



HIGHWAYS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

16 August 2011

Subject Heading:

**COLDHARBOUR LANE, RAINHAM
PROPOSED SPEED TABLE
Outcome of public consultation**

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The subject matter of this report deals with the following Council Objectives

Clean, safe and green borough	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Excellence in education and learning	<input type="checkbox"/>
Opportunities for all through economic, social and cultural activity	<input type="checkbox"/>
Value and enhance the life of every individual	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
High customer satisfaction and a stable council tax	<input type="checkbox"/>

SUMMARY

This report presents the views of those responding to a public consultation relating to a speed table in Coldharbour Lane, Rainham.

The scheme is within **RAINHAM & WENNINGTON** ward.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Committee having considered the responses and information set out in this report recommends to the Cabinet Member for Community Empowerment that the speed table on Coldharbour Lane be implemented as shown on Drawing QJ092-101.
2. That it be noted that the estimated cost of implementing the scheme is £10,000 which can be met from the Rainham to the River 2011/12 Capital fund.

REPORT DETAIL

1.0 Background

- 1.1 At its meeting of 16th November 2010, the Committee considered a Highways Scheme Application (Item 1) for a speed table on Coldharbour Lane identified as a requirement of the planning consent for the "Rainham to the River" project (U0004.10)
- 1.2 The Rainham to the River project involves a substantial development to create public access through Rainham Marshes and in terms of the pedestrian/ cyclist crossing point at Coldharbour Lane, it was recognised that a safer crossing could be provided in the form of a speed table with a similar layout to one already in place further southeast on Coldharbour Lane.
- 1.3 Condition 6 of the planning consent deals with the need for the speed table;

"Prior to the commencement of the development hereby permitted, details of the proposed alterations to the public highway, namely the proposed pedestrian crossing and speed table on Coldharbour Lane as indicated on drawing number 138_104 Proposals Plan revision D, shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The approved works shall be implemented in full thereafter. Reason: In the interests of ensuring good highway design and ensuring public safety, in accordance with the London Borough of Havering Local Development Framework policies CP10, CP17 and DC61."
- 1.4 Although the speed table was recognised in the planning consent and Condition 6 as being necessary, such proposals must be advertised before

a decision can be taken on their introduction and therefore the HAC decision-making process must be followed.

- 1.5 The Committee agreed that the Head of StreetCare should proceed with the public consultation of the proposals. The scheme was advertised on 24th June 2011, along with site notices being placed. The emergency services, London Buses, Rainham BID and other local groups were contacted by letter with scheme information and a plan on 24th June 2011.

2.0 Outcome of Public Consultation

- 2.1 By the close of consultation, 4 responses were received from consultees and are summarised below;

Respondent	Comments
Graham Harris Met. Police (Traffic)	No comments or observations.
Paul Lewis London Fire Brigade	No objections to proposal.
Maggie Dixon Rainham BID	BID will place information on website and June newsletter.
Bob Howard London Buses Infrastructure	Scheme does not interfere with any bus stops,

3.0 Staff Comments

- 3.1 As identified in the planning application and consent process for the Rainham to the River scheme, the need for a speed table on Coldharbour Lane to assist pedestrians using the route was identified by the scheme designers and indeed covered by a Planning Condition.
- 3.2 The consultation process has not led to any objections to the proposals and therefore, in line with the planning consent and Condition 6, Staff recommend that the speed table be implemented.

IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

Financial implications and risks:

The estimated cost of £10,000 can be met from the Rainham to the River 2011/12 Capital fund.

Legal implications and risks:

Speed tables require advertisement and consultation before a decision can be taken on implementation.

The Council cannot use its highway/traffic management powers to frustrate a development that has been granted planning permission.

In this case, the highway implications of the development have already been considered and found acceptable and the provision of the speed table subject to a planning Condition.

The HAC has the ability to reject the speed table as it does not prevent the rest of the scheme being implemented. However, as it forms part of the design for the safe operation of the scheme, HAC will need to very carefully consider its reasons should it decide to reject the scheme, given the lack of objections.

Human Resources implications and risks:

None.

Equalities implications and risks:

A safer crossing of Coldharbour Lane will allow all sections of the community to access the Rainham to the River routes over the existing road.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Project File: QJ 092 Rainham Marshes Highway Access & Speed Table

Planning Application: U0004.10 "Rainham to the River"