

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET MEETING

26 March 2013

Report of the Strategic Director – Environmental Services

**ADDITION TO THE 2012/13 CAPITAL PROGRAMME -
PROPOSED TRAFFIC CALMING SCHEME – STATION ROAD,
BARROW HILL (HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT)**

(1) **Purpose of the Report** To inform and seek approval from Cabinet of the proposal to introduce a traffic calming scheme on Station Road, Barrow Hill, which was recommended to facilitate a small housing development, and address an injury collision problem.

(2) **Information and Analysis** In 2002, the County Council was made aware of a proposal to introduce a small housing development served by a cul de sac (Avonside Close) located off Station Road, Barrow Hill. See Appendix 1 for location details.

At this time, the County Council had raised highway concerns about the proposals and recommended that traffic calming works were introduced on Station Road, as part of the development to help manage passing vehicle speeds near the new junction. Planning consent was granted on this basis and, as part of the subsequent Agreement between the developer and the County Council under Section 278 of the Highways Act 1980, the developer was required to introduce a traffic calming scheme.

As part of the Agreement, a breakdown of costs for the highway works (estimated at £27,870) was obtained and the developer provided the Council with a bond for this amount. The Council has the power to use the bond if the developer fails to carry out or complete the highway works.

Unfortunately, the developer has ceased trading and, therefore, as part of the 278 Agreement, the County Council is obliged to undertake work to complete the highway improvement. The bondsman has informed the County Council that it does not wish to arrange completion of the works itself and the bond money has been paid to this Authority.

The figure of £27,870 provided in 2006 is not now considered sufficient to cover the entire cost of the works as originally designed. This is partly due to the competitive estimates originally obtained by the developer at the time and the increase in the Council's own costs to carry out this work. In light of this, officers have investigated the feasibility of introducing different traffic calming features which will address the County Council's original highway concerns and which can be achieved within the budget available.

Local Member Comments

Councillor Stone has been informed and supports the proposal.

Officer Comment

Due to the shortfall in funds explained above, a redesign has been undertaken and it is proposed to consider three plateau features in the vicinity of Avonside Close. The available funding of £27,870 will cover the work.

During the course of the design process, it was noted that three pedestrian accidents had occurred in the vicinity of the Post Office/local shops. It is considered appropriate to construct a fourth plateau, funded directly by the County, to address this accident cluster. By combining the developer funded works with the additional plateau, some economics of such can be realised, both in the works element and design and consultation. It is estimated that the County Council funded plateau will cost some £11,000 to construct including minor radii modifications and drainage works. In addition, design and consultation costs of approximately £3,000 will be necessary. The costs of the County Council funded works can be met from the Capital allocation.

(3) **Financial Considerations** The total cost of implementing the proposed traffic calming scheme, including design fees, is estimated to be £41,254. Bond money of £27,870 will partly finance the project, with the remaining funding being from the 2012/13 Traffic Management Capital Scheme Budget.

(4) **Property Considerations** There are no property considerations associated with this report.

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 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 44XT in Environmental Services. Officer contact details – Lee Wright, extension 38674.

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

8.1 The proposed scheme is funded by the bond and the 2012/13 Capital budget, as detailed in the report.

8.2 The scheme be included in the 2012/13 Capital Programme.

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