

# Report to Deputy Leader & Cabinet Member for Transportation

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**Decision to be taken on or after 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2020**

**Decision can normally be implemented at least  
3 working days after decision has been signed.**

**Cabinet Member Report No. T05.20**

**Title:** Proposed Traffic Calming - Reedham Road, Burnham

**Date:** 21<sup>st</sup> February 2020

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## Summary

Buckinghamshire County Council, in conjunction with the developer Churchill Retirement Living proposes to construct a build-out in the publicly maintained section of Reedham Road, Burnham. The build-out in the publicly maintained highway is to be constructed at a point approx. 83 metres south of the Britwell Road junction with Reedham Road.

## Recommendation

**It is recommended that the Deputy Leader & Cabinet Member for Transportation approves the construction of the traffic calming as proposed.**

## **A. Narrative setting out the reasons for the decision**

Planning Permission 17/01126/FUL- Redevelopment to form 46 retirement apartments for the elderly including communal facilities, access, car parking and landscaping.

Condition 5 in the planning appeal consent included the requirement for the developer to construct traffic calming on Reedham Road.

- A statutory consultation was undertaken on the proposals in January 2020.
- The traffic calming will add to the existing feature on Reedham Road aiming to reduce vehicle speeds along this stretch of highway.
- We received one response to the statutory consultation which came from an internal consultee, they did not object to the proposals.

## **B. Other options available, and their pros and cons**

No alternative designs have been considered at this stage as the type of traffic calming being proposed was agreed at planning stage, therefore alternatives have not been considered by the developer. Should the agreed form of traffic calming not go ahead, then alternatives that may be suitable in this location could be in the form of additional road humps or other types of road narrowing features.

## **C. Resource implications**

There will be no direct finance resource implications because the consultations and highway works are to be funded by the developer themselves.

## **D. Value for Money (VfM) Self Assessment**

All works including this consultation are funded by the developer.

## **E. Legal implications**

The Council's main powers in relation to provision of Traffic Calming are set out in the Highways Act 1980 ("the Act"). Section 90G of the Act allows a highway authority to establish traffic calming works in a highway maintainable at the public expense for which they are the highway authority.

Before carrying out such works, the highway authority is required under section 4 of the Highway Traffic Calming Regulations 1999 to consult the chief officer of police about the proposal and to consult such person or organisations representing persons who use the highway or who are otherwise likely to be affected by the works as the highway authority thinks fit.

It has been held by the courts that to be effective, consultation must meet the following tests:

- the consultation must be at a time when proposals are still at a formative stage;
- the proposer must give sufficient reasons for any proposal to permit of intelligent consideration and response;
- adequate time must be given for consideration and response; and
- that the product of the consultation must be conscientiously taken into account in finalising any statutory proposals.

It would appear from the content of this report and the background documentation that the above tests were met in this instance.

**F. Property implications**

Not applicable.

**G. Unitary Council**

There are unlikely to be any barriers or opportunities arising from this consultation.

**H. Other implications/issues**

Not applicable.

**I. Feedback from consultation, Local Area Forums and Local Member views**

Date advance notification of decision given: 14<sup>th</sup> January 2020

Date local members consulted on draft decision: 5<sup>th</sup> February 2020

Deadline given for responses: 12<sup>th</sup> February 2020

Overview of responses received:

**David Cairney - Transport For Buckinghamshire Network Improvement Team**

Given the sweep of the road on the southbound approach to the proposed build out, I was wondering whether you've given any thought to providing an offside Diagram 811A to supplement the proposed nearside assembly or will the forward visibility be improved (ie will the existing boundary vegetation be removed?). By the way, the drawing details that the proposed Diagram 811A will be illuminated – this sign does not have to be illuminated according to the current sign regulations. Finally, have you considered possibly warning of the buildout for southbound motorists with a Diagram 517 'Road narrows on left ahead' sign given the interesting priority arrangement that has been proposed?

## **Local Members/ LAF**

No responses were received from the Local Members or Local Area Forum.

### **J. Communication issues**

All Consultees will receive the outcome in either the manner in which they contacted us or via email.

### **K. Progress Monitoring**

Not applicable.

### **L. Review**

Not applicable.

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## **Background Papers**

135.5027.100.E – Engineering Layout S278 Design.pdf  
Buckinghamshire County Council Consultation Letter  
Buckinghamshire County Council Consultation Notice

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### ***Your questions and views***

*If you have any questions about the matters contained in this paper please get in touch with the Contact Officer whose telephone number is given at the head of the paper.*

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