

STOCKPORT COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE REPORT – SUMMARY SHEET

Subject: Partial Removal of Windlehurst Road Traffic Calming – Update Report

Report to: (a) Marple Area Committee
September 2023

Date: Wednesday, 13

Report of: (b) Director of Place Management

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

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

Summary:

This report has been prepared to provide an update to committee members on the outcome of the legal notifications and the comments received regarding the removal of specific traffic calming measures along Windlehurst Road.

Recommendation(s):

For the Marple Area Committee to comment and note, and for the Cabinet Member for Parks, Highways & Transport Services to note this update report.

Relevant Scrutiny Committee (if decision called in): **(d)**
Communities & Transport Scrutiny Committee

Background Papers (if report for publication): **(e)**

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[Stockport Council - Agenda for Marple Area Committee on Wednesday, 4th August, 2021, 6.00 pm](#)

[Stockport Council - Agenda for Marple Area Committee on Wednesday, 22nd June, 2022, 6.00 pm](#)

[Stockport Council - Agenda for Marple Area Committee on Wednesday, 19th October, 2022, 6.00 pm](#)

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‘Urgent Business’: (f) **~~YES~~ / NO** (please circle)

Certification (if applicable)

This report should be considered as ‘urgent business’ and the decision exempted from ‘call-in’ for the following reason(s):

The written consent of Councillor _____ and the Chief Executive/Monitoring Officer/Borough Treasurer for the decision to be treated as ‘urgent business’ was obtained on _____ /will be obtained before the decision is implemented.

Partial Removal of Windlehurst Road Traffic Calming

Report of the Director of Place Management

1. INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report has been prepared to provide an update to committee members on the outcome of the legal notifications and the comments received regarding the removal of specific traffic calming measures along Windlehurst Road.
- 1.2 This report is supplementary to the reports presented at the March 2021, August 2021, June 2022 and October 2022 Marple Area Committees, where Members supported the removal of specific calming measures.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1. A series of consultations have taken place ahead of and following the opening of the A6 to Manchester Relief Road (A6MARR) in October 2018. This led to the implementation of a series of mitigation measures throughout High Lane.
- 2.2. At the June 2022 Marple Area Committee approval was given to the removal of speed cushions 4 to 9 (refer to Drawing No F/1016/WR/002 Rev A) on Windlehurst Road, between Andrew Lane and Torkington Lane, which have been highlighted as a priority by ward councillors. Approval was requested for the legal notification for the removal of the traffic calming features.
- 2.3. The cushions were part of a planning condition set out as part of the A555 mitigation measures. Before legal notification planning approval was sought to amend this condition to allow for the legal process. Legal notifications were placed on street, in the press and on our website. There is no facility to object to a notification, however there is the facility to comment.
- 2.4. Legal Services received one comment at the time of the legal notification process which was sent on behalf of 13 residences. The comment stated that the objectors did not agree with the removal of the cushions and believed the legal notices were not valid due to not containing the signature of the relevant officer, and that the notice failed to state which section of the Highways Act it referred to. These comments were investigated by a Solicitor who responded to the comments directly, informing that the notice contained the name of the Strategic Head of Legal, and that the notice is pursuant to the Highways Act 1980 of which the specific subsection derives from, so therefore were content that the notice was not defective.
- 2.5. Alongside the legal notifications, we also consulted with residents on proposed mitigation measures. Full details of this consultation will be reported back in a future area committee.
- 2.6. There were 21 responses to the consultation on the mitigation measures. Some residents did not comment to the legal notification as stipulated in the letter and on the legal notification itself, but instead commented on the removal of the cushions

during the consultation. There were an additional 13 responses which came in as part of the joint email regarding the legal notices see point 2.4.

2.7. For completeness we have included comments received regarding the removal that came in as part of the mitigation measures consultation.

- Three respondents said they did not want the cushions to be removed as they perceived speeds would increase and there may be potential accidents.
- Five respondents said they did want the cushions to be removed
- Thirteen respondents sent in a joint objection to the mitigation measures and stated that they were not in agreement to the proposed mitigation measures but stated that traffic calming is required.

3. PROPOSALS

3.1. The proposals comprise removal of six sets of speed cushions. The speed cushions are located at sites 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 as shown on drawing number F/1016/WR/002 Rev A.

4. CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVE SOLUTIONS

4.1. Mitigation measures consultation currently being reviewed.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1. The removal of the traffic calming measures will be funded by the Highways Infrastructure Programme (HIP) budget

6. TIMESCALES

6.1. Expected late autumn/early winter

7. EQUALITIES/COMMUNITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

7.1. 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".

7.2. 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.

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

8.1. For the Marple Area Committee comment and note the report and for the Cabinet Member for Parks, Highways & Transport Services to note the report.

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