

# NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES COMMITTEE AGENDA



**Monday 26 October 2015**

**at 10.00 am**

**in Committee Room B, Civic Centre, Hartlepool**

**MEMBERS: NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES COMMITTEE**

Councillors Ainslie, Barclay, Gibbon, Jackson, James, Loynes and Robinson

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

**2. TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS**

**3. MINUTES**

- 3.1 To receive the Minutes and Decision Record of the meeting held on 28 September 2015 (*previously circulated*).

**4. BUDGET AND POLICY FRAMEWORK**

No items.

**5. KEY DECISIONS**

No items.



**6. OTHER ITEMS REQUIRING DECISION**

- 6.1 Brenda Road Speed Limit Change – *Assistant Director (Neighbourhoods)*
- 6.2 Rossmere Park Funding Bid – *Director of Regeneration and Neighbourhoods*
- 6.3 Thackeray Road – Proposed Traffic Calming Scheme – *Assistant Director (Neighbourhoods)*
- 6.4 Wordsworth Avenue – Traffic Calming Scheme – *Assistant Director (Neighbourhoods)*

**7. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

No items.

**8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT**

**Date of next meeting – Monday 23 November 2015 at 10.00 am in Committee Room B, Civic Centre**



# **NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**26th October 2015**



**Report of:** Assistant Director (Neighbourhoods)

**Subject: BRENDA ROAD SPEED LIMIT CHANGE**

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## **1. TYPE OF DECISION/APPLICABLE CATEGORY**

1.1 Non-key.

## **2. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

2.1 To seek approval for the reduction in speed limit on Brenda Road from 40mph to 30mph.

## **3. BACKGROUND**

3.1 Following a fatal road traffic collision in October 2014, a review of the section of Brenda Road between Belle Vue Way and B&Q roundabouts has been undertaken. This review considered a wide range of factors, including traffic volume, traffic speed, pedestrian surveys, the road's accident record, recent highway improvements, the existing speed limit and Department for Transport guidance on setting limits.

3.2 It is important to note that in the accident referred to there was no blame attached to the driver, who was found to be travelling below the posted speed limit when the collision occurred. The Coroner's Inquest also found no evidence that the road had contributed to the accident.

3.3 The Council supports The Department for Transport research which shows that lower speeds generally result in a greater chance of pedestrians surviving when in collision with a vehicle, and actively promote 20mph limits in the town.

## **4. PROPOSALS**

4.1 It is proposed that the section of Brenda Road between Belle Vue Way and B&Q roundabouts be reduced from 40mph to 30mph. It is important that

there is a hierarchical nature to speed limits, with there being a gradual reduction in limit as motorists approach urban areas (town centres, etc). The section of Brenda Road immediately north of Belle Vue Way roundabout is subject to a 30mph limit and continues to be right into the town centre, so the proposed change would be consistent with this approach.

**5. RISK IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 There are no risk implications attached to this report.

**6. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

- 6.1 The advertising costs for the traffic regulation order required, and the associated signage costs, will be met from the Council's Local Transport Plan, and are estimated to be £4,000.

**7. LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS**

- 7.1 A traffic regulation order will need to be advertised for the Revocation of the 40mph limit currently in force. Once this has taken place, the road automatically reverts to 30mph due to the presence of street lights.

**8. CHILD AND FAMILY POVERTY**

- 8.1 There are no child and family poverty implications attached to this report.

**9. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY CONSIDERATIONS**

- 9.1 There are no equality and diversity considerations attached to this report.

**10. SECTION 17 OF THE CRIME AND DISORDER ACT 1998 CONSIDERATIONS**

- 10.1 There are no Section 17 considerations attached to this report.

**11. STAFF CONSIDERATIONS**

- 11.1 There are no staff considerations attached to this report.

**12. ASSET MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS**

- 12.1 The changes to the signage will be recorded on the Asset Register.

**13. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 13.1 That the reduction in speed limit as detailed in the report be approved.

**14. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 14.1 To reduce the likelihood for further road traffic collisions to occur.

**15. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 15.1 There are no background papers.

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# NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES COMMITTEE

26<sup>th</sup> October 2015



**Report of:** Director of Regeneration and Neighbourhoods

**Subject:** ROSSMERE PARK FUNDING BID

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## 1. TYPE OF DECISION/APPLICABLE CATEGORY

- 1.1 This is a non Key Decision for approval.

## 2. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 2.1 The purpose of this report is to advise the Neighbourhood Services Policy Committee on proposals for improvements to Rossmere Park and to seek the Committee's endorsement of the Chair's decision to submit the bid, and if successful delegate the Director for Regeneration and Neighbourhoods, together with the Chief Financial Officer and the Chief Solicitor to accept any approved bid and commence the works.

## 3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The proposed improvements to Rossmere Park developed from work undertaken by the former Friends of Rossmere Park has been re-visited at the request of Members. A public consultation exercise was undertaken resulting in the current proposals being developed to bid stage. Groundwork NE, working with the Council, undertook much of the consultation work with the public and they would submit the bid as an eligible body.

## 4. PROPOSALS

- 4.1 The proposals have been consulted upon and include the following elements of works:
- Selective tree removal throughout the park for reasons of good tree management and to accommodate improved facilities (preliminary works);
  - Refurbishment of the oldest remaining play areas with new equipment and surfacing (Phase 1);

- Provision of a new off-street car parking area (to be lockable; Phase 2);
- Provision of new parking spaces in the existing verge at Balmoral Road to reduce parking issues associated with Rossmere Way (Phase 2);
- Provision of a new access for events/maintenance from Braemar Road (locked and not in general use; Phase 2);
- Provision of a new events area with paving, canopies and electrical connections (Phase 2);
- Works to the existing Rossmere Park pond edge to improve amenity levels and access, and works to improve water quality;
- A potential park building for community use (subject to further investigation; future phase).

4.2 The proposals are to be phased with the Phase 1 bid incorporating the refurbishment of existing play areas. It would be the intention to submit a funding bid for these works at the earliest available opportunity. If successful further bids would be made for those works requiring planning permission (Phase 2) in the next available bid period (normally within a financial or calendar year depending on the funder). A future phase for a park building would be dependant on further consultation and assessment of the sustainability of such a project (see **Appendices 1 & 2**).

## **5. RISK IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 As it is intended that an external funding stream bid is made to cover the costs of these works all fee elements (staff time) associated with the design and bid submission are undertaken at risk, with the costs recovered if the bid is successful.
- 5.2 If not successful the scheme will not progress.

## **6. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

- 6.1 All procurement and financial procedures associated with the proposals and bid would be in line with the Council's policies whilst meeting any specific requirements of the individual funder.

## **7. LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS**

- 7.1 There will be legal considerations relating to the procurement of the works in line with the funder's terms and conditions. Where capital purchases are made the funder may require a proportion of any sale value attributable to the funding award to be refunded. Any disposal of assets purchased with fund money would require the written consent of the funder.

**8. CHILD AND FAMILY POVERTY**

- 8.1 There are no child and family poverty implications relating to this report.

**9. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY CONSIDERATIONS**

- 9.1 There are no equality and diversity considerations relating to this report.

**10. SECTION 17 OF THE CRIME AND DISORDER ACT 1998 CONSIDERATIONS**

- 10.1 There are no Section 17 considerations relating to this report.

**11. STAFF CONSIDERATIONS**

- 11.1 As funding requirements will involve a competitive pricing process for the capital works (regardless of the funding stream), external contractors will be included in the procurement process. The Council's in-house service will be included in the procurement process where applicable. Design work and contract supervision would be undertaken by the Council's in-house service provider.

**12. ASSET MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS**

- 12.1 If successful, the proposals will result in improvements to the Council's assets. Maintenance issues have been considered as part of the design process.

**13. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 13.1 Committee notes the contents of this report and approves the proposal to bid for funding and, if successful, delegate the Director for Regeneration and Neighbourhoods, together with the Chief Financial Officer and the Chief Solicitor to accept the funding and undertake the works in conjunction with the Neighbourhood Services Committee.

**14. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 14.1 Without external funding improvements to Rossmere Park would not progress.



**15. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 15.1 There are no background papers.

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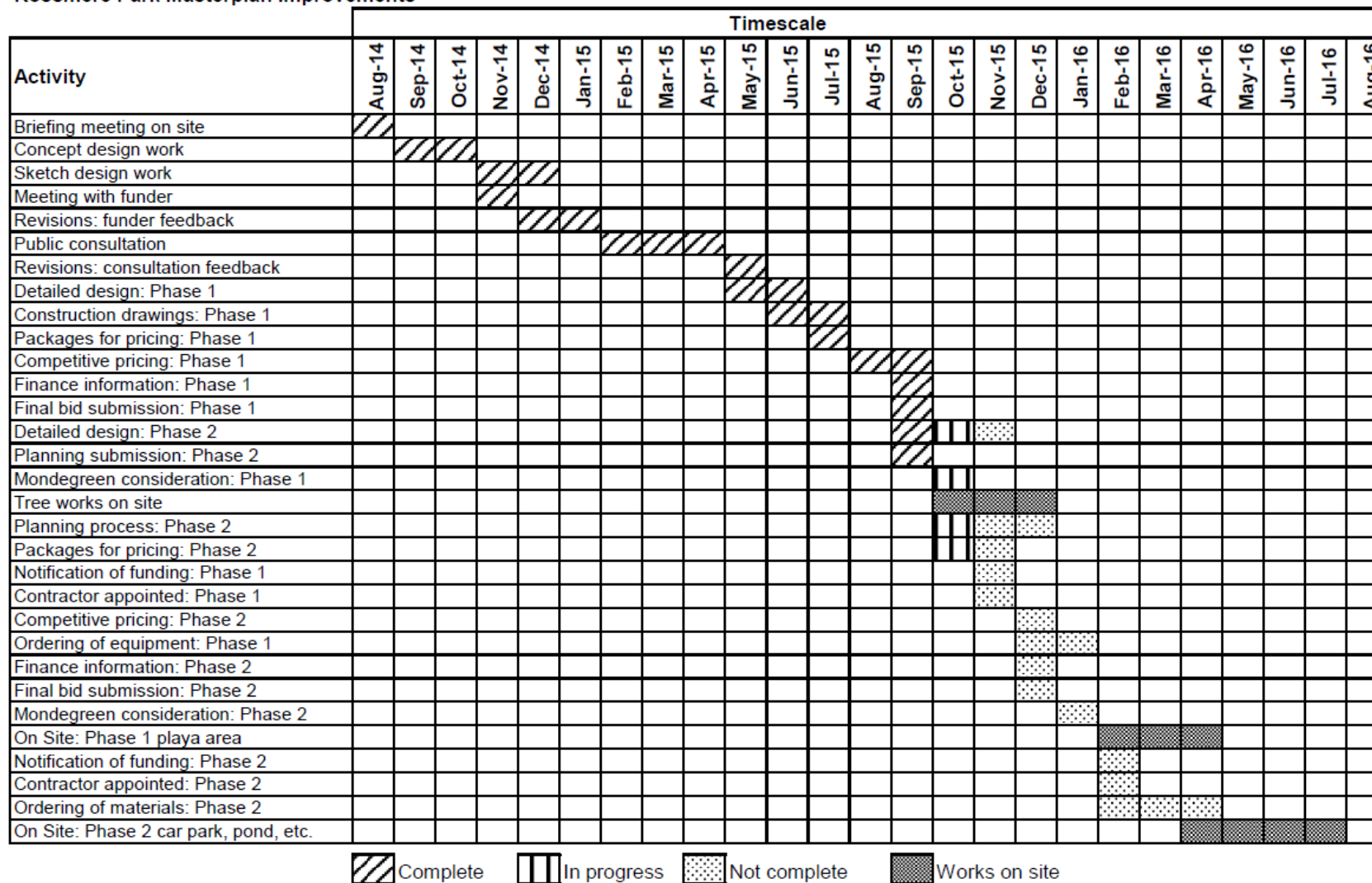
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# APPENDIX 1



## APPENDIX 2

## Rossmere Park Masterplan Improvements



# NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES COMMITTEE

26<sup>th</sup> October 2015



**Report of:** Assistant Director (Neighbourhoods)

**Subject:** THACKERAY ROAD – PROPOSED TRAFFIC CALMING SCHEME

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## 1. TYPE OF DECISION/APPLICABLE CATEGORY

1.1 Non Key.

## 2. PURPOSE OF REPORT

2.1 To seek approval for the implementation of traffic calming and a 20mph speed limit on Thackeray Road.

## 3. BACKGROUND

3.1 Concerns have been raised by local residents with regards to the speed of traffic and general road safety on Thackeray Road.

3.2 Thackeray Road is a residential road, and is connected to Masfield Road at 2 points forming a loop. The existing speed limit is 30mph.

## 4. PROPOSALS

4.1 It is proposed to introduce a 20mph speed limit and a series of 6 road humps on Thackeray Road. Plan attached at **Appendix 1**. The road humps will complement the reduced speed limit and ensure the limit is 'self enforcing'.

## 5. CONSULTATION

5.1 A total of 94 letters and plans were sent out to all households on Thackeray Road and Pope Grove. 9 replies have been received all were in favour of the scheme. Ward Members have also indicated that they support the proposals.

3 responses also suggested the possibility of Thackeray Road being made a one way street, and this is something which could be considered in the future should problems persist.

**6. RISK IMPLICATIONS**

6.1 There are no risk implications attached to this report.

**7. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

7.1 The scheme would be funded via the Local Transport budget allocation, and the estimated cost will be approximately £15,000.

**8. LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS**

8.1 Subject to approval of the scheme a traffic regulation order will be advertised in accordance with the statutory legal procedures.

**9. CHILD AND FAMILY POVERTY**

9.1 There are no child and family poverty implications attached to this report.

**10. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY CONSIDERATIONS**

10.1 There are no equality and diversity considerations attached to this report.

**11. SECTION 17 OF THE CRIME AND DISORDER ACT 1998 CONSIDERATIONS**

11.1 There are no Section 17 considerations attached to this report.

**12. STAFF CONSIDERATIONS**

12.1 There are no staff considerations attached to this report.

**13. ASSET MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS**

13.1 The traffic calming and associated signage will be included on the Asset Register.

**14. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 14.1 The Neighbourhood Services Committee approves the proposed 20mph speed limit and traffic calming.

**15. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 15.1 The proposed scheme will help reduce traffic speed and improve road safety on Thackeray Road.

**16. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 16.1 None.

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# NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES COMMITTEE

26<sup>th</sup> October 2015



**Report of:** Assistant Director (Neighbourhoods)

**Subject:** WORDSWORTH AVENUE – TRAFFIC CALMING  
SCHEME

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## 1. TYPE OF DECISION/APPLICABLE CATEGORY

1.1 Non Key.

## 2. PURPOSE OF REPORT

2.1 To seek approval for the implementation of traffic calming and a 20mph speed limit on Wordsworth Avenue.

## 3. BACKGROUND

3.1 Concerns have been raised by local residents with regards to the speed of traffic and general road safety on Wordsworth Avenue.

3.2 Wordsworth Avenue is a residential road with an existing speed limit of 30mph.

## 4. PROPOSALS

4.1 It is proposed to introduce a 20mph speed limit and a series of 4 road humps on Wordsworth Avenue. Plan attached at **Appendix 1**. The road humps will complement the reduced speed limit and ensure the limit is 'self enforcing'.



**5. CONSULTATION**

- 5.1 Letters and plans were sent out to all 55 households on Wordsworth Avenue. Only 2 replies have been received, however both were in favour of the scheme, and Ward Members have also indicated that they are in full support of the proposals.

**6. RISK IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 There are no risk implications attached to this report.

**7. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

- 7.1 The scheme would be funded via the Local Transport Plan budget allocation, and the estimated cost will be approximately £10,000.

**8. LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS**

- 8.1 Subject to approval of the scheme a traffic regulation order will be advertised in accordance with the statutory legal procedures.

**9. CHILD AND FAMILY POVERTY**

- 9.1 There are no child and family poverty implications attached to this report.

**10. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY CONSIDERATIONS**

- 10.1 There are no equality and diversity considerations attached to this report.

**11. SECTION 17 OF THE CRIME AND DISORDER ACT 1998 CONSIDERATIONS**

- 11.1 There are no Section 17 considerations attached to this report.

**12. STAFF CONSIDERATIONS**

- 12.1 There are no staff considerations attached to this report.

**13. ASSET MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS**

- 13.1 The traffic calming and associated signage will be included on the Asset Register.

**14. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 14.1 The Neighbourhood Services Committee approves the proposed 20mph speed limit and traffic calming.

**15. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 15.1 The proposed scheme will help reduce traffic speed and improve road safety on Wordsworth Avenue.

**16. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 16.1 None.

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