

# Report of the Strategic Director Place to the meeting of Bradford West Area Committee to be held on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2023.

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## Subject:

**LEGRAMS LANE, BRADFORD, TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES - OBJECTIONS**

## Summary statement:

This report considers objections received to recently advertised proposals for traffic calming measures on Legrams Lane, Bradford.

## EQUALITY & DIVERSITY:

It is expected that there will be no disproportionate impact on Equality & Diversity from the project recommended for implementation within this report.

Ward: City

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## Overview & Scrutiny Area:

**Regeneration and Environment**

**1. SUMMARY**

1.1 This report considers objections to recently advertised proposals for traffic calming measures on Legrams Lane, Bradford between Ingleby Road and Greyhound Drive.

**2. BACKGROUND**

2.1 The scheme is being progressed on the grounds that a recent study has shown there have been 13 collisions resulting in injury on this section of Legrams Lane in the past 5 years.

2.2 At the Bradford West Area Committee held on 4<sup>th</sup> August 2022 funding was approved as part of the Safe Roads schemes programme to introduce traffic calming measures on Legrams Lane from Ingleby Road to Greyhound Drive.

2.3 The location of the proposed traffic calming measures is shown on drawing no. HS/TRSS/105403/GA-1A, attached as Appendix 1.

2.4 The proposals were advertised between 20<sup>th</sup> January 2023 and 10<sup>th</sup> February 2023. At the same time consultation letters and plans were delivered to residents affected by the proposals (approximately 60 letters were delivered). This resulted in 9 objections.

2.5 A summary of the valid points of objection and corresponding officer comments is tabulated below:

<b>Objectors Concerns</b>	<b>Officers Comments</b>
<p><b><u>Objector No 1</u></b></p> <p>I am a business owner on Legrams Lane. Speed humps would have a huge impact on the traffic which is already horrendous. It would be a hindrance to drivers and cause more traffic issues in the area.</p> <p>My business has been vastly effected since lockdown and now the council intend to apply a further hinderance to my business. This is going to have so much negative impact on all the businesses on this road.</p>	<p>The aim of the scheme is to reduce vehicle speeds and thereby improve road safety. Physical traffic calming measures are proven to be the most successful means of lowering vehicle speeds and more consistent traffic speeds can help to reduce congestion.</p> <p>The scheme is being progressed on the grounds that a recent study has shown that there have been 13 collisions resulting in injury on this section of Legrams Lane in the past 5 years.</p> <p>The proposals would improve safety locally and those result in a more attractive environment for visitors</p>

<p><b><u>Objector No 2</u></b></p> <p>I've lived here for over twenty-five years and speed humps on this already busy main road will make matters worse for people who live here.</p> <p>We have more serious issues in the area with fly tipping and funding needs to be used to crack down on this issue, not speed humps.</p>	<p>The aim of the scheme is to reduce vehicle speeds and thereby improve road safety. Physical traffic calming measures are proven to be the most successful means of lowering vehicle speeds and more consistent traffic speeds can help to reduce congestion.</p> <p>The scheme is being progressed on the grounds that a recent study has shown that there have been 13 collisions resulting in injury on this section of Legrams Lane in the past 5 years.</p> <p>Safe Roads funding has to be specifically directed at traffic management schemes.</p>
<p><b><u>Objector No 3</u></b></p> <p>Speed humps are causing more traffic jams. I've seen people driving around the humps which means they are driving on the pavement.</p> <p>It is causing cars to slow down, damage cars, you're wasting public money, plus you are causing more pollution, with cars stop, starting all the time.</p> <p>Why not put down chicanes like the ones down Bierley.</p>	<p>Physical traffic calming measures are proven to be the most successful means of lowering vehicle speeds and more consistent traffic speeds can help to reduce congestion. Unfortunately there will be a small percentage of drivers who choose to speed and drive in a dangerous manner, regardless of what measures are implemented. These speeding vehicles do so with risk of damaging their vehicles.</p> <p>All traffic calming features are built to national guidelines. Vehicles travelling over road humps at appropriate speeds should not be detrimental to people or vehicles, provided the features conform to the Highways (Road Hump) Regulations. The scheme should have a neutral impact on noise and pollution.</p> <p>Chicanes can encourage bad driver behaviour which result in more braking or acceleration when one-way traffic flow is imposed on high traffic flow roads. Vehicles with priority are not required to reduce their speed. Vehicles without priority may race to the chicane before an oncoming vehicle approaches or swerve dangerously.</p>

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<p><b><u>Objector No 4</u></b></p> <p>I object to the bumps based on the damage already being caused to my vehicle. We have already had a ton load of bumps made in and around Bradford areas. It's getting ridiculous.</p>	<p>All traffic calming features are built to national guidelines. Vehicles travelling over road humps at appropriate speeds should not be detrimental to people or vehicles, provided the features conform to the Highways (Road Hump) Regulations.</p>
<p><b><u>Objector No 5</u></b></p> <p>I am a business owner on Legrams Lane. The speed humps will cause so many traffic issues which we are currently experiencing on a daily basis. They will cause so much traffic on this road as cars would have to slow down. This road is already too busy and we do not need this problem.</p> <p>Speed humps are also known to cause damage to vehicles that are lowered and also will slow down the emergency workers like the Police/Ambulance/Fire Service who regularly use this road.</p> <p>Please consider an alternative method to combat speeding road users other than causing more havoc and tension for the day to day commuters and also residents who live on this already highly congested road.</p>	<p>The aim of the scheme is to reduce vehicle speeds and thereby improve road safety. Physical traffic calming measures are proven to be the most successful means of lowering vehicle speeds and more consistent traffic speeds can help to reduce congestion.</p> <p>All traffic calming features are built to national guidelines. Vehicles travelling over road humps at appropriate speeds should not be detrimental to people or vehicles, provided the features conform to the Highways (Road Hump) Regulations. Emergency services have been consulted and no concerns have been raised about the proposals.</p> <p>Physical traffic calming measures are proven to be the most successful means of lowering vehicle speeds and delivering significant road safety benefits.</p>
<p><b><u>Objector No 6</u></b></p> <p>I am a business owner on Legrams Lane. The speed humps will cause havoc and congestion on an already busy road. Commuters will have to slow down to avoid contact with the humps and also this puts people off from using roads like this. This would also have an adverse effect not only on my business but others too and would just be another hindrance. I understand there may be concerns regarding</p>	<p>The aim of the scheme is to reduce vehicle speeds and thereby improve road safety Physical traffic calming measures are proven to be the most successful means of lowering vehicle speeds and more consistent traffic speeds can help to reduce congestion.</p> <p>The scheme is being progressed on the grounds that a recent study has shown that there have been 13 collisions resulting in injury</p>

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<p>speeding drivers; however I don't think speed humps are the solution.</p>	<p>on this section of Legrams Lane in the past 5 years.</p>
<p><b><u>Objector No 7</u></b></p> <p>I am business owner on Legrams Lane. Speed humps will cause the already busy road to become congested and overrun. Businesses are already suffering due to the economic climate and we need all the help we can get; the planned work will just be a hindrance.</p> <p>Many drivers avoid going to areas where there are speed humps and as such this would have a huge impact on all of the businesses on Legrams Lane.</p> <p>Please consider alternative ways in which to tackle speeding drivers, instead of wasting money on an idea that's not going to work.</p>	<p>The aim of the scheme is to reduce vehicle speeds and thereby improve road safety Physical traffic calming measures are proven to be the most successful means of lowering vehicle speeds and more consistent traffic speeds can help to reduce congestion. The proposals would improve safety locally and those result in a more attractive environment for visitors</p> <p>Legrams Lane is a major route and the proposals are unlikely to have an impact on through traffic volumes.</p> <p>Physical traffic calming measures are proven to be the most successful means of lowering vehicle speeds and delivering significant road safety benefits.</p>
<p><b><u>Objector No 8</u></b></p> <p>I am a business owner on Legrams Lane. I think the speed humps will cause the traffic to double which would be really bad for my business.</p> <p>I don't think this is going to make any difference at all. Most of the fast drivers are young and irresponsible and speed humps are not going to deter them.</p> <p>I think this is a waste of money and should be used on something else.</p>	<p>The aim of the scheme is to reduce vehicle speeds and thereby improve road safety Physical traffic calming measures are proven to be the most successful means of lowering vehicle speeds and more consistent traffic speeds can help to reduce congestion. Legrams Lane is a major route and the proposals are unlikely to have an impact on through traffic volumes.</p> <p>There will be a small percentage of drivers who are intent on speeding regardless of what measures are implemented to try and make the roads a safer place. These speeding vehicles do so with risk of damaging their vehicles.</p> <p>The scheme is being progressed on the grounds that a recent study has shown that there have been 13 collisions resulting in injury</p>

	on this section of Legrams Lane in the past 5 years.
<p><b><u>Objector No 9</u></b></p> <p>I am a business owner on Legrams Lane. Speed humps will have an adverse effect on the traffic. It is not going to deter speeding drivers. Please think of other way to combat speeding drivers as speed humps on Legrams Lane would be a waste of money.</p>	<p>Physical traffic calming measures are proven to be the most successful means of lowering vehicle speeds and delivering significant road safety benefits. Legrams Lane is a major route and the proposals are unlikely to have an impact on through traffic volumes.</p>

**3. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS**

- 3.1 Ward members and emergency services have been consulted on the proposals and there have been no adverse comments to the advertised proposals.

**4. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE APPRAISAL**

- 4.1 The estimated cost of the proposals is £48,000. The scheme can be promoted and implemented from the Safe Roads budget approved by this committee.

**5. RISK MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES**

- 5.1 A failure to implement highway safety improvements would result in ongoing concern about the speed of vehicles on Legrams Lane and likelihood of continued collisions/casualties.

**6. LEGAL APPRAISAL**

- 6.1 There are no specific issues arising from this report. The course of action proposed is in accordance with the Council's powers as Highway Authority.

**7. OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

**7.1 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS**

There are no Sustainability implications arising from this report.

**7.2 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.

**7.3 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS**

The implementation of traffic calming measures will lead to a reduction in vehicle speeds and help to improve road safety and reduce casualty levels on Legrams Lane and would be beneficial in terms of road safety.

**7.4 HUMAN RIGHTS ACT**

There are no implications on the Human Rights Act

**7.5 TRADE UNION**

None

**7.6 WARD IMPLICATIONS**

Ward members have been consulted on the proposals.

**7.7 AREA COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN IMPLICATIONS**

None

**7.8 IMPLICATIONS FOR CORPORATE PARENTING**

None.

**7.9 ISSUES ARISING FROM PRIVACY IMPACT ASSESMENT**

None

**8. NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS**

None

**9. OPTIONS**

9.1 That the objections be overruled and the proposal be implemented as advertised.

9.2 That the objections be upheld and the proposal be abandoned.

9.3 Councillors may propose an alternative course of action from that recommended on which they will receive appropriate officer advice.

**10. RECOMMENDATIONS**

10.1 That the objections be overruled and the proposed traffic calming measures be implemented as advertised.

10.2 That the objectors be informed accordingly.

**11. APPENDICES**

Appendix 1 Drawing HS/TRSS/105403/GA-1A.

**12. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

12.1 City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council File Ref: HS/TRSS/105403





