



Report to the Leader (Transport portfolio)

Decision Date: 3 June 2020

Reference number: TR02.20

Title: Proposed Traffic Calming Scheme - Dadford Village, Buckinghamshire

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Ward(s) affected: Buckingham East;

Recommendations: It is recommended that the Leader approves the proposed traffic calming scheme for Dadford Village be established.

Reason for decision: summarise why the recommended option is preferred

Executive summary

Buckinghamshire Council, in conjunction with MEPC Silverstone GP Ltd proposes to establish a scheme of traffic calming measures in the publicly maintained section of Dadford Road, Dadford. These works will consist of a raised table zebra crossing on Dadford Road which will be located approx. 185m South of High Street. Raised table at the junction with High Street, gateway features either end of the village, localised road narrowing and rumble device.

Content of report

A section 106 agreement relating to the development permitted under Planning Permission reference number 16/02745/AOP secured the funding for the design, consultation and if appropriate the delivery of the traffic calming and environmental improvements in Dadford Village.

- A statutory consultation was undertaken on the proposals in February/March 2020.
- Thames Valley Police, TfB Road Safety Team amongst other internal and external stakeholders were consulted.
- No formal objections were received during the consultation stage. (See Consultation Response Assessment)

Other options considered

- 1.1 The traffic calming scheme was proposed by way of mitigation to the development and has been well received locally. No alternative has been considered.

Legal and financial implications

- 1.2 There will be no direct financial resource implications because the consultations and highway works are to be funded by the developer.
- 1.3 The Council's main powers in relation to provision of Zebra Crossings are set out in the [Road Traffic Regulations Act 1984](#) ("the Act"). Section 23 of the Act allows a traffic authority to establish crossings for pedestrians on roads on which they are the traffic authority.

Before installing such a crossing, the traffic authority is required under section 23 of the Act to consult the chief officer of police about the proposal and to give notice of the proposals to members of the public.

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.

Corporate implications

1.4 All works including this consultation are funded by the developer.

Consultation and communication

1.5 An informal consultation took place on the 24th June 2019 held at Dadford Village Hall between the hours of 15:30-19:30. This was hosted and ran by the developer and also had the Project Manager and Principal Engineer in attendance. The event was advertised in the following ways:

- 14 days prior to the event in the Brackley and Towcester Advertiser.
- 14 days prior to the event on the About My Area website.
- Notices were shared with the local Parish Council and posted on the Village notice board.

Buckinghamshire Council carried out a formal consultation which ran from the 24th February 2020 until 5th April 2020. This involved letter drops to frontages, site notices being posted either end of the works area and a notice being printed in the local newspaper the Buckingham & Winslow Advertiser. The consultation was also available on the 'Have your say' website.

Next steps and review

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

Background papers

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Hyperlinks to papers published online should be used where possible. Where there are no background papers, insert none.

[Consultation Notice](#)

[Consultation Letter](#)

[Southbound Gateway Layout](#)

[Northbound Gateway Layout](#)

[Raised Table Junction Layout](#)

[Zebra Crossing & Road Narrowing Layout](#)

Consultation Response Assessment (attached)

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 01296 382343 or email democracy@buckinghamshire.gov.uk

