



Officer Decision Report

Title:	Hicks Farm Rise Speed Cushions – Proceed to Statutory Consultation
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Ward(s) affected:	Totteridge and Bowerdean: <i>Councillor Julia Wassell, Councillor Steve Guy, Councillor Imran Hussain</i>
Decision:	Approval to proceed to Statutory Consultation and advertisement for the introduction of proposed traffic calming measures on Hicks Farm Rise, between its junction with Baring Road and Gayhurst Road.
Reason for decision:	To implement speed cushions that would reduce speeding traffic and accidents at this location (described above) because there has been a fatality and 7 collisions recorded. Traffic calming features will be designed to improve safety for all motorists and the general public --- please refer to consultation drawings for further details.

1. Background

- 1.1 Vehicles speeds have been a particular concern at this location and this has initially been seen to be a major contributory factor to various traffic incidents.
- 1.2 As a result of this Councillor Julia Wassell has requested that traffic calming measures be implemented at this location following a petition signed by many residents of Hicks Farm Rise.

- 1.3 This scheme cost of £29,906.52, which includes design, consultation and construction, is being entirely funded by High Wycombe Community Board.
- 1.4 The project is to reduce the speed by introducing traffic calming features on Hicks Farm Rise between its junctions with Baring Road and Gayhurst Road – current proposal for 4 sets of speed cushions has been agreed with Councillor Julia Wassell.
- 1.5 A feasibility study was undertaken in the 2018/19 financial year to consider potential impact of this scheme as well as investigate possible safety improvements measures which will address casualty rate along the street such as: advisory designated parking areas; chicanes/build-out's with priority working; raised tables plus speed cushions; (mobile) vehicle activated signs; permanent safety cameras including mobile enforcement; road signage and thermoplastic coloured carriageway surfacing. All options are outlined in the issued feasibility report dated 5th April 2019.

2. Authority to take this decision

- 2.1 The council scheme of delegation is contained within the Council's constitution.

3. Other options considered

- 3.1 Any other options considered would also involve a Statutory Consultation process.
- 3.2 Not to propose the traffic calming measures would likely result in continuation of speeding which has been a long-standing issue identified by residents between Baring Road and Gayhurst Road junctions

4. Local councillors & community boards consultation & views

- 4.1 The appropriate local Members are aware of our proposals (which would involve putting the scheme forward for public statutory consultation) and are in favour of this project, as per correspondence dated 3rd August 2022.

5. Feedback from Consultation

- 5.1 No consultation to date: the statutory consultation is to be undertaken in accordance with The Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

6. Financial Information

6.1 High Wycombe Community Board has secured funding for the full implementation of the scheme. There are no financial implications for Buckinghamshire Council.

7. Other

7.1 Statement of reason

Proposed 'traffic calming' features are to be introduced on Baring Road and Gayhurst Road for the following reasons: -

- a) *For avoiding danger to persons or other traffic using the road or any other road or for preventing the likelihood of any such danger arising.*
- b) *For facilitating the passage on the road or any other road of any class of traffic (including pedestrians).*
- c) *For preserving or improving the amenities of the area through which the road runs.*

8. Your questions and views

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

9. Background papers

9.1 Hicks Farm Rise consultation drawing numbers CB-RNGJ-01-YY-DE-C-0001; CB-RNGJ-01-YY-DE-C-0002 and CB-RNGJ-01-YY-DE-C-0003.

Approval Signature 

Dave Roberts
Head of Highways

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