



## **Reinstatement of Carr Brow traffic calming chicanes**

### **Report of the Corporate Director for Place Management & Regeneration**

#### **1. INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To report the findings of a consultation exercise for the reinstatement of traffic calming chicanes on Carr Brow in High Lane and to seek approval for the reintroduction of traffic calming features and associated signage.

#### **2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1. The chicanes were removed to facilitate United Utilities works on Jacksons Edge Reservoir reconstruction approximately five years ago.
- 2.2. The chicanes were removed in the following locations to allow for large vehicles to access the reservoir:
  - Northside of Carr Brow outside Number 7
  - Southside of Carr Brow outside Number 18
  - Northside of Carr Brow opposite Number 30
- 2.3. It was originally intended once United Utilities had completed their works that the chicanes would be reinstated and a consultation was carried out to ask for local residents' opinions. However, as the chicanes were being reconstructed, the works were met with some objections by local residents and discussions were held regarding their suitability. As such, a second consultation has been undertaken to gauge feedback from residents and members.

#### **3. PROPOSALS**

- 3.1. The proposals include reinstating the chicanes along Carr Brow in the following locations:
  - Northside of Carr Brow outside house number 7
  - Southside of Carr Brow outside house number 18
  - Northside of Carr Brow opposite house number 30
- 3.2. The locations remain the same as per the original layout order to maintain the existing traffic regulation order of 20mph with the self-enforcing features in their original state. Should the Committee consider permanent removal of these features and not reinstate the chicanes, this will require a further Feasibility report in order to provide a review revoking the 20mph speed restriction. All 20mph speed restrictions are required to be self-enforcing and as such, a report will be required in accordance with the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

#### **4. CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVE SOLUTIONS**

- 4.1. No alternative solutions have been considered.

## **5. CONSULTATION**

- 5.1. The Local Ward Councillors have been consulted and have no adverse comments in relation to the scheme.
- 5.2. A total of 28 letters were delivered of which we received 18 responses (64%), of which 10 (55%) were in favour, 7 (39%) were against the proposals and 1 (5%) didn't know.
- 5.3. Whilst 7 of the 18 responses were against the proposals to reinstate the chicanes, all responses indicated that there was a speeding issue along the road and there were requests for other measures to reduce speeds, such as speed cushions.
- 5.4. It is suggested that chicanes are an equally suitable and appropriate form of traffic calming as they encourage vehicles to give way to one another, thereby slowing the traffic down.

## **6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1. An allocation of £12,000 has been set aside to reinstate the chicanes and the scheme will be funded by United Utilities.

## **7. TIMESCALES**

- 7.1. Should the proposals be approved, the scheme should be ready for implementation in winter 2020.

## **8. EQUALITIES/COMMUNITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

### 8.1. Equal Opportunities

- To provide a suitable and safer environment for pedestrians and other road users. The scheme contributes to the Council's vision statement "Promote equal life outcomes for all by tackling known inequalities across the borough of Stockport".

### 8.2. Sustainable Environment

- To develop and sustain a healthy, safe and attractive local environment which contributes to Stockport. Stockport Council understands the responsibility it has to lead by example and help the broader community make a positive contribution to the local environment.

## **9. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

To consider and comment upon the proposals, and recommend that the Area Committee approves the reinstatement of the traffic calming features.

### **Background Papers**

There are no background papers to this report.

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