

AGENDA MANAGEMENT SHEET

Name of Committee North Warwickshire Area Committee

Date of Committee 10 October 2007

Report Title Proposed Extension to Traffic Calming, Church Road, Hartshill

Summary It is proposed to extend the existing traffic calming along Church Road to include the area surrounding Michael Drayton School. The proposed scheme is to incorporate three sets of speed cushions and two sections of bollards on the footway.

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Would the recommended decision be contrary to the Budget and Policy Framework? Yes/No

Background Papers Consultation letters and responses.

CONSULTATION ALREADY UNDERTAKEN:- *Details to be specified*

- Other Committees
- Local Member(s) Councillor R Grant – fully supports the proposals.
(With brief comments, if appropriate)
- Other Elected Members
- Cabinet Member
(Reports to The Cabinet, to be cleared with appropriate Cabinet Member)
- Chief Executive
- Legal I Marriott – comments incorporated.
- Finance

- Other Chief Officers
- District Councils North Warwickshire Area Office.
- Health Authority
- Police General support.
- Other Bodies/Individuals Local residents.
Statutory Consultees.

FINAL DECISION **YES/NO** (*If 'No' complete Suggested Next Steps*)

SUGGESTED NEXT STEPS :

Details to be specified

- Further consideration by this Committee
- To Council
- To Cabinet
- To an O & S Committee
- To an Area Committee
- Further Consultation

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Proposed Extension to Traffic Calming, Church Road, Hartshill

Report of the Strategic Director for Environment and Economy

Recommendation

That approval be given to the introduction of an additional three sets of speed cushions and the installation of bollards along Church Road, Hartshill in the location shown on **Appendix A**.

1. Introduction

- 1.1 This scheme proposes to extend the existing traffic calming scheme on Church Road, Hartshill by introducing an additional three sets of speed cushions to incorporate the section of road near Michael Drayton School. In addition the introduction of two areas of bollards on the footway is proposed in order to keep the footway clear for parents and school children.
- 1.2 The scheme is being proposed as part of the Safer Route to School initiative, which aims to promote travelling to school using sustainable methods of transport, especially walking and cycling.
- 1.3 This report seeks the approval of the Committee to implement the scheme as consulted upon and advertised.
- 1.4 As Highway Authority, the County Council is able to effect such changes using statutory powers under Section 90A of the Highways Act 1980.

2. Background

- 2.1 There are three schools along Church Road in close proximity to one another. An existing Accident Reduction Scheme in place includes a number of road humps to calm traffic around both Hartshill School and Nathaniel Newton Infant School.
- 2.2 An earlier consultation on a similar version of the scheme was undertaken in 2005. 29 responses were received in total of which 25 were in favour of the scheme and 4 against. Many of the positive responses included various concerns about parking, extending traffic calming further through the village and

the introduction of speed cameras. Of the negative responses comments included the humps causing more noise, inconvenience and congestion, and that speed was not an issue during school times.

- 2.3 The comments from the initial consultation were analysed and alternative options were considered. Speed cushions have since been proposed instead of humps. Additional bollards have been introduced to address the concerns over parking.

3. Consultation

- 3.1 The proposal to construct three sets of speed cushions was advertised in the Nuneaton Weekly Tribune on 2 August 2007. Details of the proposals were sent to all properties adjacent to the proposed scheme, the local schools, and to statutory consultees.

- 3.2 Of the main consultees three responses were received:-

- (i) Warwickshire Police supported the scheme in principle.
- (ii) Councillor Richard Grant fully supported the proposals.
- (iii) Michael Drayton School fully supported the proposals.

- 3.3 There was one response to the consultation from a resident which was negative: Concern was expressed over the location of the speed cushions near Cemetery Lane and the effectiveness of the bollards.

3.4 Comment/Objection

Speed Cushions near Cemetery Lane are too near a Bus Stop.

Response

The original consultation included speed humps and not cushions and this may have caused difficulties for public transport if they were located too close to a Bus Stop. However, these have since been changed to cushions that are of a width that will allow a Bus to straddle them.

3.5 Comment/Objection

The bollards will cause parents to park on the carriageway thus causing more of an obstruction.

Response

The existing pattern of parking during peak school hours obstructs parents and children from walking safely along the footway as vehicles chose to park both partway and wholly on the footway. As part of the Safer Routes to Schools initiative we aim to encourage parents and children to walk to school and in order to do so, keep the footway clear of parked vehicles.

3.6 **Comment/Objection**

The speed cushion may prevent carers from parking close to the house of a disabled resident. They may affect a disabled person being able to get in and out of a carer's vehicle.

Response

Speed cushions do not restrict parking and parked vehicles can straddle cushions subject to any limitations imposed by waiting restrictions/parking regulations. The proposed cushions will be set at a distance of 750mm from the kerb face, so vehicle doors adjacent to the footway will be at the normal height in relation to the kerb.

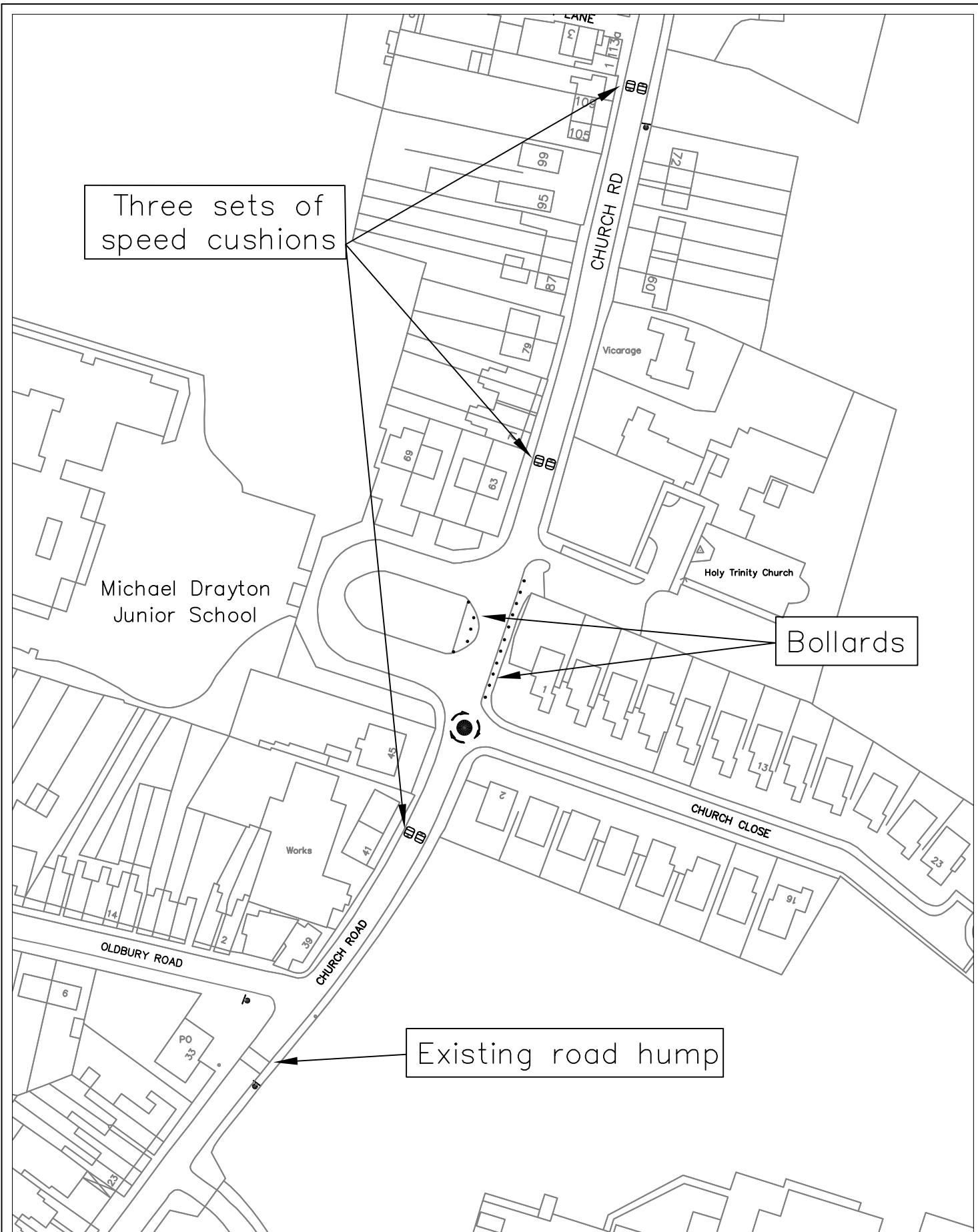
4. Conclusion

- 4.1 It is recommended that Area Committee approves the provision of the three sets of speed cushions and the installation of bollards at the proposed locations as shown on the scheme plan in **Appendix A**.

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APPENDIX A



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