

Report to:	Licensing and Regulatory Committee	Date of Meeting:	Monday 6 November 2023
Subject:	Hawthorne Road Traffic Calming, Bootle		
Report of:	Assistant Director of Place (Highways and Public Protection)	Wards Affected:	Derby;
Portfolio:	Locality Services		
Is this a Key Decision:	No	Included in Forward Plan:	No
Exempt / Confidential Report:	No		

Summary: This report seeks Committee approval to implement a traffic calming scheme on Hawthorne Road from Balliol Road to the borough boundary with Liverpool, near the junction with Olivia Street, to reduce vehicle speeds making the road safer for all users.

Recommendation(s):

It is recommended that, subject to the confirmation of the Cabinet Member decision, the Assistant Director Place (Highways and Public Protection) be authorised to implement the following modifications to the Highway;

- (1) The introduction of traffic calming scheme on Hawthorne Road between Balliol Road and Olivia Street in Bootle.

Reasons for the Recommendation(s):

Licensing and Regulatory Committee have powers to consider the outcome of consultation and the resultant proposals in respect of the making of traffic regulation orders, details of improvements to highways and cycle routes and can approve the scheme as proposed or with minor amendments but otherwise must refer the scheme to the Cabinet Member.

Funding is secured within the City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement for 2023-24 to fund Local Safety Schemes. This is expected to be expended before March 2024.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected: (including any Risk Implications)

A number of potential safety options were considered. A series of speed cushions were considered the most effective way of reducing speeds

What will it cost and how will it be financed?

(A) Revenue Costs

None

(B) Capital Costs

The installation costs will be funded from within the Transport Capital Programme where an allocation of £157k has been identified for local safety schemes.

Implications of the Proposals:

Resource Implications (Financial, IT, Staffing and Assets):	
The management of the contract will be overseen by staff in Transportation Planning and Highway Development team. The staff costs will be funded from the allocation within the Transport Capital Programme for 23-24.	
Legal Implications:	
None	
Equality Implications:	
There are no direct equality implications. However the scheme will provide new controlled crossing facilities	
Impact on Cared for Children and Care Experienced Young People: No	
Climate Emergency Implications:	
The recommendations within this report will	
Have a positive impact	Y/N
Have a neutral impact	Y/N
Have a negative impact	Y/N
The Author has undertaken the Climate Emergency training for report authors	Y/N
This report relates to the Procurement exercise which by its nature will have negligible impact. The construction process will have negative impact in that new materials will be used and there will be an anticipated net carbon increase.	
However, the scheme when implemented, will improve accessibility and should encourage people to walk, cycle or access public transport which could result in smaller number of short car journeys, including trips to and from school. This should reduce the carbon impact.	

Contribution to the Council's Core Purpose:

Protect the most vulnerable: Not applicable.
Facilitate confident and resilient communities: The scheme should improve pedestrian safety.
Commission, broker and provide core services: Council has a statutory duty to take steps to reduce and prevent road traffic collisions and assist road users.
Place – leadership and influencer: Not applicable.
Drivers of change and reform: Not applicable
Facilitate sustainable economic prosperity: Not applicable
Greater income for social investment: Not applicable.
Cleaner Greener The scheme should improve walking and cycling in the local area by making Northern Road easier to cross.

What consultations have taken place on the proposals and when?

(A) Internal Consultations

The Executive Director of Corporate Resources and Customer Services (FD 7400/23) and the Chief Legal and Democratic Officer (LD 5600/23) have been consulted and any comments have been incorporated into the report.

(B) External Consultations

Consultation on the proposals have been completed with 126 letters sent out to residents likely to be impacted upon by the proposals.

Implementation Date for the Decision

Following the expiry of the “call-in” period for the Cabinet Member decision.

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Appendices:

Appendix A – General Arrangement Plan

Appendix B – Consultation Letters

Background Papers:

2023/2024 Local Safety Scheme Programme

1.0 Introduction/ Background

- 1.1 The Transport Capital Programme includes funding set aside for the delivery for local safety schemes aimed at improving road safety.
- 1.2 The Local Safety Scheme Programme is established each year by investigating the known accident records for the whole of Sefton's network over the past 3-year period. A number of sites were investigated, including Hawthorne Road (Balliol Rd to Borough Boundary)
- 1.3 The accident details for all sites were reviewed and investigated to look at patterns and trends to determine if specific sites would benefit from additional physical engineering measures to address the accident causation factors and reduce the volume of road traffic collisions and ultimately, personal injury occurring.
- 1.4 Due to due to a number of factors including financial, land ownership, ongoing traffic studies and delivery timescales, Hawthorne Road was deemed as one of two viable options that could be completed this financial year.

2.0 Scheme Proposals

- 2.1 Following some investigation of traffic patterns in the area, a proposal has been developed To implement highway improvement measures on Hawthorne Road Bootle from Balliol Road to Borough Boundary. The proposal is shown in Appendix A.
- 2.2 The scheme involves the introduction of speed cushions, signs and lines. The positions have been identified with the aim of ensuring that vehicle speeds are reduced without causing significant inconvenience to residents.
- 2.3 If approved, the scheme will be implemented before the end of March 2024

3.0 Consultation

- 3.1 A letter was posted to residents of Hawthorne Road requesting comments for the traffic calming proposals. The letter was issued to a distribution company on 2nd October to be posted first class. The letter had a return date for comments of 18th October.
- 3.2 126 letters were posted to those residents of Hawthorne Road, Bootle located between Balliol Road and Antonio Street. The letter is included in Appendix B.
- 3.3 No responses have been received.

4.0 Recommendations

4.1 It is recommended that, subject to the confirmation of the Cabinet Member decision, the Assistant Director Place (Highways and Public Protection) be authorised to implement the following modifications to the Highway;

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Appendix A – General Arrangement Plan



Appendix B – Consultation Letters



To the homeowner

Date: October 2023

Transportation, Planning and
Highway Development
Magdalen House
Trinity Road
Bootle
L20 3NJ

Dear Sir / Madam

I am writing to you regarding a proposed highway scheme to introduce traffic calming along Hawthorne Road. As part of the Council's ongoing Local Scheme Safety Review, Hawthorne Road, from Balliol Rd to the borough boundary near to Antonio Street and Olivia Street was identified. After further investigations it has been established that this road would benefit from further action to reduce vehicle speeds making it safer for all vulnerable road users.

The works will involve the introduction of several sets of speed cushions along the length of Hawthorne Road. I have included a plan on the reverse of this letter showing the location of the proposed cushions.

The intention will be to take the scheme to the Council's Licensing and Regulatory Committee meeting in November for approval, with a view to being on site in the early part of 2024.

If you have any objections to this proposal, may I ask you to submit this to the Council by **WEDNESDAY 18th October**.

Any objections received will be reported to the Licensing and Regulatory Committee meeting for consideration.

Objections can be sent to the Council in writing to the address below.

Traffic Safety Team
2nd Floor Magdalen House
Trinity Road
Bootle,
L20 3NJ

Or via e-mail to Traffic.Management@sefton.gov.uk

Kind Regards,

Andy Evans
Principal Highway Engineer

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