

TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD

18 March 2013

Report of the Head of Transportation

Part 1- Public

Matters For Decision

1 PLATT TRAFFIC CALMING PROPOSALS

Summary

The purpose of this report is to provide Members with updated results of the Platt Traffic Calming Scheme consultation and ask Members to decide whether to implement the proposals.

1.1 Background

- 1.1.1 Over a number of years, residents in the vicinity of Long Mill Lane and Grange Lane have often raised concerns with Kent County Council regarding vehicular speed. Due to the policies set out regarding speed and traffic calming, Kent County Council has decided against installing any additional traffic calming along Long Mill Lane.
- 1.1.2 Residents and Platt Parish Council have approached Mrs Dagger to seek whether additional traffic calming measures can be funded through her Member Highway Fund. Mrs Dagger supports the request and therefore proposals were drafted and consulted upon.

1.2 Proposals

- 1.2.1 A public notice of intention to implement traffic calming measures on both Long Mill Lane and Grange Road was published in October 2012. A letter drop was also undertaken to residents immediately affected by the scheme. The scheme is to maintain the 20 mph speed limit on both Long Mill Lane, Grange Road and Comp Lane. Proposals are to install speed cushions on the above said roads maintaining a consistent speed through the village.
- 1.2.2 The reasons stated for the restrictions were as follows:
- 1) Avoiding danger to persons or other traffic using the road
 - 2) Preserving the character of the road especially suitable for walking.

1.3 Results of the Consultation

Summary of Results

	Support	Object
County Member	1	
General responses	19	8
Parish Council	1	
Kent Police	1	
Total	22	8

1.3.1 The main reason given for supporting the proposals was the improvement of highway safety on the proposed roads particularly in and around the church where there are no footways.

1.3.2 The objections are mainly focused on the need for physical measures, there are concerns regarding noise, vibrations and the urbanisation of the village layout.

1.4 Discussion

1.4.1 There have been no reported personal injury crashes over the extent of the scheme for the past three years; by installing restrictions Kent County Council cannot comment on whether the proposals will improve highway safety.

1.5 Conclusion

1.5.1 The purpose of this report is to provide Members with updated results of the Platt Traffic Calming consultation. Members are therefore asked to decide whether to implement the proposed restrictions based on the consultation responses.

1.6 Legal Implications

1.6.1 None.

1.7 Financial and Value for Money Considerations

1.7.1 Funding will be provided by Kent Highways and Transportation.

1.8 Risk Assessment

1.8.1 As described in the report.

1.9 Equality Impact Assessment

1.9.1 See 'Screening for equality impacts' table at end of report

1.10 Recommendations

1.10.1 Members are asked to decide whether to implement the proposed restrictions based on the consultation responses.

Background papers:

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Nil

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Screening for equality impacts:		
Question	Answer	Explanation of impacts
a. Does the decision being made or recommended through this paper have potential to cause adverse impact or discriminate against different groups in the community?	No	The effects of the scheme are neutral in terms of equality impacts.
b. Does the decision being made or recommended through this paper make a positive contribution to promoting equality?	N/A	See previous answer.
c. What steps are you taking to mitigate, reduce, avoid or minimise the impacts identified above?		

In submitting this report, the Chief Officer doing so is confirming that they have given due regard to the equality impacts of the decision being considered, as noted in the table above.