

Single Member Cabinet Decision

Executive Forward Plan Reference	E2232
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Hawthorn Grove 20mph Speed Limit Zone and Traffic Calming - Consideration of responses to advertisement

Decision maker/s	Cllr Roger Symonds, Cabinet Member for Transport
The Issue	To consider letters of objection received by email to the extension of a 20mph Speed Limit Zone in the Foxhill area of Combe Down and the construction of traffic calming features
Decision Date	26 th June 2011
The decision	The Cabinet Member agrees that: The Order is made and the notice is published to that effect. That the objectors are informed accordingly that the proposals are to be implemented as advertised, under sections 84(1) and 84(2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act (as amended) and under section 90A of the Highways Act 1980.
Rationale for decision	In 2006, a petition was presented to the Bath Area South Committee, calling for the imposition of a 20mph speed limit and traffic calming measures, to achieve lower speeds and to discourage drivers from rat running along inappropriate residential roads. Phase 1 of this scheme was completed in 2010 and this included the introduction of a 20mph speed limit and traffic calming measures along a short section of Hawthorn Grove. Phase 2 of this scheme proposes the inclusion of a number of adjacent roads in a 20mph speed limit zone, complemented by a combination of road humps and speed cushions. The introduction of traffic calming measures means that no unreasonable levels of enforcement would be required by the Police. Existing traffic figures suggest that the proposals will be appropriate to the area and beneficial in road safety and environmental terms. They will improve accessibility for local residents, particularly the elderly and disabled, and could also encourage more cycling as this area lies between Fox Hill and Entry Hill, both of which are routes recommended by local cyclists. The proposal is therefore in line with the Council's priorities.
Financial and budget implications	This is a capital scheme which will cost £20,000 to implement and the works are planned for completion in this financial year. The Transport Improvement Programme for 2011/12 includes a budget allocation of £20,000 for this scheme.
Issues considered	Social Inclusion; Customer Focus; Sustainability;
Consultation undertaken	Ward Councillor; Cabinet members; Staff; Other B&NES Services; Local Residents; Section 151 Finance Officer; Monitoring Officer

How consultation was carried out	Consultation was initially carried out with Ward Councillors, the Police, the Emergency Services, Freight Transport Association, RAC Motoring Services, Road Haulage Association and local residents. Later, consultation was carried out through an advertisement in the local press and on street. Further consultations were undertaken with one of the objectors following receipt of his objection.
Other options considered	None

Signatures of Decision Makers	
Date of Signature	

Subject to Call-in until 5 Working days have elapsed following publication of the decision