



Report to Leader (Transport Portfolio)

Decision Date: 15 December 2020

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Title: TEE19055, Highways Contribution, Long Crendon – Implementation of Traffic Calming Features

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Ward(s) affected: Bernwood

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- a. The Cabinet Member for Transportation authorises the implementation of the traffic calming measures as set out in this report.
- b. Correspondents to the statutory consultation are informed of the Cabinet Member for Transportations Decision.

Reason for decision: Transport for Buckinghamshire has secured funding from Section 106 contributions to introduce traffic calming measures in Long Crendon. The proposals have been developed to reduce traffic speeds within Chearsley Road, creating a safer environment for pedestrians and road users.

Funding has been secured from the developer of the new Pinner Way development to address road safety issues raised by the Parish Council. In consultation with the Parish Council, Transport for Buckinghamshire has developed the following proposals to address the reported issues:

- Providing a 'raised table' crossing point facilitating movement for pedestrians and creating a safer transition on Chearsley Road, Long Crendon – **To proceed**
- Installing softer measures such as village gateway features, dragon's teeth road markings and red surfacing at the speed limit terminal point as entering the village - **To proceed**

- Rumble strip road markings. However, following consultation and having received an objection, it has been agreed with the Parish council that this element of the scheme will be omitted from the proposals – **Not to proceed**

Content of report

- 1.1 The proposals have arisen following Section 106 contributions from Pinner Way development.
- 1.2 Buckinghamshire Council is responsible for the highway network within its boundary.
- 1.3 The proposals have been developed with the support of the Parish Council and elected Members. The proposals are to address concerns regarding vehicles speeds and safety of pedestrians. The proposals aim to mitigate the concerns raised.
- 1.4 Transport for Buckinghamshire has undertaken a statutory public consultation on the proposals.
- 1.5 Copies of the Statutory Consultation documentation can be found on the Buckinghamshire Council website and are included as Appendices within this report.
- 1.6 Thames Valley Police and Ambulance services have not responded to the proposals which were advertised and consulted upon.

Other options considered

- 1.7 A request was made by the Parish Council for Buckinghamshire Council to consider amending the speed limit on Chearsley Road (extending the existing 30mph speed limit). Transport for Buckinghamshire undertook a speed limit review but the extension of the 30mph speed limit was not supported by the Network Safety Team or by Thames Valley Police, and the outcome of the speed limit review was accepted by the Parish Council and Members.
- 1.8 Rumble strip road markings were requested by the Parish Council and formed part of the proposals during the statutory consultation. However, following receipt of an objection, it was agreed that the rumble strips would be removed from the proposals and not be implemented.

Legal and financial implications

- 1.9 Section 122 of The Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 places a duty on Buckinghamshire Council to secure the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of vehicular and other traffic (including pedestrians) and the provision of suitable and adequate parking facilities on and off the highway.

Corporate implications

- 1.10 No property implications have been identified.
- 1.11 Equality and Diversity Issues – Equality Act 2010. This proposal will not have any disproportionate effect upon people with protected characteristics. This scheme will introduce traffic calming measures on Chearsley Road, Long Crendon which will improve pedestrian crossing facilities, and in particular for the most vulnerable users.

Consultation and communication

- 1.12 In accordance with the Highways (Road Humps) Regulations 1996, a Statutory Consultation was undertaken between Wednesday 9th September and Wednesday 7th October 2020. A summary of the feedback is shown in Appendix A.
- 1.13 The full written responses to the statutory consultation are contained in Appendix B. These have been reviewed and considered against the proposals which were advertised.

There were 3 objections received to the proposals and 12 responses in support.

- 1.14 Objection comments include:
- i. Features won't work, cause vibration and will be poorly maintained
 - ii. Not required – Chearsley Road not dangerous
 - iii. Rumble strips should be relocated away from residential properties.
- 1.15 Having reviewed all comments received during the Statutory Consultation and in agreement with the Parish Council and Elected Members, it is recommended that the proposals are implemented as advertised, with the exception of the rumble strip road markings.
- 1.16 TfB invited all of the local members to provide a comment on the traffic calming proposals advertised during the statutory consultation. The Long Crendon Parish Council and Local members were in support.
- 1.17 All consultees and correspondents to the consultation will be contacted by either email or letter and will be informed of the decision and where they can find the details of the statutory consultation and the decision taken. The report will be published on the Council's webpage.

Next steps and review

If the recommendations within this report are approved, Transport for Buckinghamshire will inform all correspondents of the decision taken and will programme the implementation of the traffic calming features. We anticipate these features to be installed within the next five months.

Background papers

Appendix A: Summary of Objections & Feedback - Highways Contribution Long Crendon

Appendix B: Responses to Statutory Consultation – Highways Contribution Long Crendon

Appendix C: Consultation Plan – Highways Contribution Long Crendon

Appendix D: Scheme Plan – (To implement once a decision has been made)

Your questions and views (for key decisions)

If you have any questions about the matters contained in this report please get in touch with the author of this report. If you have any views that you would like the cabinet member to consider, please inform the democratic services team. This can be done by telephone to 01296 382343 or email democracy@buckinghamshire.gov.uk