



HIGHWAYS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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REPORT

Subject Heading:

Junction Road - Proposed speed table (The 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>

SUMMARY

Junction Road – Proposed speed table was one of the schemes approved by Transport for London for funding. A feasibility study has recently been carried out to identify traffic calming measures along Junction Road.

A public consultation has been carried out and this report details the finding of the feasibility study, public consultation and recommends the installation of speed table along Junction Road between Western Road and Carlton Road.

This scheme is within **Romford Town Ward**.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Committee having considered the representations and information set out in this report recommends to the Cabinet Member for Community Empowerment that a speed table along Junction Road between Western Road and Carlton Road as shown on Drawing No. QL005/2 be implemented.
2. That, it be noted that the estimated cost of £15,000 can be met from the Transport for London's (TfL) 2012/13 financial year allocation to Havering for Accident Reduction Programme.

REPORT DETAIL

1.0 Background

- 1.1 In October 2011, Transport for London approved funding for a number of Accident Reduction Programmes as part of 2012/13 Havering Borough Spending Plan settlement. Junction Road was one of the schemes approved by TfL. A feasibility study has been carried out to identify traffic calming measures. The feasibility study has now been completed and has looked at ways of improving safety and it is considered that the proposals, as contained in this report will improve road safety in the area. In January 2012, the Highways Advisory Committee approved this scheme in principle for public consultation.
- 1.2 In August 2012, the Highways Advisory Committee approved a humped zebra crossing along Junction Road by Western Road. During the public consultation of humped zebra crossing proposal, the local residents indicated that they were concerned about vehicle speeds along Junction Road between Western Road and Carlton Road. A speed survey was carried and found that the vehicles were travelling above the speed limit at this location.

2.0 Proposals

- 2.1 It is proposed to provide a speed table along Junction Road between Western Road and Carlton Road as shown on Drawing No. QL005/2. These proposals would help to reduce vehicle speeds and improve road safety in the area.

3.0 Outcome of the consultation

- 3.1 Following Highways Advisory Committee approval for a public consultation in January 2012, letters, describing these proposals were delivered to local residents / occupiers along Junction Road. Emergency Services, bus companies and cycling representatives were also consulted

on the proposals. Approximately, 200 letters were delivered by hand to premises in the area affected by the proposals. The deadline for receipt of comments was Wednesday 28th November 2012. In total eight responses were received and the comments are summarised in the Appendix.

4.0 Staff comments and conclusions

- 4.1 The proposed speed table would reduce vehicle speeds and accidents in the area. The majority of respondents supported the scheme. It is therefore recommended that the proposed measures in the recommendation should be approved for implementation.

IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

Financial implications and risks:

The estimated cost of the proposal is £15,000 which can be met from the Transport for London's (TfL) 2012/13 financial year allocation to Havering for Accident Reduction Programme. Spend will need to complete by 31st March 2013, to maximise grant funding.

This is a standard project for streetcare 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 Streetcare capital budget.

Legal Implications and Risks

The proposals do not require a traffic order. They can all be implemented using the Council's highway management powers.

Human Resource Implications and Risks

None directly attributable to the proposals.

Equalities and Social Inclusion

There would be some visual impact from the proposals including speed table, however the proposals would generally improve safety for both pedestrians and motorists.

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.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 1. Public consultation letter.**
- 2. Public consultation responses.**
- 3. Drawing No. QL005/2.**

APPENDIX SUMMARY OF RESPONSE

RESPONSE REF:	COMMENTS	STAFF COMMENTS
QL005/2/1 (London Buses)	This is not a bus route, so no comments.	-
QL005/2/2 (Local Member 1)	Support the scheme but request to move the speed table to an alternative location.	Due to vehicle crossovers and parking bays, it is not advisable to provide the speed table at an alternative location.
QL005/2/3 (Local Member 2)	Support the scheme.	-
QL005/2/4 (25 Watermans, Junction Road)	I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Council for the proposed installation of the speed table in Junction Road. I know I have the support of the Watermans and the many residents in Junction Road.	-
QL005/2/5 (59 Junction Road)	I am delighted that you are going to put the crossing in Junction Road and the speed table too.	-
QL005/2/6 (Junction Road residents)	Concerns about the speeding.	It is considered that the proposed humped zebra crossing and speed table would be adequate to reduce vehicle speeds in the area. Further measures could be considered at a later date, if necessary.
QL005/2/7 (38 Junction Road)	Concerns about the proposal due to: - Increase pollution - Increase noise - Drainage problem - vibration damage	It is considered that the proposed speed table would not cause significant problems at this location. The safety benefits from the proposal would outweigh any dis-benefits.
QL005/2/8 (47 Junction Road)	Support the proposal and request for width restriction, more traffic calming measures and double yellow lines along Western Road	Additional traffic calming measures are not necessary at present. It could be considered at a later date, if necessary. Parking team will investigate the possibility of providing double yellow lines.