

Agenda item:

Decision maker: Cabinet Member for Traffic and Transportation

Date: 18 February 2016

Subject: Lonsdale Avenue Speed Reduction Scheme – Results of Public Consultation

Report by: Director of Transport Environment & Business Support

Wards affected: Cosham

Key decision (over £250k): No

Budget & policy framework decision: No

1. Purpose of report

1.1 To accept the proposed speed reduction scheme proposed for Lonsdale Avenue

2. Recommendation

2.1 That the Cabinet Member for Traffic & Transportation:

supports the installation of speed reducing measures as detailed in this report. The design for this is included at Appendix A;

3. Background

3.1 Following traffic safety concerns raised by residents and ward councillors from the area, Portsmouth City Council undertook speed surveys along Lonsdale Avenue.

3.2 Lonsdale Avenue is a wide and open road which is covered by a 20mph limit. Residents perceive that there is a high volume of traffic travelling at excessive speeds. Concerns have been raised about dangerous driving in an area that is used by vulnerable road users on their journey to school.

3.3 Analysis of data recorded by Portsmouth City Council's Speed Detection Radar (SDR) Unit in November 2014 revealed that the 85th percentile traffic speed is 32mph (the 85th percentile traffic speed is the speed which 85% of the vehicles are not exceeding). Further analysis revealed that 58% of road users are travelling above the threshold of 24mph.

3.4 An analysis of accident data held by Hampshire Constabulary over the 5 year period (from 03 January 2011 to 29 September 2013) indicates that there have been a total of 3 accidents, two on Lonsdale Avenue and one at the junction of Lonsdale Avenue, Salisbury Road and Knowsley Road. Of these accidents all have been recorded as 'slight'.

3.5 A postal consultation was carried out with residents within the area during November and December 2015. A plan of the consultation area has been included at Appendix B for information purposes. The results were as follows:-

From the 163 letters addressed to residents we received 22 responses (a return of 12%). The breakdown of the results is as follows:

Option 1 - Proposed Road Treatments & Speed Cushions - received 18 votes from residents;

Option 2 - Existing road layout remains unchanged - received 0 votes from residents;

Four responses were received where the resident did not give or vote for a preferred option but did outline their concerns. All responses were recorded on a feedback form and are summarised at Appendix C.

3.6 A consultation exercise was undertaken in the form of a public drop in session on 25 November 2015 at Cosham Baptist Church, Havant Road. Residents from the consultation area were invited to view plans and talk through the proposal with officers. The 12 residents who attended were very positive about the proposals, one was concerned about the impact on his vehicle but this was discussed.

3.7 A Traffic Calming Public Notice was issued on 14 December 2015 to all Statutory Parties (e.g. SSE, Colas, Bus Companies, Police, HFRS), Ward Councillors and relevant PCC parties. The consultation period ran until 18 January 2016.

4. Reasons for recommendations

- 4.1 The support from the letter consultation regarding the implementation of a speed reduction scheme on Lonsdale Avenue would be acceptable to the majority of residents (21 out of 163) that responded. The residents who have responded possess strong concerns regarding pedestrian safety and vehicles travelling at excessive speeds along the road will be satisfied. Some responses did outline concerns which are detailed in Appendix C.
- 4.3 The speed reduction proposals aim to meet the requirements of the Local Transport Plan by seeking to improve Road Safety, Air Quality and Quality of Life;
- 4.4 The implementation of speed reduction methods within the area will seek to increase road safety via reduced speeds. In turn this will improve the habitability of the area for residents and provide a safer environment for all road users.

5. Equality impact assessment (EIA)

- 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 comments

- 6.1 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

The source of funding is the corporate resources set aside for the delivery of the Local Transport Plan as per the capital programme. The 2015/16 LTP capital programme has a budget of £55,000 for Speed Reduction Schemes. This scheme focuses on some of the City's 20mph roads that are currently not performing well and is to deliver Lonsdale Avenue at an estimated £38k (speed bumps, signs and lines).

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Alan Cufley
Director of Transport, Environment and Business Support

Appendices:

- Appendix A: Lonsdale Avenue Proposed Layout - 3**
- Appendix B: Plan of consultation area**
- Appendix C: Table - consultation responses**

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

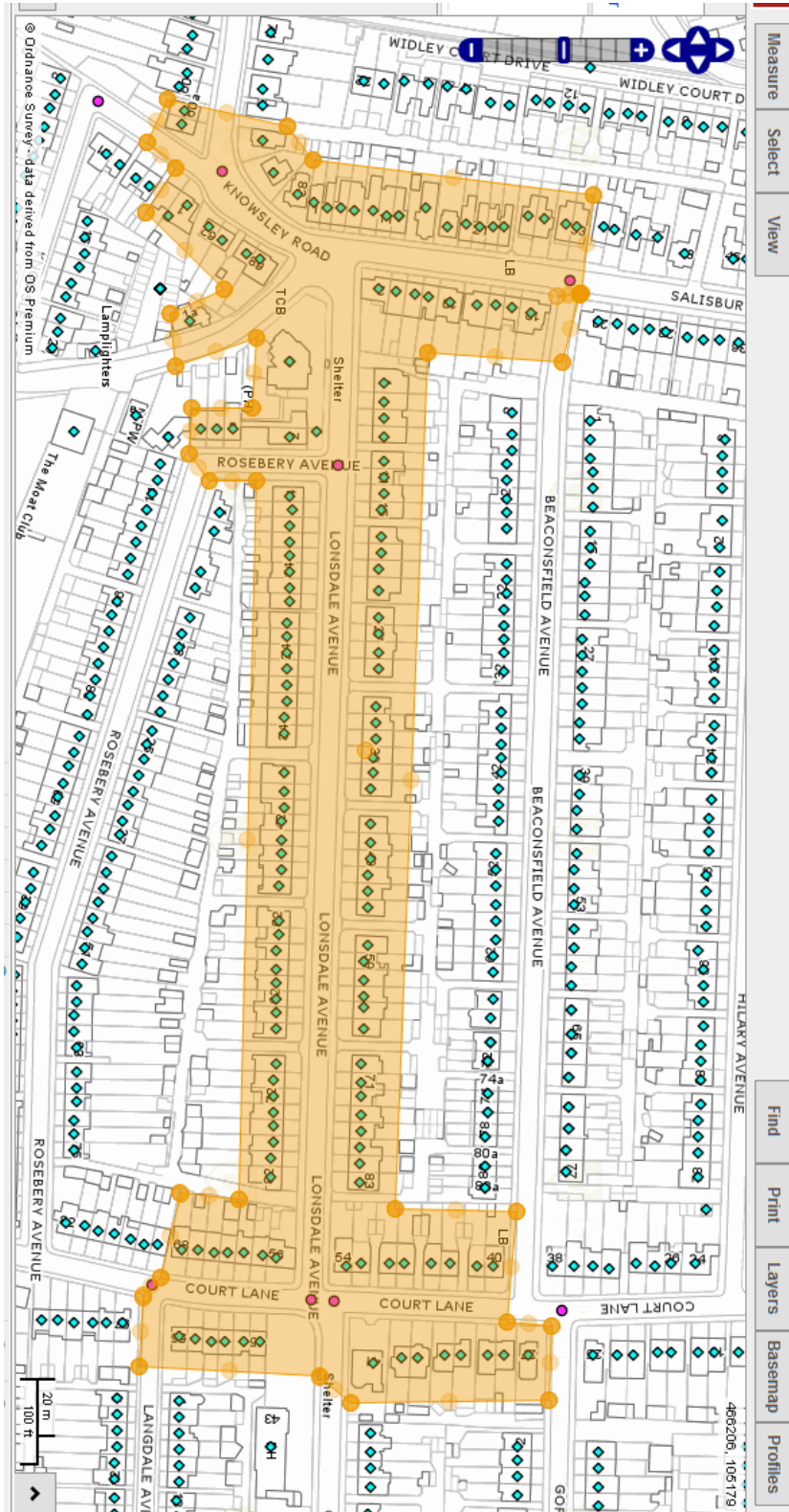
The recommendation(s) set out above were approved/ approved as amended/ deferred/ rejected by Councillor Ken Ellcome on2016.

Signed.....
Ken Ellcome
Cabinet Member for Traffic and Transportation

Appendix A: LONSDALE AVENUE PROPOSED LAYOUT - 3



Appendix B: PLAN OF THE CONSULTATION AREA



Appendix C: CONSULTATION RESPONSES

Option 1 - proposed speed cushions & surface treatments	Option 2 - Leave existing layout	Comments
1		Greatly appreciated. (problem of cars & motorbikes at night time)
1		The sooner the better. A brilliant idea
1		Concerns over boy racers at night. Hope this option will be chosen
1		Do not want a cushion outside their house as looking to install a dropped curb at some point
1		Supports option 1
1		Has completed speed watch on the road. Concerns over Jewson lorries. Concerns a serious accident will occur if not dealt with. Have had two vehicles damaged by speeding cars.
1		Witnessed numerous near misses and want to see option 1.
1		V Supportive & overdue. Only a matter of time before someone is hurt
1		Supportive. Concerns over speeding vehicles, particularly motor bikes.
1		Supportive. Wish to back option 1
1		No comment
1		No comment
1		Would like to see scheme extended to Grove Road but appreciates finances are an issue.
		Comment only - Concerns over option one (suspension, force drivers into other roads and shift the problem, wants speed cameras).
		Comment only - is concerned that speed cushions would be unsuitable for his classic vehicle. Hopes something can be done without speed cushions
1		Phone response
1		Supportive and welcome option 1
1		In support.
		Comment only - Concerns over the impact this may have on parking on Court Lane. Would like a raised table rather than cushions.
1		Hopes it will help reduce speeding along a busy street.
		Comment only - Concerns over on street parking being reduced.
1		Concerns over noise, road is a rat run, children with disabilities
18	0	