

ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS

1.	Meeting:	Regeneration and Development
2.	Date:	20 September 2010
3.	Title:	Walesmoor Avenue, Kiveton Park- ; Ward 18 Proposed Traffic Calming Scheme
4.	Programme Area:	Environment and Development Services

5. Summary

Proposals for a traffic calming scheme on Walesmoor Avenue, Littlemoor Avenue, Sycamore Avenue, Kiveton Park, and the results of the associated consultation exercise.

6. Recommendations

- i) **The results of the consultation exercise for the proposed scheme be noted.**
- ii) **Authority be given for the detailed design to be carried out and for the scheme to be implemented.**

7. Proposals and Details

It is proposed to install 12 round topped road humps, 75mm high by 3.7metres long in the location shown on the plan in Appendix 1.

The proposed traffic calming scheme has been initiated as a result of the new housing development currently taking place to the south-east of Walesmoor Avenue. The layout of the roads within the new housing development have been designed to encourage motorists to travel at low speeds.

Walesmoor Avenue, along which vehicles will have to travel between the new estate and Wales Road, is different in character, due to the era in which it was constructed and as a consequence vehicle speeds are likely to be higher. Therefore to ensure consistently lower vehicle speeds in the area it is proposed to introduce traffic calming on Walesmoor Avenue and adjacent roads.

178 consultation letters, (attached in Appendix 2) were hand delivered to the residents on Walesmoor Avenue, Sycamore Avenue, Rothermoor Avenue, Littlemoor Avenue, Highmoor Avenue, Church Close.

87 residents sent back the consultation letters with their comments.

79 residents were in favour of the scheme.

8 residents were not in favour of the scheme. Their comments are listed below;

Seven out of eight residents complained about the road condition suggesting that the roads need repairing before the road humps can be installed. In this instance the funding for this scheme is being provided as part of the section 278 works associated with the strata homes development and is specific to traffic calming works as opposed to highway maintenance. However some localised repairs works will be undertaken as part of this scheme in order to construct the road humps to a satisfactory standard. With other repair works been undertaken as part of the borough wide maintenance programme.

One out of eight residents suggested that the road humps will cause accidents on the estate as there are a lot of children that ride bikes, allowing them to pass down the side of the road humps.

There is no evidence of this on other traffic calming schemes and we do not foresee that this will be an issue for this traffic calming scheme.

8. Finance

£30,000 has been made available by the developer of the adjacent housing estate, as part of the planning approval of the development, to introduce traffic calming on Walesmoor Avenue and surrounding roads. This will cover the construction of the scheme and associated design fees.

9. Risks and Uncertainties

The costs of introducing the traffic calming is subject to the need to divert statutory Undertakers' apparatus.

10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

The scheme is in line with objectives set out in the South Yorkshire Local Transport Plan, and the associated Road Safety and Casualty Reduction Strategy, for improving road safety and managing traffic. In addition, the proposal 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 ward members, Parish council, emergency services and general public has been undertaken. No objections have been received.

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