

Office Non Key Executive Decision

Relevant Chief Officer (Decision Maker):	John Blackledge, Director of Community and Environmental Services
Relevant Cabinet Member (for consultation purposes):	Councillor Fred Jackson, Cabinet Member for Environmental Services and Highways
Report Author (Officer name and title):	Jonathan Abbott-Hull, Parking Management Technician
Implementation Date of Decision:	31 March 2017

Proposed Public Notice

THE BOROUGH OF BLACKPOOL PROPOSED PROVISION OF ROAD CUSHIONS 2017

1.0 Purpose of the report:

- 1.1 To seek approval for the advertisement of a Public Notice under Section 90C of the Highways Act 1980.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

- 2.1 To authorise the request to publish a public notice and progress with the implementation of Road Humps on Ashburton Road.

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

- 3.1 To fulfil the Traffic Management role of Blackpool Council, please see Background Information below.

3.2a Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or approved by the Council? No

3.2b Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council's approved budget? Yes

3.3 Other alternative options to be considered:

Not to progress proposal to advertisement stage.

4.0 Council Priority:

4.1 The relevant Council Priority is “Create stronger communities and increase resilience”

5.0 Background Information

5.1 Transportation received a member’s enquiry (local Ward Councillors: Councillor I Taylor and Councillor L Williams to investigate speeding along Ashburton Road, it was the Ward Councillors’ ambition to implement traffic calming if required.

5.2 Transportation investigated the concerns, accident data was checked, traffic count data was collected and a public consultation was undertaken with all the residential properties on Ashburton Road.

5.3 Out of all the properties consulted 25 properties took the opportunity to respond, 22 (88%) of which were in favour of introducing traffic calming

5.4 Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

5.5 List of Appendices:

Ashburton Humps Notice 2017.docx

Ashburton – Consultation letter.pdf

Ashburton – Consultation plan.pdf

Ashburton – Feedback letter.pdf

6.0 Legal considerations:

6.1 The Highways Act 1980 Section 90 A-I
The Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984
The Highways (Road Humps) Regulations 1999
Traffic Management Act 2004

The Council has a general network management duty under the Traffic Management Act 1984. It has a duty under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 to consider those implications. The Council also has a general equality duty under the Equality Act 2010 and should comply with the Human Rights Act 1998 and European Convention.

6.2 There is discretion to hold an inquiry but officer view is that this is not necessary in view of the extensive consultation and it is unlikely any further information would emerge.

7.0 Human Resources considerations:

7.1 None.

8.0 Equalities considerations:

8.1 None.

9.0 Financial considerations:

9.1 Funding for the works is from the Traffic Management budget.

10.0 Risk management considerations:

10.1 No risk identified

11.0 Ethical considerations:

11.1 None.

12.0 Internal/ External Consultation undertaken:

12.1 Formal consultation with the Road Policing Unit at Hutton will be undertaken. Public advertisement to be placed in the local newspaper, Notice to be placed on the highway and on the Blackpool Council website. Documents shall be made available at customer first for inspection beginning with the date on which the notice of proposal is first published and ending with the last day of a 6 weeks period begins when either the proposal is implemented or (as the case may be) the council decides not to carry out the traffic calming works.

13.0 Decision of Chief Officer

13.1 To authorise the request to publish a public notice and progress with the implementation of Road Humps on Ashburton Road.

14.0 Reasons for the Decision of the Chief Officer

14.1 To fulfil the Traffic Management role of Blackpool Council, please see Background Information below.