

Notice of Non-key Executive Decision

Subject Heading:	Globe Road - Replacing flat top speed control humps to sinusoidal shape speed control humps
Cabinet Member:	Cllr Osman Dervish Environment
SLT Lead:	Barry Francis Director for Neighbourhoods
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Policy context:	Havering Local Development Framework (2008) Havering Local Implementation Plan 2018/19 Delivery Plan
Financial summary:	The estimated cost of replacing existing flat top speed control humps to sinusoidal speed control humps is £0.0075m which will be met from the Revenue Budget (A26910).
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
Places making Havering

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Opportunities making Havering
Connections making Havering

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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 of Environment authorises the replacement of six flat top speed control humps with sinusoidal speed control humps along Globe Road, Romford as shown on the drawing attached in Appendix 1 of this report.

AUTHORITY UNDER WHICH DECISION IS MADE

Council's Constitution:

Assistant Director, Environment; Part 3, Section 3.8.3,

Paragraph (b)

Other than in those matters delegated to the Lead Member following consideration by the Highways Advisory Committee, to exercise all powers and duties in respect of maintaining and improving highways, providing facilities, and interference with highways arising under Parts IV, V, VII, IX and XIV of the Highways Act 1980.

STATEMENT OF THE REASONS FOR THE DECISION

This report deals with the replacement of six flat top speed control humps with sinusoidal shape speed control humps in Globe Road and it provides the background information on the original installation of the speed humps and the post implementation problems that residents have subsequently been experiencing.

1.0 Background

- 1.1 In 1999, the Council approved flat top speed control humps along Globe Road as part of traffic calming scheme to reduce vehicle speeds and collisions. Following the approval, seven flap top speed control humps were installed in accordance with road humps regulations at various locations in Globe Road. The proposals improved road safety along Globe Road. In 2013, the flat top speed control hump outside property Nos. 43/44/45/46 Globe Road was replaced with a speed table with carriageway narrowing as part of Hylands Primary School travel plan safety scheme.

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- 1.2 There are three schools, namely Hylands Primary School, Raphael Independent School and Frances Bardsley School in the area. Local school children use Globe Road to attend these three schools.
- 1.3 Although the existing flat top speed control humps improved road safety in terms of reducing vehicle speeds and collisions over the years in the area, local residents have reported experiencing problems negotiating the flat top speed control humps as vehicles travel over these profiles. The round top speed humps have a profile equally spaced at entry and exit from the highest point allowing vehicles to ride smoothly over their profile. The flat top speed humps have a profile which consists 0.6 metre at entry and exit from the highest point and the highest point spreads over 2.5m in length which makes difficult for drivers to proceed smoothly over their profile, even at low speed. As a consequence drivers have experienced problems, negotiating flat top speed control humps compared with round top speed control humps. The majority of speed control humps in the borough are round top speed control humps, not flat top speed control humps.
- 1.4 Officers conducted a site visit to identify other sources of the complaints such as loose manhole covers, sunken utility trench or pot holes. There were no identifiable carriageway defects. Officers are satisfied that the flat top speed control humps are the main source of the complaints. Officers have established that the existing flat top humps in Globe Road are slightly higher than the current round top speed control hump installation in other borough roads. In order to facilitate the passage of vehicular traffic along Globe Road it is recommended that the six existing flat top speed control humps are replaced with sinusoidal shape speed control humps. The recommendation will improve the passage for all road users including cyclists.

2.0 Recommendations

That the existing flat top speed control humps are replaced with sinusoidal shape speed control humps at six locations on Globe Road shown in the drawing attached in Appendix 1 of this report.

Staff comments and conclusions

As there are three schools in the area, the traffic calming measures are necessary to improve road safety through slowing vehicular traffic along Globe Road. Due to complaints from the local residents and occupiers of Globe Road, Officers conducted a site visit establishing that the existing there were no identifiable highway defects such as loose manhole covers, sunken utility trench potholes etc. An issue was identified with the existing flat top speed control humps.

Staff considered that replacing the existing flat top speed control humps with sinusoidal speed control humps will improve the movement of vehicles along the highway and contribute to road safety.

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OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

Consideration was given to alternative traffic calming measures such as speed cushions and narrowing carriageway but the measures were rejected as alternatives are not suitable for this location.

PRE-DECISION CONSULTATION

None

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

Name: Velup Siva

Designation: Senior Engineer

Signature: *Siva*

Date: 18th June 2020

Part B - Assessment of implications and risks

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

Here officers seek authority for the replacement of road humps in Globe Road requiring an executive decision made by the Assistant Director for Environment as per the Council's Constitution.

The Council's power to construct and remove road humps in highway maintainable at public expense is set out in Part V of the Highways Act 1980 ("HA 1980"). Before making an order under this provision the Council should ensure that the statutory procedures set out in section 90C, Part V of the HA 1980 and the Highways (Road Humps) Regulations 1999 ("Regulations") are complied with.

The Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016 govern road traffic signs and road markings.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

This report is asking the Assistant Director of Environment to authorise to replace the existing flat top speed control humps to sinusoidal shape speed control humps in Globe Road as shown on attached drawing.

The estimated cost for the replacement of sinusoidal speed control humps is £0.0075m. The funding for carrying out the works will be met from the Revenue Budget (A26910-681140-8034-000 000-000 000).

This is a standard project for Highways, Traffic and Parking and there is no expectation that the works cannot be contained within the cost estimate. In the unlikely event of an overspend, the balance would need to be contained within the overall Environment budget.

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

There are no HR implications that impact directly on the Council's workforce.

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) Replace the existing flat top speed control humps to sinusoidal speed control humps in Globe Road, Romford as shown on the attached drawing.

Details of decision maker



Signed:

Name: Sue Harper, Interim Assistant Director for Environment

Date: 19/06/2020

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 _____

Signed _____

Appendix 1

Drawing showing the locations
of the speed control humps