

Decision Record – Proposed 20 mph Speed Limit and Traffic Calming Measures for Leyes Lane, Kenilworth

Cabinet Portfolio Holder taking the decision	Cllr Jeff Clarke Transport and Environment
Date of Decision	26 June 2017

Decision Taken

That the Portfolio Holder for Transport and Environment approves the installation of a 20mph zone and proposed traffic calming and road humps, on Leyes Lane, Kenilworth, in accordance with the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and Highways Act 1980.

Reasons for Decisions

Where any objections to a traffic scheme have been received the approval for it to proceed is required of the relevant Portfolio Holder.

Background Information

A request was received from Councillors Shilton, Whitehouse, and Cockburn for the installation of a 20mph zone and traffic calming measures for Leyes Lane, Kenilworth outside Kenilworth School. The primary purpose of the proposed 20mph zone and traffic calming measures is to reduce vehicle speeds on Leyes Lane to cater for the various pedestrian demands especially child pedestrians in crossing Leyes Lane to Kenilworth School. The proposed measures look to reduce the number of injury accidents involving school children crossing Leyes Lane. These measures are to be delivered from the School Safety Zones and Routes programme.

All injury accidents outside schools in Warwickshire have been evaluated. Kenilworth school is the only school in Warwickshire with a significant injury accident history involving school children. Data supplied by Warwickshire Police has identified that during the 5 yr period 2012-2016, there were six injury collisions on Leyes Lane, Kenilworth. Four of these collisions resulted in a child being injured on their way to or from school.

The introduction of a 20mph zone for Leyes Lane and The Wardens, and a series of traffic calming measures as listed :-

- 20mph signing on Leyes Lane at the junctions with Dencer Drive, Park Hill/Windy Harbour, Keeling Road, and Ilam Park.
- Raised table junctions at the intersections of Leyes Lane and Ilam Park and Keeling Road.
- Full width road humps at four locations along Leyes Lane
- Replacing the existing zebra crossing with a zebra crossing on a raised road hump.
- Improvements to the radii of junctions along the route

Formal consultation for the proposed 20mph zone and traffic calming was carried out between 20th January 2017 and 19th February 2017. Advertisements were placed in the Kenilworth Weekly News, public notices were erected on-street, and information was

published on Warwickshire County Council’s website. During this period 24 objections were received relating to the proposals. In addition there were 5 letters of support received from members of the public.

On 23 May 2017 Council agreed changes to the Constitution and the Portfolios set out within. As a result, responsibility for this matter passed to Councillor Jeff Clarke, Portfolio Holder for Transport and Environment.

Keen to gather evidence before making his decision the Portfolio Holder elected to hold a meeting on 21 June to which objectors and supporters to the scheme were invited. A number of local residents spoke at the meeting. (See minutes).

Having given the matter his consideration the Portfolio Holder decided to approve the proposal.

Link to report.

<https://democratic.warwickshire.gov.uk/cm5/CalendarofMeetings/tabid/128/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/645/Meeting/3711/Committee/549/Default.aspx>

Financial Implications

Capital funding for School Safety Zones and Routes was agreed at full Council in February 2015. This scheme will be fully funded from this budget at an estimated cost of £85,000.

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Checklist

Urgent matter?	No
Confidential or Exempt? (State the category of exempt information)	No
Is the decision contrary to the budget and policy framework?	No

List of Reports considered

Link to published proposed decision report:

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List of Background Papers - please include a contact for access to background papers

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Members and officers consulted or informed – please include any comments

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