

Report to the Cabinet

Meeting to be held on Thursday, 20 January 2022

Report of the Head of Service - Design and Construction

Part I

Electoral Division affected:
Fylde West;

Corporate Priorities:
Delivering better services;

Proposed Speed Cushions, Chain Lane & Staining Road, Staining

(Appendix 'A' refers)

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Brief Summary

It is proposed to construct a pair of speed cushions on Staining Road and two pairs of speed cushions on Chain Lane, Staining. This is part of an evidence-based accident reduction scheme to reduce the speed of traffic through the existing 20mph zone.

Following statutory advertisement of the speed cushions, the proposal received 4 supporting responses, one of which requested additional speed cushions to be installed, and 2 responses from objectors which are summarised in this report.

Recommendation

Cabinet is asked to approve the installation of the speed cushions on Chain Lane and Staining Road, Staining as shown at Appendix 'A'.

Detail

There have been six recorded injury accidents in Staining village, with a total of eight casualties, where excessive speed has been a factor. Following a review of the evidence and discussions with residents and the Parish Council, it is considered appropriate to introduce traffic calming. A detailed design proposal has been developed as part of an evidence-based accident reduction scheme which will see the installation of speed cushions on Staining Road and Chain Lane helping to reduce the speed and improve the situation.

Consultations

Formal advertising and consultation regarding the proposals was undertaken during April 2021 and May 2021. The local county councillor, Police and a number of residents support the proposals.

A total of two objections were received; one of these was from a resident in the local area and the other was provided by a regular user of the route. The objections are summarised below and responses given for consideration. Suggestions regarding additional measures were also received, these too are summarised below.

Objection 1

The objector welcomed the idea of the scheme in general, however suggested an alternative location for the speed cushion proposed outside No.112 Staining Road, suggesting an alternative location outside the Scout hut.

Response

The Scout hut is located on a bend and is deemed an unsuitable location for a speed cushion due to concerns with visibility.

The proposed location, outside No.112 Staining Road, is midway between two bends; this affords drivers adequate visibility of the speed cushions after they have negotiated the bends. The bends also act as natural traffic calming features.

Objection 2

The objector is a regular commuter along the route and has concerns about the wear and tear to their vehicle and believes there will be an increase in traffic noise causing discomfort to residents.

Response

When driven over at an appropriate speed, speed cushions should not cause any damage or additional wear and tear to vehicles.

It is anticipated that overall noise levels should be very similar to levels currently experienced.

Additional measures

Additional suggestions raised by a number of residents are included below:

1. Additional speed cushions be positioned outside the shops on Chain Lane and approaching the village near Bibby Drive prior to the Zebra crossing.

Response

The vehicle movements associated with the use of the car parking spaces outside the shops and the adjacent main road exclude this as a suitable location for speed cushions due to the increased level of risk.

The approach to the village near Bibby Drive is currently outside the scope of this scheme.

2. Install bollards outside the Health centre to prevent parking on the footway.

Response

Installing bollards at this location is currently outside the scope of this scheme.

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Risk management

The speed cushions will improve safety on Chain Lane and Staining Road by reducing the speed of motorists. If the speed cushions are not installed, the speed of motorists will continue to be above the 20mph limit and pose an ongoing risk to road users.

Financial

An estimate for the works is £25,000 which can be met from the grant monies in the Evidence Based Accident Reduction capital budget due to underspends on completed projects within the programme.

Legal

The legal procedure to install speed cushions is under section 90A-F Highways Act 1980 and the Highways (Road Humps) Regulations 1999.

List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact/Tel
None		
Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate		
N/A		