol
School Safety Zone signage with Advisory 20mph Speed Limit when Amber flashing lights

Appendix 2

Swadlincote, Newhall – High Street, Main Street and Bretby Road Collision details – 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2016

The following information is supplied by Derbyshire Constabulary. To protect the identity of the people involved only the basic information of each collision is provided. This being the severity, summary description and causation factors determined at the time of the collision by the attending Police officer.

High Street

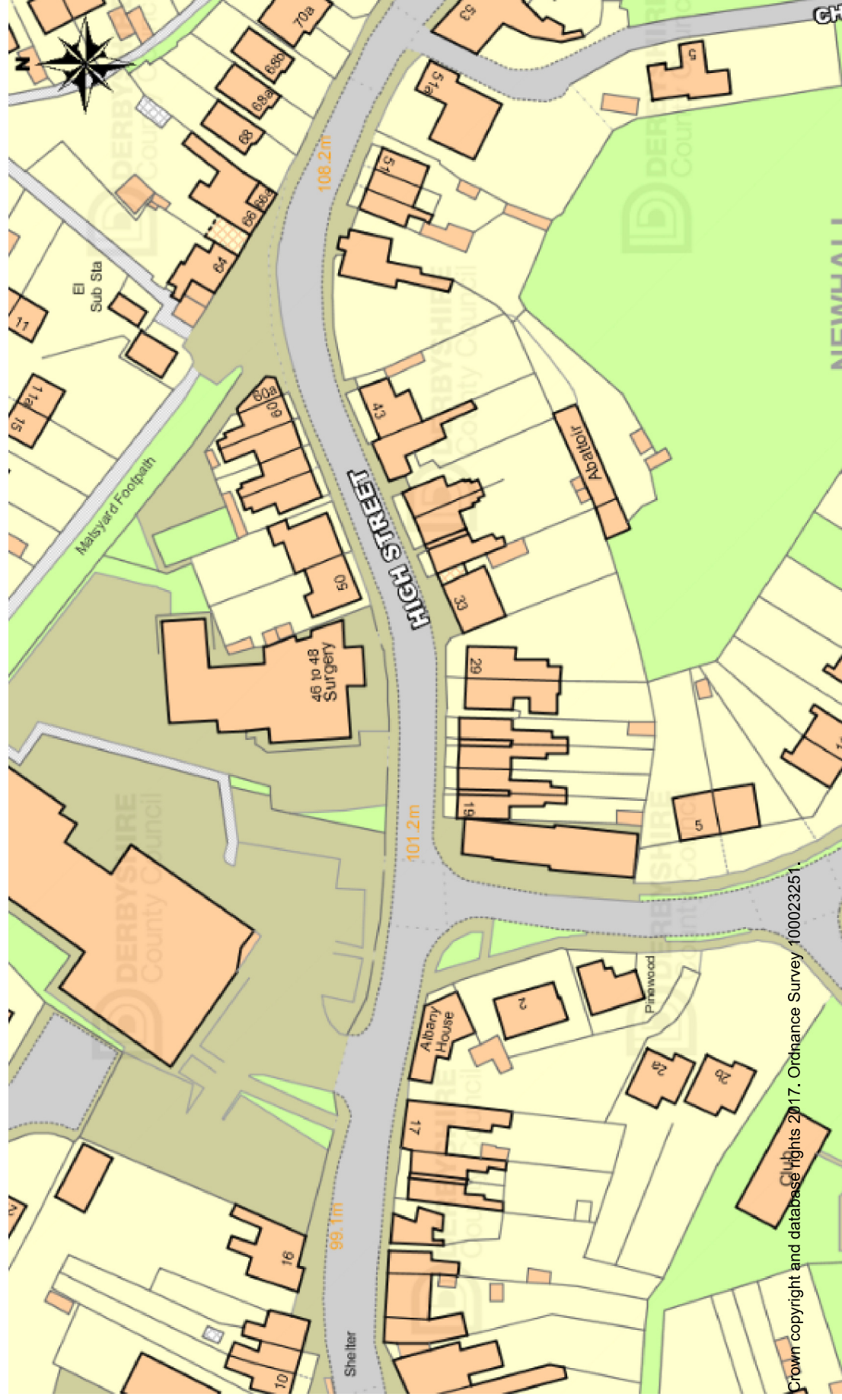
- 1 Slight – Vehicle 1 was leaving private access and crossing over lane one. Failed to see approaching Vehicle 2 - Driver failed to judge speed or path of vehicle 2
- 2 Slight - Vehicle 1 was leaving private access failed to see Vehicle 2 which was stationary - Driver failed to judge speed or path of vehicle 2
- 3 Slight – Vehicle 2 was stationary waiting to turn right. Vehicle 1 hits Vehicle 2 in rear - Driver Failed to look properly
- 4 Slight - Vehicle 1 was leaving private access and crossing over lane one. Failed to see approaching Vehicle 2 - Driver failed to judge speed or path of vehicle 2
- 5 Slight – Vehicle 2 stops to let pedestrians cross (not at a formal crossing point). Vehicle 1 hits Vehicle 2 in rear - Driver failed to judge speed or path of vehicle 2

Bretby Road

- 6 Slight – Pedestrian walking on footpath and hit from behind by Vehicle 1 which over hung footpath - Driver too close to Pedestrian
- 7 Serious – Vehicle 1 hits kerb and loses control - Impaired by Alcohol

Note - Vehicle 1 is the term used by the Police to describe which vehicle has been apportioned blame.

B5353 High Street Newhall Swadlincote - Location Plan



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