

Title of meeting: Cabinet Meeting for Traffic and Transportation Decision Meeting
Date of meeting: 25th January 2018
Subject: Elkstone Road Traffic Calming - Results of Public Consultation
Report by: Tristan Samuels, Director of Regeneration
Wards affected: Hilsea Ward
Key decision: Yes/No
Full Council decision: Yes/No

1. Purpose of report

- 1.1. To consider the responses to the public consultation regarding the proposals to implement traffic calming within Elkstone Road.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. **It is recommended that the Cabinet Member for Traffic and Transportation approves:**

(1) Option 1, to implement three speed cushions across the carriageway width within several locations in Elkstone Road, for implementation;

3. Background

- 3.1 Elkstone Road is subject to a 20mph speed limit. This was a citywide scheme brought into operation in June 2006. Since this time, various post scheme analysis has been carried out to ascertain the levels of speed. Unfortunately, Elkstone Road has a high percentage of non-compliance. It has not seen the reduction in speed that was anticipated. This could be attributed to several issues. Elkstone Road is a very long and straight road with good visibility. It is a road that does not have any give-way priorities at either end.
- 3.2 The proposed traffic calming scheme would seek to address the issue of non-compliance within the area by highlighting the existing 20mph speed limit and encouraging compliance using traffic calming methods.
- 3.3 Implementing three cushions for the full width of the carriageway within the identified locations would not impact on the existing on-street parking facilities, and minimal impact on bus services utilising the route. Any emergency vehicles travelling through the area can travel more quickly over the speed cushions compared to that of full sized traffic

humps or raised tables. The cushions can also be avoided by pedal cyclists utilising the area and the implementation of such traffic calming features would also see the existing surface water drainage system being unaffected.

- 3.4 A postal consultation was carried out with residents of Elkstone Road and effected properties (a consultation plan has been attached in Appendix 1) from 25 September 2017 until 03 November 2017. The results were as follows:-

From the 156 letters addressed to residents we received 27 responses (a return of 17%). The breakdown of the results is as follows:

Option 1 - To implement three speed cushions across the carriageway width within several locations in Elkstone Road. The advantages to using prefabricated speed cushions are that the construction process is far shorter in comparison than that which sees the cushions being built from blacktop. Another advantage is that, again, for maintenance purposes the process of fixing or replacing the cushions can be undertaken at a reduced cost and disruption on the network is minimised. There will be no loss or effect on the existing on-street parking facilities. - received 20 votes from residents (74% of returns);

Option 2 - That the existing layout of Elkstone Road remains unchanged - received 7 votes from residents (26%);

- 3.5 A spreadsheet of all responses received, along with comments has been attached to this report as Appendix 2.
- 3.6 Following the residents' postal consultation, a public notice detailing the proposed scheme was displayed on-street in Elkstone Road, uploaded to the City Council website and sent to statutory consultees and ward councillors, inviting comments. The 21-day consultation period took place between 20 November 2017 and 11 December 2017. Only two responses were received, neither objections, as follows:-

- Hampshire Constabulary confirmed that it does not have any comment to make regarding the scheme;
- First Solent - identified that there should be no issues with the planned installation of the cushions;

4. Reasons for recommendations

- 4.1. Option 1, to implement three speed cushions across the carriageway width within several locations in Elkstone Road, received the majority of votes from those residents that participated within the consultation;
- 4.2. The proposed traffic calming will also assist with addressing the high level of non-compliance regarding the 20mph speed limit and encourage drivers to adhere to the speed limit.

5. Equality Impact Assessment

- 5.1 An equality impact assessment is not required as the recommendation does not have a negative impact on any of the protected characteristics as described in the Equality Act 2010.

6. Legal implications

- 6.1 It is the duty of a local authority to manage their road network with a view to achieving, so far as may be reasonably practicable having regard to their other obligations, policies and objectives, the following objectives:
- (a) securing the expeditious movement of traffic on the authority's road network; and
 - (b) facilitating the expeditious movement of traffic on road networks for which another authority is the traffic authority.
- 6.2 Local authorities have a duty to take account of the needs of all road users, take action to minimise, prevent or deal with congestion problems, and consider the implications of decisions for both their network and those of others.
- 6.3 Traffic regulation orders (TROs) can be made for a number of reasons, including avoiding danger to persons or other traffic using the road or for preventing the likelihood of such danger arising, for preventing damage to the road or any building on or near the road, for facilitating the passage on the road of traffic (including pedestrians) or preserving or improving the amenities of the area through which the road runs.
- 6.4 A proposed TRO must be advertised and the public given a 3 week consultation period where members of the public can register their support or objections. If objections are received to the proposed order the matter must go before the appropriate executive member for a decision whether or not to make the order, taking into account the comments received from the public during the consultation period.
- 6.5 "The power to make traffic calming works is contained in the Highways (Traffic Calming) Regulations 1999. Where a local authority proposes to construct traffic calming works they shall consult the chief officer of police and such persons or organisations representing persons who use the highway or who are otherwise likely to be affected by the proposed works. The proposed works can include build-outs, chicanes, gateways, islands, overrun area, pinch-points, or rumble devices. Regulations apply to specific traffic calming works and the display of appropriate signs.

7. Director of Finance's comments

- 7.1 This project has already been approved capital funding, by full Council, as part of the Local Transport Plan 2017/18 for Portsmouth (on the 14th February).

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Signed by:
Tristan Samuels
Director of Regeneration

Background list of documents: Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972

The following documents disclose facts or matters, which have been relied upon to a material extent by the author in preparing this report:

Title of document	Location
Preliminary EIA	w:drive TES TP LTP folder
Survey returns	As above

The recommendation(s) set out above were approved/ approved as amended/ deferred/ rejected by on

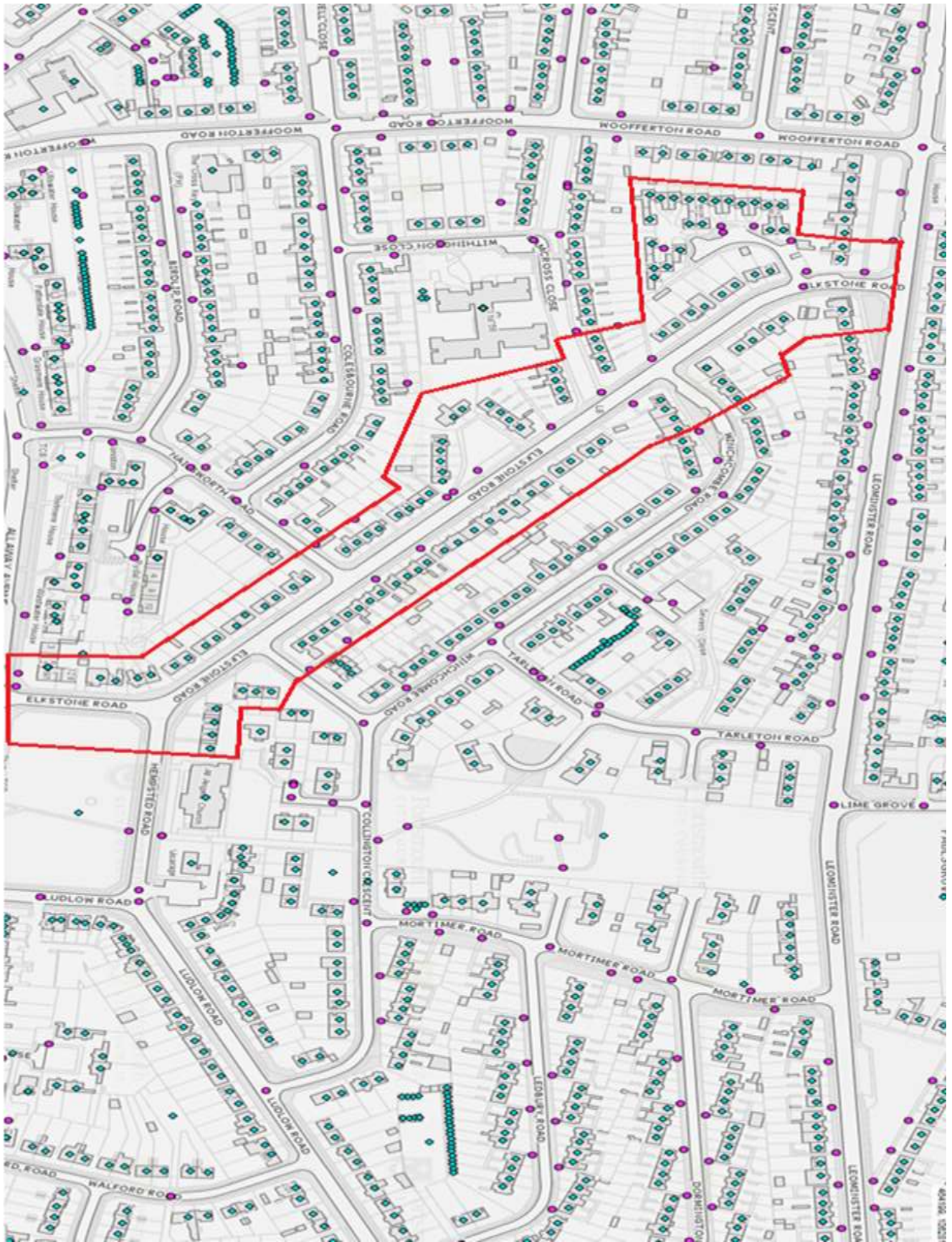
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Signed by:
Councillor
Cabinet Member for Traffic and Transportation

Appendices:

APPENDIX 1 - Consultation area:-

APPENDIX 2 - Consultation results and comments:-

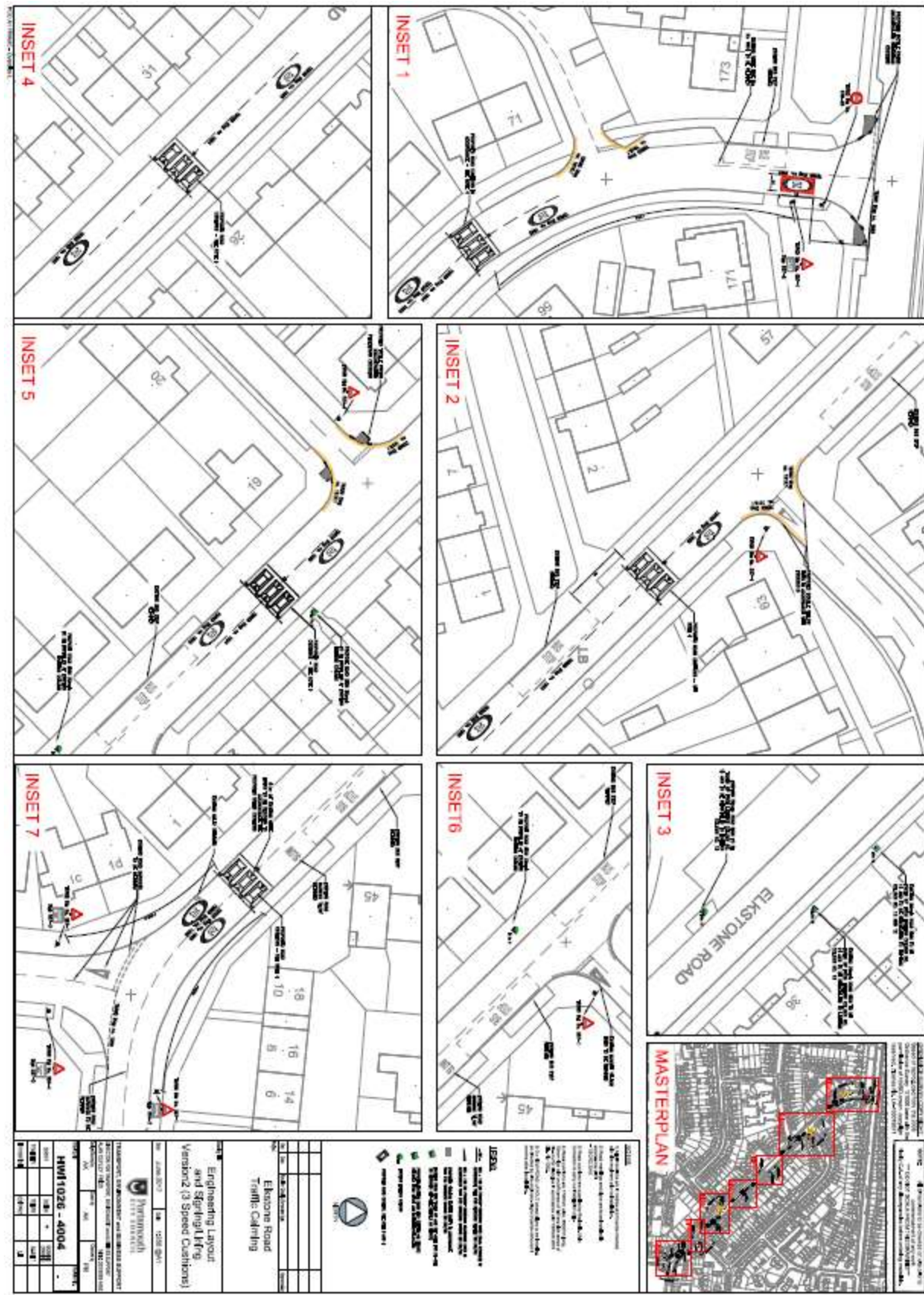
APPENDIX 3 - Proposed Scheme Layout:-



APPENDIX 1 - Consultation Area

Address	Option 1 - Install 3no speed cushions across the carriageway width	Option 2 - Existing road layout remains unchanged	Comments
ELKSTONE RD:-			
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		1	
	1		About time something was done. Road used as a speed track and getting worse.
	1		Definitely against! Vehicles would over-rev from start/stop. Will exaggerate noise problems. Not noticed any speed issues due to blind T junction at Nailsworth Rd. Maybe highlighting junctions would be effective without creating noise problems.
		1	Please leave our road alone. Speed bumps proven to destroy environment and increase in toxic fumes as well as tyres of car owners.
	1		
	1		Please install as many as you can. Much needed. Please make sure speed bumps are safe for cars like mine with low suspension.
	1		
	1		Wants to ensure cushions not outside his house as applying for a disabled bay.
		1	
	1		Only way to slow down traffic and no before time. Surprised no-one has been killed. It is a race track.
	1		Would be very much welcomed to slow down regular speeders.
	1		About time. It is difficult to cross the road as visibility is poor. Often have to jump out of the way of speeding cars.
	1		
AUSTIN CT:-			
		1	I do not drive. Would like to see Elkstone Rd stay the same.
	1		Cars, motorbikes and cyclist speed down Elkstone Rd. Time to stop.
	1		Cars travel too fast on Elkstone Rd. Teenagers on bikes with no lights or scooters are a hazard to other drivers.
		1	Do not consider this to be a dangerous speeding road. It is wide with a good surface and I don't believe people use it as a rat run.
		1	Would like pavements made better for mobility scooters.
	1		With no parking where the cushions are located.
WINCHCOMBE RD:-			
	1		Impossible to enforce 20mph. A small number of drivers travelling at 40mph plus. Some bus drivers speed downhill too.
NAILSWORTH RD:-			
COLLINGTON CRES:-			
	1		Would like to see speed cushions extended into Hempstead Rd and Ludlow Rd due to traffic speeds in these areas.
OTHER:-			
		1	The biggest problem is the amount of firms vehicles taking up valuable parking spaces. People will not slow down even if they are installed.
	1		We are concerned about parking for residents because of a house of multiple occupancy in Elkstone Rd. You brought in some permit parking and the situation has got a lot worse.
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	1		Road used as a race track especially late at night. Several incidents where our garden wall has been hit by vehicles.
TOTALS	20	7	

APPENDIX 2 - Consultation results and comments:-



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