

STOCKPORT COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE REPORT – SUMMARY SHEET

Subject: Nelstrop Road, Heaton Chapel

Report to: (a) Heatons & Reddish Area Committee **Date:** Monday, 24 January 2022

Report of: (b) Corporate Director for Place Management & Regeneration

Key Decision: (c) **NO / ~~YES~~** *(Please circle)*

Forward Plan ☐ General Exception ☐ Special Urgency ☐ *(Tick box)*

Summary: To approve the removal of physical traffic calming measures on Nelstrop Road in Heaton Chapel.

Recommendation(s): The Area Committee is asked to consider the Corporate Director's and approve the following for legal notification:

Remove Raised Junction Table:

Nelstrop Road at the junction with Farm Close.

Remove (4) Speed Humps:

Nelstrop Road at the following approximate locations:

Fronting Numbers 9 & 16

Fronting Number 38.

Fronting Number 37.

Fronting Numbers 57 & 82.

Not forming part of the legal notice, the provision of 20 Roundel carriageway markings and 20mph repeater plates at suitable locations to be determined.

Nelstrop Road, Heaton Chapel

Report of the Corporate Director for Place Management & Regeneration

1. INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE OF REPORT

To approve the removal of physical traffic calming measures on Nelstrop Road in Heaton Chapel.

2. BACKGROUND

The physical traffic calming features (speed humps) on Nelstrop Road (Inc. the raised table at the junction with Broadstone Road and Farm Close) were installed some years ago to consolidate road safety near where a primary school used to be located (now Adlington House). Since the school is no longer there, the Ward Councillors have received enquiries about removing the features on the basis they are no longer required.

20mph zones are meant to be self-enforcing without the need for Police enforcement and therefore (in principle) the physical measures should remain in place. However (it is understood) there is a general consensus amongst local residents that the narrow width of the carriageway; in combination with on-street parking (on both sides) serves to create a 'natural' form of traffic calming without the need for physical measures - which are perceived as a nuisance by some householders.

Nelstrop Road is scheduled for resurfacing in the earlier part of 2022; therefore it would make sense (to minimise costs and disruption) to coordinate the removal of the features as part of the resurfacing programme.

3. PROPOSALS

The features under consideration are delineated on attached drawing number: **NM18-6340**.

If a decision is made to remove the physical traffic calming, the 20mph speed limit will be consolidated with carriageway markings ('20' Roundels) arranged and funded as part of the resurfacing works. Note: Due to the narrow width of the carriageway, the Roundel markings will be positioned centrally and back-to-back facing the traffic in either direction.

In addition, 20mph repeater plates will be erected on suitable light columns.

See the images below:



4. CONSULTATION

Under direction from the Ward Spokesperson, Network Management delivered a consultation form to all the occupancies (Inc. Farm Close, Nelstrop Walk and Adlington House). The covering letter explained the context for the consultation and stated that: 'the removal of the features could see an increase in average speeds along the route'.

The closing date for the return of forms was 31 December 2021. However the covering letter did state that late returns over the Christmas period will be taken into account. As of 12 January 2022 the public vote (Yes or No) to reinstate the features as part of the resurfacing programme was as follows:

	YES (39%)	NO (61%)
Nelstrop Road	8	8
Farm Close	2	2
Nelstrop Walk	1	1
Adlington House	9	2

The percentage of the vote indicates a mandate for the removal of the features; however it is noted that Adlington House is set further back from the route and the vote was equal amongst the frontages on Nelstrop Road.

The consultation forms invited comments from recipients and all the relevant forms have been scanned and forwarded to the Ward Councillors so that they can consider the comments returned.

The Ward Spokesperson was notified of the above results and informed Network Management that he would support the removal of the physical traffic calming measures.

Note: Further to the exchange with the Spokesperson, we have received 2 late returns from occupancies on Nelstrop Road who have said YES to the reinstatement of the physical features due to concerns about road safety.

5. COSTS

The Members are recommended to approve an allocation of £1,000 from their delegated Ward Budget to cover the legal costs for advertising the notification to remove the table / humps; and also for the placement of 20mph repeater plates on light columns.

6. EQUALITIES/COMMUNITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

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".

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.

7. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

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Background Papers

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