

Report of the Strategic Director Place to the meeting of Bradford South Area Committee to be held on 7th December 2023.

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Subject:

BEACON ROAD, BRADFORD, TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES - OBJECTIONS

Summary statement:

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

EQUALITY & DIVERSITY:

The Council has considered its obligations under the Public Sector Equality Duty under the Equality Act 2010 and is satisfied that the proposals will have no material impact on those identified with protected characteristics.

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1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report considers objections to recently advertised proposals for traffic calming measures which include a mixture of traffic calming cushions and plateaus, along the full length of Beacon Road, Bradford.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Concerns have historically been raised by local residents about traffic speeds on Beacon Road. Collisions records show that 24 injury/collisions have occurred in the previous 5 years and 6 of these resulted in serious injuries, one of which was a child.
- 2.2 At the Bradford South Area Committee held on the 7th July 2022, funding was approved as part of the Safe Roads schemes programme to introduce traffic management measures on Beacon Road, Bradford.
- 2.3 The location of the proposed traffic calming measures is shown on drawing nos. HS/TRSS/105670/CON-1A & CON-2A, attached as Appendix 1.
- 2.4 The proposals were advertised between 19 October and 10 November 2023. At the same time consultation letters and plans were delivered to residents, businesses and places of worship fronting Beacon Road (approximately 500 letters were delivered). This resulted in 19 objections and 9 responses showing support for the proposals.
- 2.5 A full list of all the comments for both objections and support are listed in Appendix 2 of the report.
- 2.6 A list of the common points of objection and the corresponding officer comments, is tabulated below:

Objection	Officers Comments
It would be better to have speed cameras on Beacon Road.	This location does not meet the criteria for the installation of safety cameras set by The West Yorkshire Casualty Reduction Partnership (WYCRP)
The plans do not detail what measures are to be put in place.	The consultation letter and plans outline the measures that the Council is proposing. These are a mixture of traffic calming cushions (1.9m x 1.9m) and traffic calming plateaus (9m x Road Width)
Traffic calming will bring noise pollution to local residents	The majority of vehicles should not have a detrimental impact on the noise when travelled over at the appropriate speeds.
Drivers already use Beacon Place as a short cut and traffic on Beacon Place will increase, making it more dangerous, as drivers will avoid Beacon Road.	Beacon Place is a convoluted alternative route to Beacon Road as such it is not envisaged that this would be used to avoid a relatively short section of the traffic calmed route.

<p>Any driver who negotiates the proposed obstacles carefully will slow down then speed up to 30 again, and this will increase pollution from exhausts.</p>	<p>The features are spaced at distances in accordance with national guidance and should encourage consistent lower speeds. With regards to the air quality, there have been conflicting studies as to whether traffic calming increases or decreases pollutants. However, it is advised that particular attention would need to be given to the balance between reductions in injury accidents and increases in vehicle emissions. In the previous 5 years the accident records show that there have been 24 accidents of which 6 have been serious.</p>
<p>Local residents did not wish to be penalised for the actions of others</p>	<p>The Council's priority is to reduce the number of collisions and accidents occurring, either as a result of speeding or other factors.</p> <p>Traffic calming is a proven method of lowering vehicle speeds and thereby reducing the potential for collisions and/or their resulting severity.</p>
<p>Traffic calming will cause damage to vehicles</p>	<p>All traffic calming features are built to national guidelines. Vehicles travelling over road humps at appropriate speeds should not suffer damage, provided the humps conform to the Highways (Road Hump) Regulations. A study in to the effect of repeatedly traversing road humps on vehicles (Kennedy et al., 2004e) showed no damage to any of the vehicles was seen, despite repeated passes at speeds up to 40 mph. However, suspension geometry checks revealed some minor changes in the suspension systems tested. Further testing showed there was no continuing trend for the suspension to move further out of specification; but stayed within the manufacturer's tolerances.</p>
<p>Traffic calming will cause vibrations on property</p>	<p>All traffic calming features are built to national guidelines and should not have a detrimental effect to properties.</p>
<p>Traffic calming are poorly installed and maintained humps</p>	<p>The construction of all traffic calming features are built to national guidelines. Any new constructed features are checked by engineers. If traffic calming measures do happen to deteriorate over time, residents can inform the Council's maintenance department to report any wear and tear.</p>

<p>Is there any evidence to suggest that traffic calming is required? Due to the mobile speed van presence I can say that I have not personally noticed antisocial or dangerous driving.</p>	<p>The Council's priority is to reduce the number of collisions and accidents occurring, either as a result of speeding or other factors. In the last 5 years, the accident reports show that there has been 24 incidents, of which there were 6 serious injuries, one of which was a child.</p>
<p>I do not feel that the road humps will prevent the irresponsible road users from travelling at excess speeds. They will affect only the law abiding.</p> <p>Speeding drivers usually can only use the stretch at night time hours and road humps will not stop them.</p>	<p>Traffic calming measures aim to try reduce the speeds of vehicles to try and achieve a reduction in collisions and their severity.</p> <p>It is recognised that there are some drivers who are intent on driving at high speeds and will not slow down regardless of what measures are implemented, however those that do slowdown will help in the overall reduction of any potential collisions that may have occurred.</p> <p>Traffic survey data shows over 30% of drivers exceeding the speed limit on Beacon Road.</p>

2.7 There were 9 comments of support which were received. Some of the supporting comments requested a 20mph zone around the vicinity of the St John the Evangelist Primary School. Unfortunately, this can't be included within the scope of this scheme as it would require significant additional funding over and above the allocated resource. However, the suggestion has been added to a list for future consideration.

2.8 One comment questioned whether a zebra crossing on a plateau could replace the blacktop cushions at location 17 of the proposed plan, to assist children crossing at the school. Again, it wouldn't be feasible to provide a zebra crossing without the specific approvals and funding.

3. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

3.1 Local ward members and the emergency services have been consulted on the proposals. No adverse comments have been received.

4. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE APPRAISAL

4.1 The estimated cost of the proposals is £80,000. An allocation of £50,000 was approved by the Bradford South Area Committee as part of the 2023/24 Safe Roads programme. A further allocation of £30,000 has been approved as part of the Strategic Safe Roads programme.

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 Beacon Road 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

A reduce in vehicle speeds encourages the increased use of sustainable transport modes.

7.2 TACKLING THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY IMPLICATIONS

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 should lead to a reduction in vehicle speeds and help to improve road safety and reduce casualty levels on Beacon Road.

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 LOCALITY PLAN IMPLICATIONS

None

7.8 IMPLICATIONS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

None

7.9 ISSUES ARISING FROM PRIVACY IMPACT ASSESMENT

None

8. NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS

None

9. OPTIONS

- 9.1 That the objections be considered but, on balance and the proposal be implemented as advertised.
- 9.2 That the objections can be upheld and the proposals be abandoned
- 9.3 Members 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 to the proposed traffic calming measures on Beacon Road having been taken into account are determined not to outweigh the proposed benefits of the scheme therefore be overruled and the scheme implemented as advertised.
- 10.2 That the objectors be informed accordingly.

11. APPENDICES

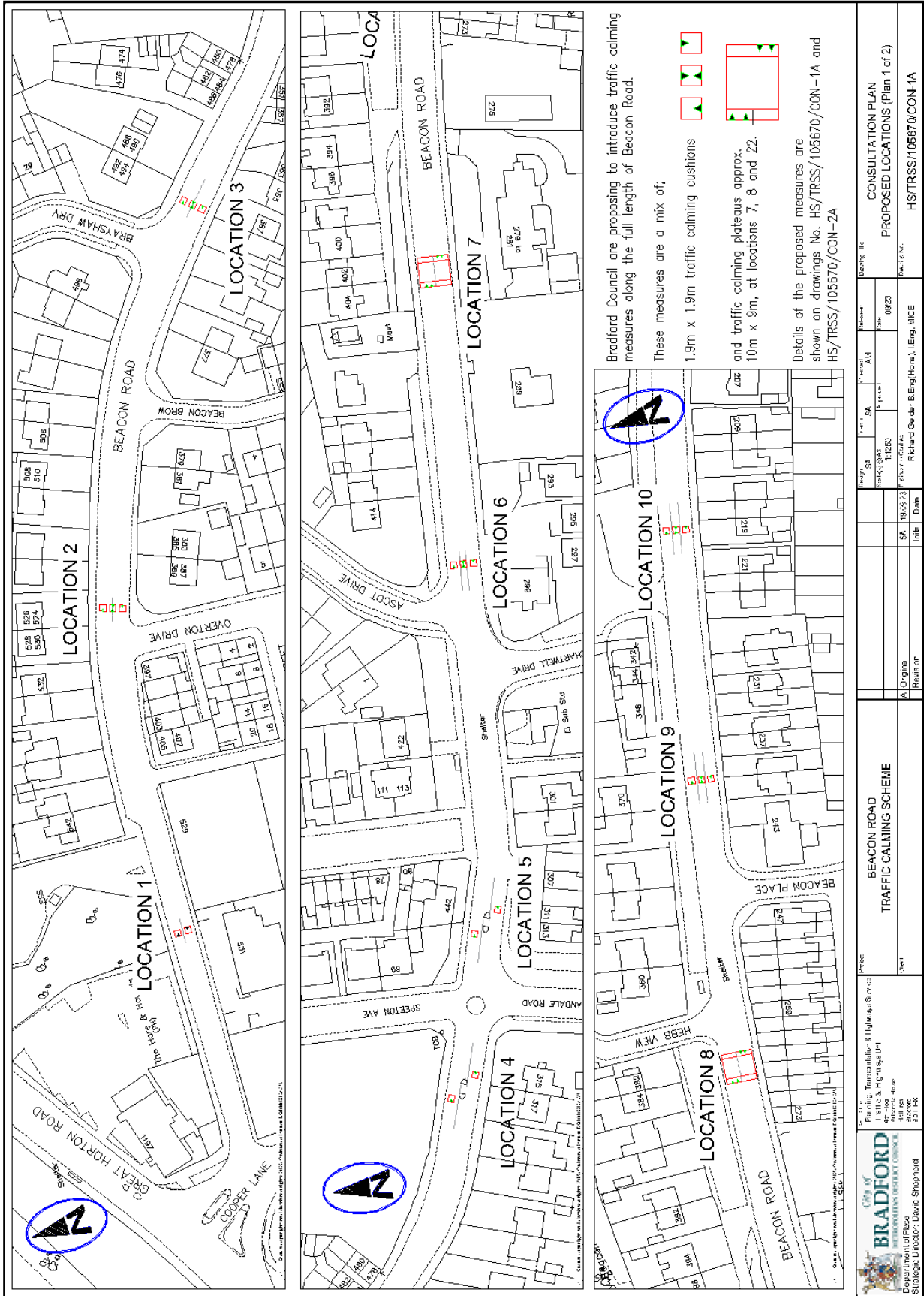
Appendix 1 Drawing HS/TRSS/105670/CON-1A & CON-2A

Appendix 2 Representations

12. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

- 12.1 File reference 105670

APPENDIX 1



<p>City of Bradford Department of Planning Strategic Director: Denis Shephard</p>		<p>Plan No: TRSS/105670-1A (Highways, Street)</p> <p>1:1000 & 1:1250</p> <p>4th Nov 2016</p> <p>23rd Nov 2016</p> <p>25th Nov 2016</p>		<p>Project: BEACON RD</p> <p>Phase: 04/23</p> <p>Scale: 1:1250</p> <p>Author: R. Giddens</p> <p>Checker: B. Englehorn</p> <p>Issue: 01</p>		<p>Consultation Plan</p> <p>PROPOSED LOCATIONS (Plan 1 of 2)</p> <p>HS/TRSS/105670/CON-1A</p>	
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CONSULTATION PLAN		PROPOSED LOCATIONS (Plan 2 of 2)	
SA	19/03/23	SA	19/03/23
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Beacon Road	11/20/23	Beacon Road	08/23
Traffic Calming Scheme	Richard Seabrook, E.Eng (Hons), LE.Eng, MICE	Richard Seabrook, E.Eng (Hons), LE.Eng, MICE	
City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council Department of Place Strategic Director - David Shepherd		City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council Department of Place Strategic Director - David Shepherd	

APPENDIX 2

Objection 1

Hello I live at ■ beacon road and would like to object on the grounds that people don't tend to speed on beacon road during the day it's mainly at night after 22:30 have you considered putting up fixed cameras instead.

Objection 2

I wish to object to the speed bumps on beacon road. The plans do not detail what measures are to be put in place to stop the bumps worsening existing safety hazards on beacon place that are currently ignored.

It is well known to anyone who is remotely familiar with the area that beacon place gets used as a "shortcut" for people who wish race others on beacon road. This will only get worse when speed bumps are added.

Coupled with illegal motorbikes and quads which are stored on the street and illegal car sales business which operates from an address on the street further deaths are inevitable. This is in addition to the existing death of a young girl due to the terrible parking situation at the newsagents at the top of the street.

You are already knowingly ignoring these issues as they have been highlighted to the council multiple times with zero response. You are now actively working to make these hazards worse. It's like you do not care about the lives of local residents and will make you fully responsible of the deaths and serious injuries that will occur due to you adding the speed bumps. They will not make the area safer as you claim.

You need to cancel the plans or amend them to account for the above as well as actually acting to rectify the existing issues you are trying to ignore.

Objection 3

Dear council

Please accept this email as an objection to the proposed speed bumps in Beacon Road.

I travel this road on a daily basis, and have not experienced any situations that would be improved by the presence of speed bumps.

Traffic, generally, keeps to the speed limits, and if excess speed is used, then these drivers will continue to travel at these speeds with or without speed bumps.

There are plenty of islands, where pedestrians can cross, and take refuge in the middle.

Any driver who negotiates these proposed obstacles carefully will slow down then speed up to 30 again, and this will increase pollution from exhausts.

Other issues will include:

Noise pollution to local residents
Vibrations on property and trees

Poorly installed and maintained humps
Damage to vehicles

If this goes ahead, drivers will just find alternative routes, thereby increasing traffic in other areas, which in turn, will cause more congestion and pollution, rather than allowing traffic to flow freely, and producing lower levels of pollution.

If this has been raised due to children crossing the road, then perhaps the funds should be redirected to schools, for road awareness training.

Please keep me informed of any discussions and progress on this matter.

Objection 4

To whom this may concern,

I would like to object to the construction of speed humps on Beacon road as i believe as a resident of a street just off Beacon road, I do not deem them to be necessary.

In the local area there are already a vast amount of roads with speed humps which are poorly installed/maintained along with the general upkeep of the highway itself that the addition of speed bumps along the stretch of Beacon Road will only put additional stress on vehicles as it is.

Is there any evidence to suggest that traffic calming is required? Due to the mobile speed van presence I can say that I have not personally noticed antisocial or dangerous driving.

To conclude, I think consideration needs to be taken for the residents and the impact it will have on their vehicles along with already poorly maintained roads in the area.

Objection 5

The customer states that she has received a letter from you regarding a speed bump been placed outside her property.

She has said she does not want this there and can you contact her regarding this.

Her contact details are:

[REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Objection 5 – further correspondence received

Hi. You did not get what I was complaining about it was the noise of the bump[s], bump all the time I did say if you put speed cameras in you would get some money out of it I dont go out at night so I cant come to the meeting I am a disabled pensioner and I dont want to be annoyed by the noise its a very busy road even at night.
I hope you will think about my complaint and put it forward for me at the meeting.

Objection 6

I object most strongly to the proposed placement of traffic humps along the length of Beacon Road. I have lived on the straight stretch of Beacon Road, for years - this road does not require what are laughingly called calming measures, the noise created by these monstrosities is enough to drive one insane. I have experienced this first hand as both my mother and my sister have them outside their houses and they don't live on busy main roads.

As I've said I have lived at Beacon Road since and both driven and walked up and down the same road crossed the road at every conceivable location over that period and in my opinion "calming" measures are simply not necessary. At no point have I ever felt unsafe as a pedestrian. [REDACTED] my wife [REDACTED] (crossing the road) without feeling unsafe the only complaint we may have is high volumes at times which "calming" will not affect.

It has been my experience over the years that whenever these improvements are made by your team things are generally made worse for the pedestrian. Without the impeding of flow by these humps traffic speed tends to be constant and easy to judge – these obstacles have the effect of rapid deceleration by many motorist on entering the hump and the opposite on exiting making available crossing time difficult to judge.

The letter we received from yourselves not lay out any evidence in support for you imposing this on us residents, other than I presume the need to spend the CAZ taxes you've raised over the last year.

I certainly don't want one of these things within earshot of my house and I'm guessing most other residents won't either.

Governments both large and small appear to becoming increasingly dictatorial in their treatment of the people who pay their wages. I cannot in good conscience support such regimes.

The objection to this proposal is raised by both myself and my wife.

Objector 6 written in again after conducting a survey.

Please find below an addendum to my original objection to your proposal to install humps along the length of Beacon Road.

I was of the opinion at the time of writing that I was probably not the only resident who objected but possibly only one of a few who would raise their objection via the legalobjections@bradford.gov.uk route. I decided to put this to the test.

I put together the leaflet below, printed 100 and delivered on Tuesday 7/11/2023 to houses along both sides of the long straight starting at No. [REDACTED] and ending at No. [REDACTED]

I regularly poll the speed of cars travelling up and down Beacon Road, as I do around the country and have done since I studied Applied Mathematics at school, to get a rough estimate of speed, easy to do by counting the seconds between lamp posts, used as a divisor for the distance between to get the speed in feet per second, I was taught during the time of the imperial system, very rarely have I found cars travelling at speeds in excess of 44 feet per second let alone 50 feet per second, the humps are simply not needed to reduce speed to reduce speed, particularly when the negative effects outlined herein are considered. There are probably affects felt by others that I am unaware of.

I also submit that these abominations are more likely to cause accidents, particularly elderly pedestrians. The elderly suffering from macular degeneration, cataracts or poor vision can't see the edges of these things and stumble as they believe they are walking on an even and solid surface – particularly in the dark and low light conditions. I personally know two elderly women who have suffered such falls one of whom was severely injured and still suffers the consequences years later.

These things also affect the predictability of the traffic flow for pedestrians as they speed up and slow down and I believe add to pollution which local (particularly Bradford with its introduction of the CAZ) and national government maintain kills 40,000 a year, from a poor quality study. To that end I have purchased a pollution meter (analysing P1, PM2.5 and PM10) and should the levels rise and increase the possibility of early mortality of my family following the unwanted and subsequently forced implementation of these road pustules I will hold the council responsible.

The other health hazard the Council should investigate is the possible long term skeletal damage caused by these things. I and others believe a long term study should be commissioned using measuring devices, accelerometer?, that can determine the forces applied through the spine as a vehicle traverses these humps. Some of us feel considerable pain and discomfort when forced to navigate these hated obstacles. The effect is felt even more the poorly constructed ones. Back Lane for example, [REDACTED], has a number along its length. If one expects they can traverse these things at a constant speed one is sadly disappointed, there are a number whose trailing downhill slope on the downhill stretch bottoms out the suspension accentuated by the force of gravity bottoming out the suspension on most cars with accompanying “explosions” for the residents. Perhaps it's time for ambulance chasing, PPI lawyers to pick up the gauntlet on this one.

I will conclude by saying during the early stages of adoption of these pustules across the country the theory may have seemed sound and which the majority may have supported – but the many years of living with, sharing the experiences and stories of the people who have to live with the aftermath of the road xylophones has certainly reversed the opinion of the majority, as evidenced by the results of my simple poll above.

I understood from an early age that Councils are the elected servants of the residents of the city/town/borough there to represent and implement their wishes – I do hope that Bradford proves to be a democracy rather than a dictatorship.

I close by repeating I do not want one of these humps within at least 500 metres of my house, a feeling shared by many, if not most of those AGAINST listed in the table above.

Objection 7

I would like to put forward an objection to the proposed road humps on Beacon Road. In particular I would like to point out issues with location 11-22.

First and foremost, I have lived in this area [REDACTED] years and am well aware of the road system in the vicinity. Beacon Road is, for the most part of the day, a busy thoroughfare road and is subject to congestion at busy times.

Unlike other roads in the area, Beacon Road is usually self sufficient in terms of traffic speed control, especially from the St Enoch roundabout to Beldon Lane. I suspect this is why the police speed camera van rarely operates in this particular stretch, as there is obviously less chance of 'catching' motorists travelling (probably marginally) over the speed limit.

The frequent bus services travelling in both directions, parking on both sides of the road, bustling businesses and heavy footfall to the local park and streets all contribute towards traffic control. The road is barely wide enough to speed with all this activity particularly from the roundabout to Beldon Lane.

People regularly give way at the several crossing island on the stretch I mentioned, and also the zebra crossing close to the roundabout. Drivers navigate numerous streets and junctions along the course of this stretch and the pub and businesses opposite bring about caution for drivers. Bus stops every few hundred yards regularly cause traffic to stop and the width of the road near the businesses opposite the pub regularly becomes 1 way due to the width. I note that the road at this stretch is generally subject to slow moving traffic.

So the decision to introduce road humps, in my opinion, would not introduce traffic calming where most practical or needed. I agree there are speeding vehicles but a stretch where it is impossible to do so at peak times has no necessity to protect.

Speeding drivers usually can only use the stretch at night time hours and road humps will not stop them. They will just proceed as normal and will generate excessive noise in the process. Not to mention that the residents who are mostly careful drivers here, would be subject to vehicle damage due to the bumps.

This is a nonsensical proposal and it would ruin a stretch of road which is currently a joy to drive on.

The proposed location of the bumps is also very questionable. Where drivers will look to navigate oncoming traffic and vehicles emerging from junctions (Enfield drive and near the Mccolls) you have proposed speed humps.

Please use your common sense highways officers and do not ruin our roads. It's already difficult enough to drive around Bradford due to your poor decisions.

I note you already have speed hump signs up on Moore avenue too. Have people even been consulted ?

Objection 8

Why are these bumps needed? This will ruin the road, just like hollingwood lane which has 17 bumps which do nothing to slow people down but rather ruin people's car. I personally have had multiple repairs on my previous car due to said bump. Utterly useless, scheme, those that speed will speed regardless of bumps. How about spend the money on repairs the road properly instead of putting that god awful gravel down. Please don't do this as people use this daily and those that live there park there which is already an obstacle for some drivers.

Objection 9



Objection 10

I live on [REDACTED] and I am writing to object to the installation of 22 speed humps on the total length of Beacon Road.

I can understand them being placed around St John primary school but to put them on the entire length of the road which I drive daily is far in excesses of requirements.

As I say I drive this road every day and the vast majority of drivers do so at a safe and legal speed. All this will do is create more congestion and air pollution as drivers slow and speed up between humps.

With the speed lumps recently installed on Hollingwood Lane and proposed ones for Moore Avenue we will be completely surrounded by them. Even driving over them at 15 mph can and does damage car suspension and certainly irritates those who don't care about suspension and want to do 30 mph.

Speed humps are a blunt weapon which everyone has to suffer due to a few boy racers who don't care about humps anyway or will take their racetrack elsewhere!

The speed camera van is regularly on Beacon Road anyway so as I say the vast majority of drivers do observe the speed limit so what is the reason for these works?

Objection 11

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to register my objection to the proposed plan for road humps on Beacon Road.

My objection are:

The damage, even at very low speed, these cause to vehicles. As I have to regularly travel a route where these are prevalent, the wear and tear on shock absorbers has been an additional and unwelcome expense when the cost of living has risen so steeply of late. Unfortunately, to keep the vehicle roadworthy and safe, this is a financial burden which has had to be borne.

From observing the behaviour of some drivers in our city, I do not feel that the road humps will prevent the irresponsible road users from travelling at excess speeds. They will affect only the law abiding.

When driving more slowly over road humps, it is not unusual to be tailgated or to have less careful drivers overtake or attempt to overtake at speed. This leads to dangerous manoeuvres being undertaken and increases the risk of collisions/road rage incidents.

Driving through areas where there are many road humps, it has appeared that they have done little to moderate the behaviour of many drivers.

The road humps are also very uncomfortable for those with osteoarthritis and related conditions as, even at crawling speed, there is a significant jolt.

Whilst I agree that that excessive speed is something which needs to be addressed, I am doubtful that the proposal will do anything but inconvenience those who drive according to the law. I feel a greater Police presence at the times when our roads become racetracks would be a fairer response. The current approach will penalise and frustrate the considerable whilst, I fear, doing little to discourage the reckless and lawless road users.

I would respectfully ask you to reconsider the proposal and look at what else may be done to address the issue.

Objection 12

Hope you are well. I would like to express my opposition to the new speed bumps on beacon road Bradford, Wibsey. I think speed bumps are noisy, uncomfortable and detrimental to the air quality as people slow down and speed up. Therefore I don't think they should be installed.

Objection 13

I saw on the telegraph and argus there will be new speed bumps on beacon road near buttershaw bradford. I dont think they should go ahead. I have to go over about 30 speed bumps a day to go to work and iv had flat tyres because of them! Going about 15-20 mile an hour iv had flat tyres and damage to my car in a 30. They r horrible to drive over and when iv got my mum in the car its awful for her and hurts her bones. Also when i had to call the ambulance for her they crew also complained about the bumps in buttershaw cos they r ridiculous and slowed them down getting to my mum!!

I am very against the bumps

Objection 14

Good day,

I think it would be best for everyone, if you installed a pelican crossing, smoothed the road, and put

in speed cameras, please kindly serve the public, and yourself, and be of service, and what make all round sense, to not waste , time, money energy, etc. Thankyou kindly, and graciously, good health, peace be with you.

Objection 15

I'm against the new speed humps on beacon road in Bradford in the Wibsey area

Speed humps are noisy and horrible to drive over. I work as a joiner and my van has been damaged because of speed humps (I was doing way under the speed limit!), on the side my van (right) went over the shock absorber went. I understand in areas like culdesac you should do under 20mph, but beacon road isn't that. Why is the council wasting money on this? Also some people have actually been hurt because of speed humps (I put some links in), and these are just people how actually went to the papers, what about the people who kept quiet about their injuries? I thought the council and government want clean air (since the clean air zone is in Bradford), so why make drivers speed up and slow down all the time? So you're actually making MORE pollution then making people pay for it. Disgusting

It's a terrible idea and I'm angry my council tax goes to pay for this rubbish.

Objection 16

I would like to oppose the creating of speed bumps on beacon road in bradford, BD6.

I don't believe people speed in that area and they are uncomfortable and for me, I have back problems so every bump is incredibly painful. Even at speeds well below the speed limit they can cause damage to vehicles, especially HGV's, vans, buses.

The bumps are terrible for the environment as drivers accelerate and brake and this significantly contributes to emissions. The people speeding are typically breaking the law such as no mot, tax, insurance or in stolen cars anyway! So this is only hurting normal people who otherwise stick to the speed limit.

Objection 17

Dear Bradford Council,

I am [REDACTED], a resident of [REDACTED] Beacon Road. I and other road users in the family **object** to the proposed road humps along the full length of Beacon Road.

Instead, a better measure to ensure traffic calming would be implementing speed cameras to ensure road users are travelling no more than 30mph.

This way, the journeys on this long stretch of road will be smoother and better for fuel economy and the greater climate since road users would need to keep braking and accelerating over humps.

Most cars these days operate cruise control and road users being able to turn on cruise control to under 30 will move traffic along smoother than constant stopping and starting over humps.

The execution of this proposed project will cause great disruption to the residents of Beacon Road as well as its users, considering the long length of Beacon Road.

There is no school with an entrance on Beacon Road (e.g St Johns the Evangelist School on Beacon Road has its entrances on side roads) so there is no practical reason as to why these humps should be in place on such an active, major road.

Objection 18

I'm writing to object to the proposed installation of the speed bumps on Beacon road. There are other more effective traffic calming measures that don't involve speed bumps. In addition, what proof is there that people speed there? I often drive through wibsey and beacon road and although it's a 30 you can't even get to 20mph a lot of the time. There are cars on either side, pedestrians and there is no opportunity to even do the speed limit. There are some bumps in bradford that going over at 10 mph is extremely uncomfortable and can cause damage to vehicles (I had to replace my sway bar links as a result). In addition, the people speeding are often in stolen cars (often with no insurance), so the condition of the vehicles doesn't matter to them.

Please reconsider this proposal.

Objection 19

I live at [REDACTED] Beacon road Wibsey Bradford and object to the proposed speed bumps/traffic calming.

I object for a few reasons of which I will list below.

Speed bumps slow down the emergency services this in its self is a good enough reason to not have speed bumps installed.

Speed bumps contribute more to air pollution this is because of the continuous braking then accelerating rather than if the vehicles were driving smoothly without speed bumps. While speed bumps save lives by slowing cars down on dangerous patches of the road, air pollution is deadly too. So having a speed bump directly outside my home is not ideal and not what I want.

Noise pollution It is quite clear that the vehicles are bound to make noise on impact while crossing a speed hump or a series of them. This noise can create pollution in neighbourhoods with speed humps. So again having a speed bump directly outside my home is not ideal and not what I want.

The main speeding issue we have is on an evening and into the night. In the past I have taken note of a couple of the registrations and checked if they are taxed and tested and yes they were. So having said this why not fit speed cameras and actually ban these people that speed along Beacon Road.

I live at Beacon road just below and on the same side as Beldon Lane, you have proposed to put speed bumps just above Beldon Lane and just outside my house. This in its self is an issue as drivers come out of Beldon Lane very fast already due to the size of the junction by placing these speed bumps as you have this enables the drivers to speed out of Beldon Lane even quicker now know there is a speed bump just above Beldon Lane.

If this proposed traffic calming goes ahead all the local speeders with their extremely loud exhausts will just speed in between the speed bumps causing more noise pollution of which means due to the speed bumps we will have to listen to them for longer speeding up and slowing again and again.

Below are just few more examples that I have taken from the internet.

HEALTH HAZARDS:

1. Speed bumps pose serious hazards and have often been fatal to motorcyclists, scooterists, bicyclists, etc.
2. They cause spinal damage and aggravate chronic backache.
3. People standing in buses often have had significant falls.

Other disadvantages:

1. They can increase traffic congestion due to slowing down
2. Can slow emergency vehicles
3. Can be disturbing for drivers
4. Maybe difficult to navigate for vehicles with low ground clearance, even at very low speeds

5. May divert traffic to parallel residential streets
6. Possible increase in noise and pollution due to braking
7. Traffic travels in a lower gear using significantly more fuel per mile
8. Heavy sedans, trucks, and SUVs are not always slowed down by speed humps
9. Increased wear and tear of brake pads
10. Damage to suspension, oil sumps and exhaust pipes
11. Cause increased vibrations and endangering nearby properties

For example, complaints from Derby residents prompted the removal of 146 speed humps from streets at the cost of £460,000.

In 2003, the chairman of the London Ambulance Service claimed that delays caused by speed humps were responsible for up to 500 avoidable deaths from cardiac arrest each year.

Support comment No. 1

Not an objection.
Good Afternoon,

I am just writing with regards to the traffic calming measures on Beacon Road,

This is not an objection, however I do feel that the bumps could be closer together, the spacing between locations 14 and location 15 looks quite far apart and in my opinion would encourage speeding. Also the section between Ascot Drive and Beacon Place is a problem area as speeding vehicles try to pick up speed, going up the hill.

However this hopefully will be a much needed improvement.

Support comment No. 2

Having just received the above, which I must say, are much overdue. I have been a resident on Beacon Road for yrs and the increase in traffic has been phenomenal. However, the speeds that some of the vehicles travel at is frightening. I would have hoped for speed cameras as a deterrent (the police are often in situ, which only reduces the problem at that time), which I feel would have paid for themselves. I really hope that, if this proposal gets approved, it will actually have the desired effect.

Support comment No. 3

I wanted to email to express our support in favour of the proposed traffic calming on Beacon Road, everyday we witness cars speeding passed our house up Beacon Road or emergency breaking when the road narrows around the proposed **Location 17** on the plans provided.

The calming measures can't come soon enough to reduce the risk of traffic accidents or potential injuries to adults or children crossing, particularly outside the religious school (Madrassa Tul-Madina).

I would question whether **Location 17** could be a zebra crossing on a speed bump instead of blacktop cushions to assist the children crossing from the school.

Support comment No. 4

This is not an objection to the proposal.

As a resident of the area and a local childminder servicing St John the Evangelist catholic primary school, I am very much in favour of something being done about the conditions of traffic on beacon Road, especially outside of the school. I have been taking children to st John's for nearly 20 years and have lost track of the amount of times the children and myself have nearly been run over! I teach the children to cross the road correctly, either using the crossing person or the island if the crossing person is not there. The occasions where we have nearly been hit by cars have all occurred when the crossing person is actually in the middle of the road and one direction of traffic has already stopped for us to begin crossing! I worry for the safety of the children, myself and the crossing person every time I cross, which should definitely not be the case. A child was killed at the top of beacon hill some years ago and it is only a matter of time before someone is seriously injured outside the school. I for one don't want to have to tell a parent that their child has been knocked down by a car that does not know that they must stop for a crossing person. Although I welcome the proposal, I feel this does not go far enough. Most other schools within the area have a 20mph zone around them, this one does not. Also, most people, even from the area, don't know there is a school there unless they have personal connections to it as it is set back from the road and the 2 school signs either side are not prominent enough. The sign coming down the hill is obscured by trees, and the other sign is on the mini roundabout and is very faded.

I would very much appreciate if not only the proposed actions were taken as soon as possible, but also if other things were considered to ensure the safety of our children.

Support comment No. 5

I would like to state my personal approval of the speed bumps on Beacon Road. Since I have started working in school ten years ago there have been countless accidents and almost weekly 'near misses' due to the speed vehicles regularly travel along this road. I also feel a 20mph zone, particularly near the Beacon Road main entrance to school, would dramatically reduce the near misses and accidents on the road.

Support comment No. 6

I would like to voice my opinion that I think it is necessary for road humps to be placed along Beacon Road , for the safety of school children ,parents and residents safety. I also would be in favour for a 20 mile an hour area zone to be imposed around the school .

Support comment No. 7

In response to the intention of Bradford Council to construct road humps on Beacon Road, I would like to extend my wholehearted support of the traffic calming proposals. This will help us to ensure the safety of our children and their families when arriving and leaving school.

In order to further ensure our childrens safety, I would like to enquire about the possibility of introducing a 20-mph zone around the school entrances on Beacon Road, Chartwell Drive and Mandale Road, there are many schools in Bradford and nationally where this has been introduced. Given that we have had a number of fatalities on both Beacon Road and Mandale Road due to excessive speed, a 20-mph zone would seem a reasonable additional safety measure.

I look forward to your response and would be keen to discuss the matter further if required.

Support comment No. 8

I am a parent of a child attending a school which is situated next to Beacon Road, where speed bumps are being proposed. I strongly support the idea any hope this comes to fruition in the very near future.

Support comment No. 9

I am writing in support of the above proposed road humps.

As a local resident and member of staff at St John the Evangelist School on Beacon Road, I would also like to highlight my concerns about the number of cars speeding along and around Beacon Road. I think it would be safer if the speed limit were reduced to 20MPH around school, as are many other local schools.