



Notice of Non-key Executive Decision

Subject Heading:	Proposed removal of existing speed tables in Hornchurch Road, between Elmhurst Drive and Grosvenor Drive - Outcome of Public Consultation.
Cabinet Member:	Cllr Osman Dervish Environment
SLT Lead:	Dipti Patel Assistant Director for Environment
Report Author and contact details:	Musood Karim Engineer Street Management 01708 432804 highways@havering.gov.uk
Policy context:	Havering Local Development Framework (2008) Havering Local Implementation Plan 2018/19 Delivery Plan
Financial summary:	The estimated cost of the removal of the speed tables is £0.0115m which will be met from the Capital Budget allocated for the Highways Improvement Programme (A3000).
Relevant OSC:	Environment
Is this decision exempt from being called-in?	No

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

Communities making Havering	<input type="checkbox"/>
Places making Havering	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Opportunities making Havering	<input type="checkbox"/>
Connections making Havering	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Part A – Report seeking decision

DETAIL OF THE DECISION REQUESTED AND RECOMMENDED ACTION

That having considered the information contained in this report, the Assistant Director for Environment authorises the removal of existing speed tables in Hornchurch Road between Grosvenor Drive and Elmhurst Drive, Hornchurch following complaints from the local residents. The proposals are shown on drawing attached in appendix 2 of this report.

AUTHORITY UNDER WHICH DECISION IS MADE

Council's Constitution:

Assistant Director, Environment; Part 3, Section 3.8.3,

Paragraph (u)

To authorise the creation, amendment and removal of disabled persons' parking bays and footway parking bays and at any time waiting restrictions at bends and road junctions

STATEMENT OF THE REASONS FOR THE DECISION

This report deals with the removal of existing speed tables in Hornchurch Road and it provides the background information on it's original installation and the post implementation problems that the residents have subsequently been experiencing.

1.0 Background

- 1.1 In October 2016, the Highways Advisory Committee considered a report (Agenda item 5) on proposed safety improvements in Hornchurch Road as part Hornchurch Road Accident Reduction scheme.
- 1.2 The proposals had identified accident remedial measures such as installing speed tables at various locations and provision of speed tables at existing and new zebra crossings primarily aimed at reducing the traffic speeds and accidents at prime locations along the Hornchurch Road, between Albany Road and Lyndhurst Road. The scheme was implemented in early 2017 and it was funded by Transport for London through the Local Implementation Plan allocation for 2016/17 Accident Reduction Programme.

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- 1.3 As the highway works were completed, occupiers in the immediate vicinity where the speed tables were installed in Hornchurch Road between Elmhurst Drive and Grosvenor Drive had complained that they were experiencing ground borne vibrations as vehicles travel over these profiles. They have complained that the speed tables have detrimental effect on their health such loss of sleep, increase in pollution etc.
- 1.4 Officers had visited the site to identify if there any other sources which could possibly generate vibrations such as loose manhole covers, sunken utility trench or pot holes. There were none identified on site, therefore, it was confirmed that the raised tables are the main source for generating vibrations when traffic travels over them.

2.0 Outcome of the public consultation

165 letters were posted to the local occupiers in Hornchurch Road (part), Harrow Drive, Elmhurst Drive and Grosvenor Drive. Furthermore, the proposals were advertised in the local press, in accordance with the Provisions of the Highways (Road Humps) Regulations 1999 to remove the speed tables.

In addition, to the above the local Ward members were also notified.

Only 12 responses were received of which 8 respondents are in agreement for the removal of the speed tables whereas 4 respondents have objected to the removal i.e. the speed tables to remain. The responses have been analysed carefully and the results are included in appendix 1 of this report.

3.0 Recommendations

That the existing speed tables are removed as advertised and consulted. The proposals are shown in the drawing attached in appendix 2 of this report.

Staff comments and conclusions

On receipt of the complaints from the occupiers of Hornchurch Road, between Elmhurst Drive and Grosvenor Drive, staff had visited the site to establish the origin of the problem. Consideration was also given to identify if the other associated sources such as loose manhole covers, sunken utility trench potholes etc were generating the ground borne vibrations, however, there were none identified.

The speed tables were installed with a view to reduce traffic speeds and road accidents, however, time will confirm if the removal of the measures has been justified. The speed tables particularly close to the junctions with Elmhurst Drive and Grosvenor Drive have assisted traffic exiting from these side roads.

The removal of the speed tables will improve the quality of lives of those residents who had been subject to detrimental effects arising from the speed tables over a considerable period of time.

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The locations of the existing speed tables are shown on drawing attached in appendix 1 of this report.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

Consideration was given to lower the existing speed tables but the measures were rejected as alteration is not financial justified.

PRE-DECISION CONSULTATION

A Public Notice under the Highways Act 1980 and in accordance with the provisions of the Highways (Road Humps) Regulations 1999 was advertised in the local press for the removal of the existing speed tables.

NAME AND JOB TITLE OF STAFF MEMBER ADVISING THE DECISION-MAKER

Name: Musood Karim

Designation: Engineer

Signature: *Musood Karim*

Date: 17th September 2019

Part B - Assessment of implications and risks

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

Many aspects of highway schemes require consultation and the advertisement of proposals before a decision can be taken on their introduction.

Where a scheme is selected to proceed, then such advertisement would take place and then be reported in detail to the Committee so that a recommendation may be made to the Cabinet Member for Environment.

With all requests considered through the Schedule, a formal set of Recommendations and a record of the Committee decisions are required so that they stand up to scrutiny.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

This report is asking the Assistant Director for Environment the removal of existing speed tables in Hornchurch Road between Elmhurst Drive and Grosvenor Drive.

The estimated cost for removal of the speed tables is £0.0115m. The funding for carrying out the works will be met from the Capital Budget allocated for the Highways Improvement Programme (A3000).

The costs shown are an estimate of the full costs of the scheme, should all proposals be implemented. It should be noted that subject to the agreement of the Assistant Director for Environment – as regards to actual implementation and scheme detail. Therefore, final costs are subject to change.

This is a standard project for Street Management and there is no expectation that the works cannot be contained within the cost estimate. There is an element of contingency built into the financial estimate. In the unlikely event of an overspend, the balance would need to be contained within the overall Environmental Capital

HUMAN RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS (AND ACCOMMODATION IMPLICATIONS WHERE RELEVANT)

There are no HR implications that impact directly on the Councils workforce.

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EQUALITIES AND SOCIAL INCLUSION IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

The Council has a general duty under the Equality Act 2010 to ensure that its highway network is accessible to all. Where infrastructure is provided or substantially upgraded, reasonable adjustments should be made to improve access. In considering the impacts and making improvements for people with protected characteristics (mainly, but not limited to disabled people, the young and older people), this will assist the Council in meeting its duty under the Act.

Decisions need to be made which are in accordance with equalities considerations, the details of which will be reported in detail to the Committee so that a recommendation may be made to the Cabinet Member for Environment, Regulatory Services and Community Safety.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.

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Part C – Record of decision

I have made this executive decision in accordance with authority delegated to me by the Leader of the Council and in compliance with the requirements of the Constitution.

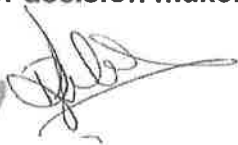
Decision

Proposals agreed as below:

- i) Removal of the existing speed tables in Hornchurch Road between Elmhurst Drive & Grosvenor Drive.

Details of decision maker

Signed



Name: Dipti Patel, Assistant Director for Environment

Cabinet Portfolio holder: Councillor Osman Dervish

Cabinet Portfolio held: Cabinet Member for Environment

CMT Member title: Dipti Patel – Assistant Director for Environment

Head of Service title: Alex Deans – Group Manager of Highways and Parking

Other manager title: John Deasy – Team Leader of Highways Engineering

Date:



Lodging this notice

The signed decision notice must be delivered to the proper officer, Debra Marlow, Principal Democratic Services Officer in Democratic Services, in the Town Hall.

For use by Committee Administration

This notice was lodged with me on

25/9/2019

Signed



Appendix 1

Summary of Consultation Responses

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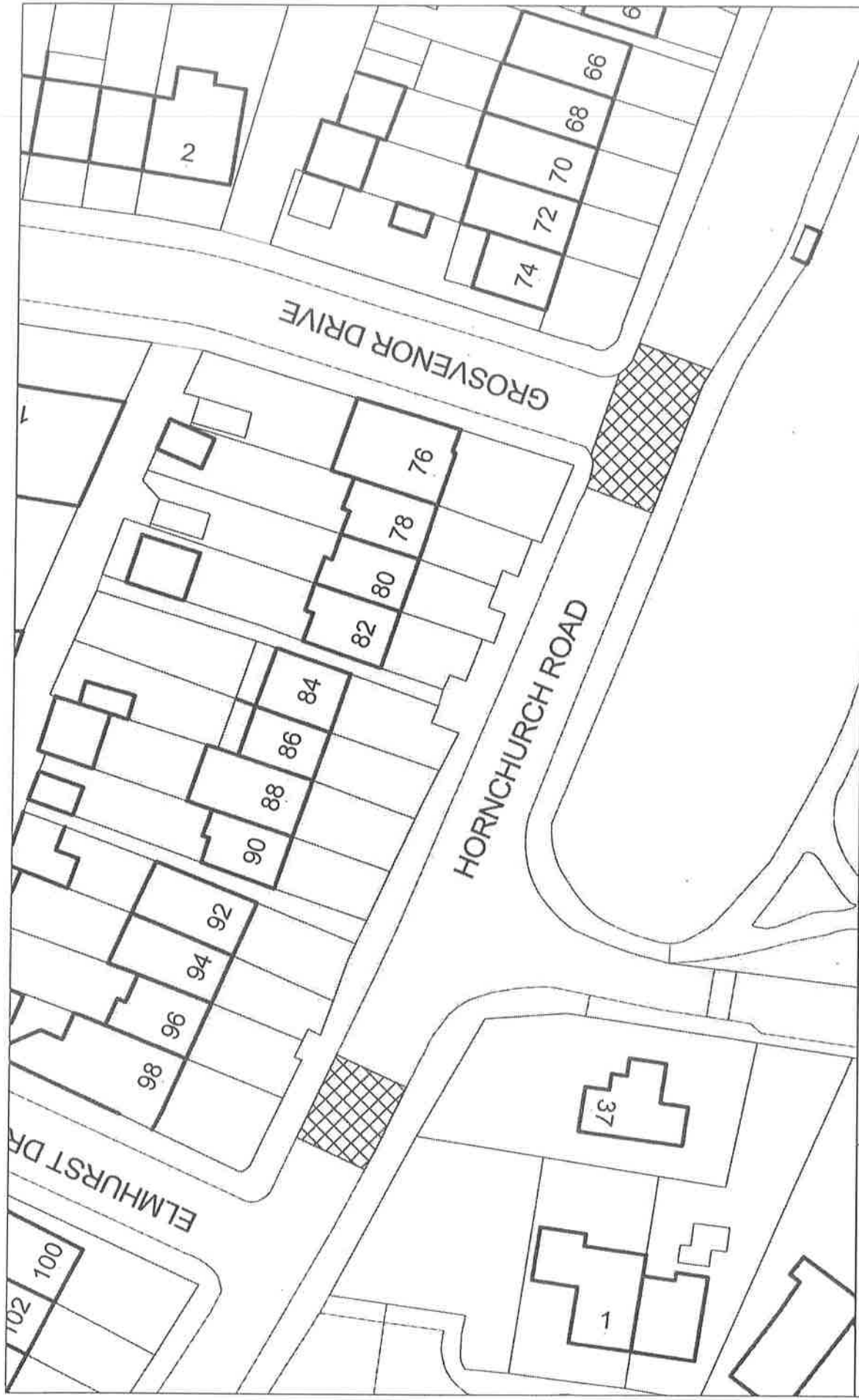
No	Respondent	Comments received		
			Agree	Dis-Agree
1	Respondent 1	The respondent is against the removal of the speed tables as they are the only means of protection for his family.		1
2	Respondent 2	Remove all the humps including in Osborne Road. They don't slow down the traffic.	1	
3	Respondent 3	The consultation letter does not give the reasons for the residents' concerns, but traffic calming measures are helpful.		1
4	Respondent 4	The respondent lives in Grosvenor Drive has stated that the existing humps generate significant noise when a heavy vehicle goes over them which is enough to wake them up in the early hours of the mornings. The respondent considers that the vibrations must be much worse for the houses in Hornchurch Road.	1	
5	Respondent 5	The respondent has stated that he exits onto Hornchurch Road from Harrow Drive and the slowing of the traffic approaching the speed table outside The Harrow Public House, allows him extra time to make his turn safely. The respondent further considers that the removal of the speed tables will put lives at risk.		1
6	Respondent 6	The respondent and his family are in total agreement with the removal of speed tables. The respondent has been complaining about them from the times these were installed and can confirm the physical damage to their property and the mental damage to their well being. They consider that this will only improve once the speed tables are removed.	1	

No.	Respondent	Comments received	Agree	Dis-Agree
7	Respondent 7	The respondent lives in Elmhurst Drive, and is not in favour of their removal as they are a good deterrent to keeping the speeds low.		1
8	Respondent 8	The respondent is in full agreement for the removal of speed tables	1	
9	Respondent 9	The respondent is pleased with the removal of the speed tables in Hornchurch Road. The respondent looks forward in having a ' <i>good night sleep</i> '	1	
10	Respondent 10	The respondent agrees with the removal of the speed tables and considers that the constant bumping when driving over the profiles is uncomfortable to drivers, passengers and damage caused to the cars.	1	
11	Respondent 11	The respondent is pleased that the speed tables will be removed at last. He has further stated that the speed tables must have damaged his property.	1	
12	Respondent 12	The respondent is pleased that the speed tables will be removed and is looking forward to a better quality of life	1	
Total			8	4
Percentage (%)			67	33

Note: Names and address of the respondents have been excluded due to Data Protection

Appendix 2

Plan showing locations
of existing speed tables



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<p>SCALE (AT A4 SIZE) N.T.S.</p>		<p>DATE 08.07.2019</p>		<p>REVISION 0</p>		<p>REVISION 0</p>		<p>AMENDMENT</p>		<p>DATE</p>	

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Appendix 3

Copy of the Public Notice
(under Highways Act 1980) as advertised

LONDON BOROUGH OF HAVERING

HIGHWAYS ACT 1980 AS AMENDED - SECTION 90A – F (INCLUSIVE)

SPEED TABLES – HORNCHURCH ROAD, HORNCHURCH

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that under the Highways Act 1980 and in accordance with the provisions of the Highways (Road Humps) Regulations 1999 the Council of the London Borough of Havering ("the Council") proposes to remove the existing speed tables at the following locations:

- i) Hornchurch Road, outside property No. 96.

Note: the existing zebra crossing will be retained.

- ii) Hornchurch Road junction with Grosvenor Drive.

A plan showing the location of the proposed speed humps, together with the Council's statement of reasons for these proposed measures, may be inspected between 9am and 5pm on Monday to Friday, at the Public Advice & Service Centre (PASC), The Liberty Shopping Centre, Romford, RM1 3RL.

Any person desiring to object to the proposals or make other representation should send a statement in writing and the grounds thereof to the Principal Engineer, Engineering Services, Street Management, Town Hall, Main Road, Romford RM1 3BB to arrive by 2nd August 2019.

Dated 12th July 2019

Dipti Patel
Assistant Director of Environment
Town Hall, Main Road,
Romford, RM1 3BD