

**ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS**

<b>1.</b>	<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>Regeneration and Development Services Matters</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> February 2009</b>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Title:</b>	<b>Queen Street Swinton; Ward 16 Swinton</b>
<b>4.</b>	<b>Directorate:</b>	<b>Environment and Development Services</b>

**5. Summary**

To report an objection to the proposed speed cushion implementation on Queen Street Service Road, Swinton.

**6. Recommendations**

- 1. The objection to the proposed speed cushion be not acceded to and the scheme be implemented**
- 2. The objector be informed of the outcome of this meeting**

## **7. Proposals and Details**

Queen Street Swinton was traffic calmed approximately three years ago as part of the Local Transport Plan One assessment of the Swinton area. However a short section of service road adjacent to Queen Street was not included within the original scheme. A request from residents of Queen Street Service Road was recently received asking for measures to reduce vehicles speeds along the Service Road as vehicles attempted to avoid the existing traffic calming feature on Queen Street. Observation and measurements were taken on site and a scheme was derived to achieve a reduction in vehicle speeds. This involved the introduction of a single speed cushion which would be located away from any adjacent properties (see appendix A). Consultation with statutory consultees and affected residents was undertaken. Following a telephone conversation with two of the affected residents an amendment to the location of the speed cushion was made. This relocation (approximately 30m) placed the cushion outside one of the resident's home who has requested the traffic calming feature (see appendix B). This resident was happy to have the feature outside their property and has not objected to the amended location.

However, an objection was received to the amended location (appendix C) from a resident of the Service Road. This objection is based on the location of the cushion being in the wrong location and the associated amendments to the footway making it dangerous for vehicles turning left into the service road. In response to the letter of objection, the speed cushion will reduce vehicle speeds along the service road wherever it is placed, however from observation it is felt that the most suitable location is the location shown on appendix B. This location was not chosen initially as it was felt that residents would not wish to have a speed cushion outside their home.

With regard to the amendment of the footway, this proposal will reduce the crossing width for pedestrians across Albert Street and will also result in the junction becoming a more standard layout and consequently safer.

## **8. Finance**

It is estimated that the works will cost approximately £5,000 and funding is available from the existing budgets for 2009/10.

## **9. Risks and Uncertainties**

There are no risks or uncertainties with this proposal.

## **10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications**

The proposed scheme is in line with the Councils' main themes of Alive, Safe and Achieving and also accords with the Equalities Policy.

## **11. Background Papers and Consultation**

Consultation with the statutory consultees, Ward Members and residents has been undertaken with regard to the proposal. No other objections were received.

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