

Report of the Strategic Director, Place to the meeting of Bradford West Area Committee to be held on 25 January 2017

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Subject:

**WEST LANE, THORNTON
AN OBJECTION TO PROPOSED TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES**

Summary statement:

This report considers an objection to a recently advertised proposal for traffic calming on West Lane, Thornton.

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1.0 SUMMARY

- 1.1. This report considers an objection to a recently advertised proposal for traffic calming on West Lane, Thornton.

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1. At a meeting on the 18 November 2015 this Committee considered a petition (52 signatures) from the residents of West Lane who requested traffic calming because they were concerned about the speed of traffic using this road. The Committee resolved to add the request to the Bradford West Area Committee’s list of potential schemes for inclusion in a future Safer Roads Schemes Programme subject to funding being available. At the meeting on 20 April 2016 funding was allocated to prepare, advertise and implement a scheme to introduce traffic calming on West Lane, Bradford.
- 2.2. The proposals, shown on drawing No. THCW/103370/CON-1A attached as appendix 1 to this report, were sent to the residents for their comments in August 2016 and then formally advertised between 11 November and 2 December 2016. This consultation process resulted in one objection to the proposal.
- 2.3. A summary of the points of objection and corresponding officer comments is tabulated below: -

Objectors concerns	Officer comments
<p>The objector has lived on West Lane for 41 years and has not been aware of any collisions or incidents. Traffic has increased on West Lane because the yellow lines at the bottom of James Street and on Thornton Road are parked on illegally causing congestion. Drivers therefore use West Lane as an alternative route but not at excessive speed. The number of new houses that have been constructed has increased the amount of on street parking and congestion on West Lane.</p> <p>The introduction of speed humps will affect parking on West Lane.</p>	<p>The residents of West Lane and other side roads are concerned about the speed of traffic on West Lane and felt strongly enough that they sent a petition (52 signatures) to the Council requesting traffic calming measures. The request is supported by the local Ward Members.</p> <p>Traffic calming features such as yellow thermoplastic humps do not stop parking and will not impact further on the parking situation.</p> <p>The Council is aware of the illegal parking at the junction of James Street and Thornton Road and the Council wardens visit the location when resources are available.</p>

3.0 OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1. Local ward members and the emergency services were consulted on the original proposals. Local ward members are aware of the concerns about speeding on West Lane and support the request for traffic calming.

4.0 FINANCIAL & RESOURCE APPRAISAL

- 4.1. The estimated cost of the proposals is £10000 and will be met from the Safer Roads Budget approved by this committee.

5.0 RISK MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES

- 5.1. A failure to implement the proposed scheme would result in ongoing safety concerns for local residents.

6.0 LEGAL APPRAISAL

- 6.1. There are no specific issues arising from this report. The course of action proposed is in general accordance with the Councils power as Highway Authority and Traffic Regulation Authority.

7.0 OTHER IMPLICATIONS

7.1. EQUALITY & DIVERSITY

Due regard has been given to Section 149 of the Equality Act when determining the proposals in this report.

7.2. SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

There are no significant Sustainability implications arising from this report.

7.3. GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS IMPACTS

There is no impact on the Council's own and the wider District's carbon footprint and emissions from other greenhouse gases arising from this report.

7.4. COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

The introduction of traffic calming will be beneficial in terms of road safety.

7.5. HUMAN RIGHTS ACT

None

7.6. TRADE UNION

None

7.7. WARD IMPLICATIONS

Ward members have been consulted on the proposals.

7.8. AREA COMMITTEE WARD PLAN IMPLICATIONS

None

8.0 NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS

None

9.0 OPTIONS

- 9.1. That the objection be upheld and the traffic calming scheme be abandoned.
- 9.2. Councillors may propose an alternative course of action on which they will receive appropriate officer advice.

10.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 10.1. That the objection be overruled and the proposed traffic calming measures on West Lane, Thornton be implemented as advertised.
- 10.2. That the objector be informed accordingly.

11.0 APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – drawing THCW/103370/CON-1A.

12.0 BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

- 12.1. CBMDC File Ref. 103370

