

PLEASE NOTE VENUE

CULTURE, LEISURE AND TRANSPORTATION PORTFOLIO DECISION SCHEDULE



Tuesday, 23rd January, 2007

at 10.00 a.m.

**in Conference Room 2, Belle Vue Community, Sports and Youth Centre,
Kendal Road, Hartlepool**

Councillor Tumilty, Cabinet Member responsible for Culture, Leisure and Transportation will consider the following items.

1. KEY DECISIONS

None

2. OTHER ITEMS REQUIRING DECISION

- 2.1 Petition for Security Fence – Throston Grange Allotments A Site – *Director of Adult and Community Services*
- 2.2 Request for Alleygates – Back Upton Walk / Mow bray Road – *Head of Technical Services*
- 2.3 Re-routing of Supported Bus Service 1 Contracts – *Head of Technical Services*
- 2.4 Neighbourhood Action Plans (NA Ps) – Proposed Schemes 2007 – *Head of Technical Services*

3. REPORTS FROM OVERVIEW OF SCRUTINY FORUMS

None

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Report to Portfolio Holder
23 January 2007



Report of: Head of Technical Services

Subject: NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTION PLANS –
PROPOSED SCHEMES 2007

SUMMARY

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To seek approval for the implementation of traffic schemes developed through Neighbourhood Action Plans.

2. SUMMARY OF CONTENTS

- 2.1 The report details the background to the schemes and the proposals put forward.

3. RELEVANCE TO PORTFOLIO HOLDER

- 3.1 The Portfolio Holder has responsibility for traffic and transportation issues.

4. TYPE OF DECISION

- 4.1 This is a non-key decision.

5. DECISION MAKING ROUTE

- 5.1 This is an executive decision made by the Portfolio Holder.

6. DECISION(S) REQUIRED

- 6.1 The Portfolio holder approves the implementation of the schemes.

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1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To seek approval for the implementation of traffic schemes developed through Neighbourhood Action Plans.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Funding has been provided to implement community based projects, these Neighbourhood Action Plans have been developed through consultation with residents, community and voluntary groups, councillors, service providers, school children and young people.

3. PROPOSALS

Challoner Road – Traffic Calming

- 3.1 It is proposed to implement a series of 6 road humps along Challoner Road. The humps will be constructed from tarmac and will be 75mm high. Warning signs will be erected at appropriate points (**Appendix 1, Plan NAP 1**)

Browning Avenue – Traffic Calming

- 3.2 It is proposed to implement a series of 6 road humps along Browning Avenue. The humps will be constructed from tarmac and will be 75mm high. Warning signs will be erected at appropriate points (**Appendix 2, Plan NAP 2**).

Jesmond Gardens – Zebra Crossing

- 3.3 It is proposed to site a zebra crossing on Jesmond Gardens in the vicinity of Nos 78 and 80. The crossing will serve pedestrians wishing to access the Grayfields Recreation Ground (**Appendix 3, Plan NAP 3**).
- 3.4 The siting of a zebra crossing in this location will require the relocation of the southbound bus stop from outside No.80 to outside No.84 Chatham Road. Parking either side of the crossing will also be prohibited for a distance of 19 metres.

Eskdale Road – Traffic Calming

- 3.5 It is proposed to introduce traffic calming and a 20mph speed limit on Eskdale Road in the vicinity of Owton Manor Primary School between Wynard Road and Eaglesfield Road. Since Eskdale Road is a bus route speed cushions will be installed, these are road humps, which allow wide wheel based vehicles such as buses and emergency vehicles to straddle the cushion which will allow these vehicles to proceed unimpeded (**Appendices 4 and 5, Plan NAP 4a and 4b**).
- 3.6 Between Eaglesfield Road and Brierton Lane the traffic calming will be formed from non vertical features. These consist of the siting of slow markings mounted on red surfacing a splitter island located in the vicinity of Esk Grove and central hatching to narrow the carriageway.

Chatham Road – Zebra Crossing

- 3.7 It is proposed to site a zebra crossing adjacent No.50 Chatham Road, this will help pedestrians to cross Chatham Road in the vicinity of the local shops (**Appendix 6, Plan NAP 5**).
- 3.8 The siting of a zebra crossing in this location will require the relocation of the westbound bus stop from outside the shops to a location outside No.43 Chatham Road. Parking either side of the crossing will also be prohibited for a distance of 19 metres.
- 3.9 It is also proposed to site slow markings mounted on red surfacing in several locations along Chatham Road, although in isolation these markings have limited affect it is anticipated that the combined presence of the slow markings and the zebra crossing will help reduce vehicle speeds and create a safer environment.
- 3.10 No waiting at any time parking restrictions (double yellow lines) are proposed to be sited at each junction with Chatham Road. This will help maintain sight lines for motorists turning into Chatham Road.

4. CONSULTATIONChalloner Road

- 4.1 Approximately 100 letters and plans were sent to residents and Ward Councillors. In total 20 replies were received of which 16 were in favour and 4 against.
- 4.2 The Emergency Services were consulted through the Traffic Liaison Group and objected to the use of road humps, they would have no objections if speed cushions were to be used. As described in section 3.4 speed cushions allow emergency vehicles to straddle the cushion.

Browning Avenue

- 4.3 Approximately 100 letters and plans were sent to residents and Ward Councillors. In total 39 replies were received all of which, were in favour of the proposals.
- 4.4 The Emergency Services were consulted through the Traffic Liaison Group and raised no concerns with the proposals.

Jesmond Gardens

- 4.5 Approximately 12 letters and plans were sent to residents and Ward Councillors. In total 3 replies were received of which 2 were against the proposals and 1 for. Councillor Fenwick has also responded against the proposals stating that several residents had contacted her with objections.
- 4.6 The residents who have directly objected have done so on the grounds that the crossing would prohibit parking outside of their property. One of the residents is elderly and is regularly picked up by Taxi's directly outside her house. Residents are also concerned that their drive crossings will exit onto the controlled zone (zigzags). This is not an ideal situation however there are no regulations forbidding this. A similar situation occurs on the recently introduced crossing on Station Lane where no problems have been reported.
- 4.7 The Emergency Services were consulted through the Traffic Liaison Group and raised no concerns with the proposals.

Eskdale Road

- 4.8 Approximately 70 letters and plans were sent to residents, Ward Councillors and Owton Manor Primary School. To date 11 replies all in favour have been received. Further responses will be reported verbally to the Portfolio Holder.
- 4.9 The Emergency Services were consulted through the Traffic Liaison Group and raised no concerns with the proposals.

Chatham Road

- 4.10 Approximately 100 letters and plans were sent to residents and Ward Councillors. To date 16 replies have been received 13 in favour and 3 against. Further responses will be reported verbally to the Portfolio Holder.

- 4.11 The negative responses are from residents and businesses concerned with the location of the zebra crossing. One particular objection is from the butcher who has regular deliveries to the shop. The controlled zone (zigzags) prohibits loading and unloading from taking place.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The schemes outlined will be funded through NAP budgets and the following schemes will receive contributions from the Local Transport Plan:

Browning Avenue £6,000 contribution from LTP

Eskdale Road £6,000 contribution from LTP

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 6.1 The Portfolio Holder approves the implementation of the Challoner Road scheme following the substitution of the road humps for speed cushions.
- 6.2 The Portfolio Holder is advised not to approve the proposals for the Jesmond Garden zebra crossing.
- 6.3 The Portfolio is requested to make a decision on whether to implement the Chatham Road Scheme.
- 6.4 The Portfolio Holder approves the implementation of Browning Avenue and Eskdale Road.



2.4 APPENDIX 2









