

Committee Name and Date of Committee Meeting

Delegated Officer Decision – 18 July 2024

Report Title

Proposed traffic calming, Brampton-en-le-Morthern (Local Neighbourhood Road Safety Scheme – Tranche 1)

Is this a Key Decision and has it been included on the Forward Plan?

No, but it has been included on the Forward Plan

Strategic Director Approving Submission of the Report

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Ward(s) Affected

Borough-Wide or Name of Ward
Thurcroft and Wickersley South

Report Summary

To report on the outcome of consultations regarding the implementation of traffic calming (road humps) at Brampton-en-le-Morthern.

Recommendations

That the Assistant Director of Planning, Regeneration and Transport exercises their delegated powers and approves in principle the proposals shown on drawing number 126//17/TT560 and gives authority that:

- 1.1 That the proposals shown on drawing numbered 126/17/TT560 attached as Appendix 1 are implemented.
- 1.2 Residents are informed of the decision.

List of Appendices Included

Appendix 1 Drawing No 126/17/TT560
Appendix 2 Equalities Screening
Appendix 3 Carbon Impact Assessment

Background Papers

None

Consideration by any other Council Committee, Scrutiny or Advisory Panel

None

Council Approval Required

No

Exempt from the Press and Public

No

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1. Background

- 1.1 The scheme has been developed as part of the Local Neighbourhoods Road Safety (LNRS) programme. It was, based on submissions for road safety and traffic management improvements in the Thurcroft and Wickersley South Ward, by the Local Councillors at the time.
- 1.2 Over the years a number of concerns have been raised about the speed of vehicles travelling through the village of Brampton-en-le-Morthern
- 1.3 Brampton Road which connects the village of Brampton-en-le-Morthern to Thurcroft, has street lighting along its entire length which gives this road a 30mph speed limit. However, it has very rural surroundings, and some drivers may lose the perception that they are travelling in a 30mph speed limit. Department for Transport regulations prevent the use of 30mph repeater signs when street lighting is present.
- 1.4 The proposal as indicated on the drawing No 126/17/TT560 attached as appendix 1 will assist compliance with the existing 30mph speed limit.

2. Key Issues

- 2.1 Information obtained from speed surveys shows a mean speed of 29.4mph and an 85th percentile speed of 33.9 mph. However, the data also shows that 10 percent of vehicles entering the village are travelling at 35mph or above.

3. Options considered and recommended proposal

- 3.1 Do nothing: not recommended.

Doing nothing is not recommended as it would not align with the submission made by local ward members to the Local Neighbourhood and Road Safety Scheme fund and would not align with the funders programme (SYMCA).

- 3.2 It is proposed to implement the traffic calming features on Brampton Road as shown on drawing No 126/17/TT560 attached as Appendix 1 are implemented.

4. Consultation on proposal

- 4.1 The South Yorkshire Police were consulted and were consulted and were comfortable with the proposal.
- 4.2 The Cabinet member for Transport and Environment has been consulted.
- 4.3 Previous Thurcroft and Wickersley South Councillors submitted this scheme as part of the Local Neighbourhood Road safety programme, therefore promoted the scheme for implementation.

4.4 Residents of Brampton-en-le-Morthen were consulted. 9 responses were received of which, one requested alternative measures to the vertical traffic calming, and 2 had concerns about the close proximity of the road humps to their property. Discussions have taken place with these residents and, at this stage, their concerns have been addressed within the design put forward for approval.

5. Timetable and Accountability for Implementing this Decision

5.1 If the recommendations are endorsed the proposed traffic calming features as shown on drawing No 126/17/TT560 attached as Appendix 1 will be implemented in due course.

6. Financial and Procurement Advice and Implications (to be written by the relevant Head of Finance and the Head of Procurement on behalf of s151 Officer)

6.1 This project has already obtained approval within the 2024/25 capital programme as part of the Local Neighbourhood Road Safety Measures and is estimated to cost £115,240, however, there is a proposed carriageway resurfacing scheme for the village of Brampton-en-le-Morthen during this financial year which this scheme will tie in with enabling value engineering to take place. This will hopefully bring financial benefits to this scheme, the exact figure of which cannot be determined at this time.

6.2 There are no direct procurement implications associated with this recommendation.

7. Legal Advice and Implications (to be written by Legal Officer on behalf of Assistant Director Legal Services)

7.1 Legal Services have prepared the statutory notices and if the proposal is supported for implementation, they will also make the traffic regulation order.

7.2 The relevant Traffic Regulation Order will be amended as set out in the body of the report to reflect the proposals described. The TRO is made pursuant to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 which helps the Council to manage the highway network for all road users, including pedestrians with the aim to improve road safety and access to facilities.

7.3 The Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 allows the Council to make and vary Traffic Regulation Orders to regulate the movement of vehicular traffic, restrict or prohibit certain classes of vehicle and to improve the amenities of an area.

8. Human Resources Advice and Implications

8.1 This scheme will be delivered through existing staff resources within the Transportation and Highways Design Service within Planning, Regeneration and Transportation. Specialist consultants will be used where required

9. Implications for Children and Young People and Vulnerable Adults

9.1 Lower vehicle speeds should reduce the potential for collisions involving children, young people, and vulnerable adults by shortening overall braking and stopping distances by vehicles. This in turn will reduce the likelihood of reported personal injury collisions on the highway for people within these groups.

10. Equalities and Human Rights Advice and Implications

10.1 Reducing speeds in neighbourhoods can improve road safety through a reduction in injury collisions but can also improve people's perception of safety, thus removing major barriers to people walking or cycling. Lower speed limits can improve a community's health and wellbeing through more active living, resulting in environmental improvements such as less air and noise pollution and safer, healthier neighbourhoods.

10.2 An Equalities Assessment has been completed for this report and is attached at Appendix 2.

11. Implications for CO2 Emissions and Climate Change

11.1 A Carbon Impact Assessment has been completed for this report and is attached at Appendix 3.

12. Implications for Partners

12.1. A reduction in the number of road traffic collisions will reduce pressure on the Emergency Service and Health Services, together with reducing the trauma on responders attending serious road traffic collisions.

13. Risks and Mitigation

13.1 There is a risk some vehicles may use alternative routes to avoid Brampton Road following implementation of these proposals, albeit the principle alternative routes via Thurcroft already has traffic calming in place. However, traffic levels on the surrounding highway network would form part of the normal traffic and road safety monitoring process, and be subject to available funds should any additional work be identified as necessary.

14. Accountable Officers

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Matthew Reynolds, Head of Transportation Infrastructure Service

Approvals obtained on behalf of Statutory Officers: -

	Named Officer	Date
Chief Executive	Sharon Kemp	Click here to enter a date.

Strategic Director of Finance & Customer Services (S.151 Officer)	Named officer	Click here to enter a date.
Head of Legal Services (Monitoring Officer)	Named officer	Click here to enter a date.

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