

RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY CORPORATE DIRECTOR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF LOCAL SERVICES: BARRY ROWLAND

PROPOSED REMOVAL OF TRAFFIC CALMING, HADRIAN COURT, HUMSHAUGH

Purpose of Report

To consider the results of the public consultation exercise, regarding the proposed removal of traffic calming features in Hadrian Court, Humshaugh.

Recommendations

It is recommended that:

1) The existing traffic calming is removed.

Key Issues

1) Complaints from residents have been received about the traffic calming in Hadrian Court.

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Link to Corporate Plan

This report is relevant to the *Places and Environment Aim* in the Corporate Plan:

Our aim is to maintain and further improve the quality of our towns, villages and countryside and make it easier for residents to access services and high quality, affordable homes and to travel using different modes of transport. To achieve this, we will keep Northumberland clean, green and safe from detrimental impacts of climate change, build more houses to benefit those most in need and provide a convenient, integrated public transport network.

Background

- 1. In June 2014, the Council received a complaint from a resident of Hadrian Court about the traffic calming features.
- 2. Hadrian Court is a cul-de-sac of 18 houses. The traffic calming consists of two speed humps, constructed from block paving.
- 3. The speed humps were installed as part of the Hadrian Court development and were in place prior to the houses being occupied.
- 4. The complaint stated that the speed humps are too high and are causing damage to vehicles.
- 5. The humps were checked and found to be between 80 and 90mm high. This is within the maximum height permitted which is 100mm.
- 6. Despite this the resident continued to request the removal of the speed humps. It was therefore decided to establish the views of all residents.

Consultation

- 7. All residents of Hadrian Court were consulted to establish their views on the traffic calming. The consultation concluded on 9th October 2014.
- 8. 16 responses were returned with 9 in favour of the proposal (56%) and 5 against (31%). 2 responses failed to state a preference.
- 9. Those in favour agreed that the speed humps are considered to be too high and stated that traffic speeds are generally low.
- 10. Those that objected were concerned that removing the speed humps would lead to an increase in traffic speeds and make it less safe for children playing.

Conclusion

11. It is recommended that, in view of the results of the consultation exercise, the traffic calming be removed and the road surface reinstated.

Background Papers

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Implications Arising Out of the Report

Policy None

Finance and value for money None

Human Resources None

Property None

Equalities None

Risk Assessment None

Crime & Disorder None

Customer Considerations None

Sustainability None

Consultation The relevant people and organisations were

consulted

Wards Humshaugh

DECISION TAKEN

Title of Executive Member or Officer(s):	Barry Rowland: Executive Director of Local Services
Subject:	PROPOSED REMOVAL OF TRAFFIC CALMING, HADRIAN COURT, HUMSHAUGH
Consultation	16 Responses 9 For 5 Against 2 Neither
Decision Taken:	1) The existing traffic calming features be removed.
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