

Single Member Cabinet Decision

**Executive
Forward Plan
Reference****E 2733****High Street Freshford traffic calming proposals**

Decision maker/s	Cllr Anthony Clarke, Cabinet Member for Transport
The Issue	Whether to continue on with the installation of the proposed speed table in Freshford, following objections during the consultation.
Decision Date	23 rd June 2015
The decision	The Cabinet Member agrees that the scheme should proceed as planned.
Rationale for decision	<p>The points raised by the objectors relating to the desired option have already been debated and considered within the Parish Council, who decided to proceed with the scheme option being delivered.</p> <p>In relation to the objection regarding concerns over the noise vehicles will make outside of his property when driving up the ramps and onto the table, the ramp design has been amended to a gradient of 1:15 rather than 1:10 which will reduce the noise levels whilst still maintaining a traffic calming feature and highlighting a change of environment to the driver.</p> <p>We have also assessed the level and drainage design of the table to ensure that the additional gullies provided and level design of the table will not cause any run off into private property.</p>
Financial and budget implications	<p>The cost of carrying out the works to implement this scheme is estimated to be £50k. This is included within the approved 2014/15 Transport Improvement Programme capital budget, which is funded by DfT Integrated Transport Block grant.</p> <p>In addition to the capital costs, there is revenue maintenance costs associated with the project. These consist of maintenance of additional signs, drainage and a raised table. The junction will be fully resurfaced as well as a new and upgraded drainage system installed, meaning the maintenance situation is in fact improved over the existing infrastructure. Any future maintenance requirements will be picked up by the Highway Maintenance section.</p>
Issues considered	Customer Focus; Sustainability; Property; Equality (age, race, disability, religion/belief, gender, sexual orientation); Corporate; Health & Safety; Other Legal Considerations
Consultation undertaken	Ward Members; Cabinet Member for Transport; Internal Transport colleagues; Other B&NES Services; Parish Council; Local Residents; Emergency Services.

<p>How consultation was carried out</p>	<p>Consultation was carried out by e-mailing internal and external contacts. Notices were also advertised in the local press and erected on all affected roads and locations of specific interest for a 21 day period. All affected people had the opportunity to participate in the notice process, and to make their opinions known.</p>
<p>Other options considered</p>	<p>BANES Highways officers produced 3 design options and presented them to the Parish Council for them to agree an option to proceed with and construct this financial year. The 3 options presented to the PC were:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. a raised table incorporating flush pedestrian areas as per the Parishes desire to see some shared space ideas incorporated into the design as well as a buff coloured surface to signal to motorists a change in environment; 2. new pedestrian footway improvements at the junction; and 3. Option 1 but using high quality paving sets to create more of a shared space look and feel. <p>The table option was the preferred option due to it providing a speed reducing feature as well as both a visual and physical change of environment to the motorist outside of the school.</p>

<p>Signatures of Decision Makers</p>	
<p>Date of Signature</p>	
<p>Subject to Call-in until 5 Working days have elapsed following publication of the decision</p>	