



# Officer Decision Report

<b>Date:</b>	<b>24/11/2023</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Castlefield Traffic Calming Measure Statutory Consultation</b>
<b>Cabinet Member(s):</b>	<b>Cllr. Steve Broadbent</b>
<b>Contact officer:</b>	<b>Josh Tomlinson</b>
<b>Ward(s) affected:</b>	<b>Booker, Cressex and Castlefield</b>
<b>Decision:</b>	<b>To undertake a Statutory Consultation relating to the proposals to construct table-top junctions, raised tables, round-top speed humps, speed cushions and a chicane in Castlefield, High Wycombe, as part of the proposed traffic calming measures.</b>
<b>Reason for decision:</b>	<b>Statutory consultation in line with obligations under section 90c of the Highways Act 1980, section 4 of The Highways (Traffic Calming) Regulations 1999 and section 3 of The Highways (Road Humps) Regulations 1999.</b>

## **1. Background**

- 1.1 This project is a proactive initiative, forming part of the wider Opportunity Bucks programme that has been introduced by Buckinghamshire Council, helping to improve opportunities for people in Buckinghamshire.
- 1.2 Castlefield, High Wycombe has been subjected to significant anti-social driving behaviour in recent years. Local Castlefield community representatives and TVP neighbourhood police teams have provided reports to the Council outlining occurrences and concerns.

1.3 Proposals have been designed to deter vehicle speeding and/or displace anti-social driving occurrences along the following roads in Castlefield.

1.3.1 Rutland Avenue

- 3 table-top junctions with Rutland Avenue, Cross Road, and Spearing Road
- 8 raised tables, which include the replacement of existing road humps
- 1 existing zebra crossing to be rebuilt adjacent to Castlefield Mosque
- 3 round-top speed humps
- 1 chicane north of the junction with Spearing Road

1.3.2 The Middleway

- 1 table-top junction with Spearing Road outside the school entrance

1.3.3 Spearing Road

- 3 table-top junctions with Rutland Avenue, Cross Road and The Middleway
- 2 raised tables
- 7 pairs of speed cushions at regular intervals

1.3.4 Booker Lane

- 1 raised table to replace the existing road hump near the junction with Rutland Avenue

2.2.5 Cross Road

- 2 table-top junctions modified to narrower T-junctions enabling the provision of additional community space.
- 1 pair of speed cushions between the junctions

2.2.6 Whitelands Road

- 7 pairs of speed cushions at regular intervals

## 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 One other option has been considered for the project:

Do Nothing - The project team does not progress with the project and instead returns the funding back to the capital pot for reallocation. This would result in significant reputational damage to the Council's commitments as part of the Opportunity Bucks

programme. Castlefield would not be traffic calmed in line with the objectives of the Leader of the Council, local community action group, members, and residents.

#### **4. Local councillors & community boards consultation & views**

4.1 Local councillors for Booker, Cressex and Castlefield provided the following feedback as part of the community engagement in September 2023.

4.1.1 Cllr. Karen Bates – *‘It is good to know that at last we are able to progress this project. I am in full support of this action. It has been of great concerns to everyone in the community and the source of many emails to me from residents. The high speeds of many vehicles have caused distress and a very real risk to other road users. The community have worked hard in campaigning for change. The completed alterations will have a positive impact and help to restore the quality of life for all in the community. They will improve the level of safety and hopefully prevent the kind of collisions, and indeed tragedies, that have occurred in the past. Thank you for your assistance in making this happen, there has been a great team involved with a good understanding of the need for action.’*

4.1.2 Cllr. Majid Hussain – *"Thank you very much for this great news! After decades of high-speed car collisions and campaigning for many years I am very pleased and fully support the proposed traffic calming measures in Castlefield. The proposed solutions should help restore quality of life in Castlefield where speeding is a huge concern and a very high risk to the community.*

*In addition, I can now inform the Castlefield School teacher, who lost her unborn child due to a high speeding car smashing into hers outside the school, that we are finally implementing traffic calming measures that will not only protect her but all the students/teachers and parents attending Castlefield School!"*

4.1.3 Cllr. Mohammed Ayub – *‘I am pleased to hear the good news on a longstanding issue, this will definitely alleviate the concerns residents have and also play a major role in bringing safety to the area. I would like to thank you for your assistance on this matter as well as the urgency.’*

#### **5. Your questions and review**

5.1 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.

## 6. Background papers

- 6.1 BH23RS018 Castlefield, High Wycombe - Traffic Calming Scheme Concept Design  
Layout Plan Drawing Numbers: (5223696-ATK-HGN-XX-DR-CH-000001 & 2 [P01.5])  
shows the works have been proposed by Buckinghamshire Highways.

Approval Signature:

Syed Shah

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Head of Transport Infrastructure & Delivery

Date: 24/11/2023

