

Proposed Decision to be made by the Portfolio Holder for Transport and Planning on or after 13 September 2019

Proposed Traffic Calming Table, Hillmorton, Lower Hillmorton Rd

Recommendation

That the Portfolio Holder for Transport and Planning approves that the proposed raised table junction to be installed as advertised pursuant to section 90A of the Highways Act 1980.

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 Proposal for a 22m length traffic calming table has been consulted on between 1st August 2019 to 23 August 2019 which included the local newspaper and residents within the affected area, who received a letter. Two letters of objections have been received. These are appended to this report in **Appendix A**.
- 1.2 A statement of reasons for proposing the Traffic calming table and new access to a new housing development is appended to this report in **Appendix B**.
- 1.3 The comments, suggestions and objections that have been received are discussed below together with the reasons for the proposals with an Officer's response to each of the Objector's main points.

2.0 Proposal

- 2.1 Drawings showing the published proposals which have attracted objections and comments are found in **Appendix C**.

3.0 Objections

<u>Representations of objections</u>	<u>Officer response</u>
<p>The raised table junction is unnecessary and a dropped crossing access would be better.</p>	<p>Lower Hillmorton road already has a traffic calming system consisting of raised speed humps along its length. Where the new proposed access for the development will be located includes an existing speed hump which would impede ingress and egress to the development. To remove this issue the speed hump has been redesigned and lengthened into a traffic calming table to allow for better access to the development along with keeping in line with the existing traffic calming features along Lower Hillmorton Rd.</p>
<p>The raised table would make traffic heavier outside the property due to vehicles braking and accelerating over the traffic calming table, along with the noise pollution which would disrupt the property owner's sleep.</p>	<p>The property is already in close proximity to the existing speed hump, which is being redesigned into the raised table. The raised table would not increase the flow or noise pollution of the traffic as there is an existing system of traffic calming along the whole length of the carriageway.</p>
<p>The extra proposed bollards will impede vehicle's parking and egress/ingress to the properties.</p>	<p>The bollards are installed at either end of the raised table/humps to act as part of a visual reference for motorist to inform that there is a traffic calming feature along the carriageway. The planning team have informed that the 4 internal bollards will be omitted from the plan to remove the possible obstruction for the property owners, but the 4 external bollards will have to be installed for the reasons stated above.</p>
<p>The raised table will make it difficult for the residents to access their property due to the height difference of the footway and the traffic calming table.</p>	<p>The footway will be redesigned and constructed not to impede the property owners accessing their properties.</p>
<p>The cost for the works will be picked up by Warwickshire County Council.</p>	<p>The cost of the works will be funded by a developer via a legal agreement and not be borne by Warwickshire County Council.</p>

The existing cherry tree is not on the plans, concerns that it will be removed.	The cherry tree was omitted from the plans by mistake. The existing tree will not be disturbed by the proposed works.
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4.0 Local Member Views

- 4.1 I have full sympathy with the adjacent owners to the entrance and seek assurances in the recommendations that the portfolio holder asks that the planning team will discuss the details of the scheme with the homeowners in order to address their concerns, Especially bollards and the exit entrance heights onto the property. Street scene must be preserved.

5.0 Financial Implications

- 5.1 The cost of the works will be funded by a developer via a legal agreement and not be borne by Warwickshire County Council.

6.0 Background Papers

None

7.0 Supporting Paper

The planning application Ref Number R16/0096 determined by Rugby Borough Council on the 22nd November 2017

Appendices

Appendix A – Objection Letters

Appendix B – Statement of Reason

Appendix C – Consultation Plan

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7 August 2019

Marcus Alford-Longley
Communities P.O Box 43
Shire Hall, Warwick

Dear Sir,

Warwick Highways Acst 1980, Section 90A, Lower Hillmorton Road/Lancaster Court Junction, Rugby
Proposed Raised Table Junction.

I came home last Saturday to find a letter on my doorstep regarding the above. Apparently you appear to have decided to replace the existing road hump with a raised table junction. This, of course is what we have planning permission given for when a building is proposed, but Warwick Council appear to be unable to sort out the required permission to put in a dropped kerb at the relevant site. Lorries have been entering this site for over two years with none needed, without question. I am astounded that you seem incapable of making the right decision over three years ago and have allowed this to rumble on without a satisfactory ending. What do we have planning departments for?

Just a couple of months ago we had new footpaths laid the length of our part of Lower Hillmorton Road, where we all got brand new dropped kerbs which was very nice. Why on earth didn't you talk to this company and have a dropped kerb put in over the road. Much cheaper than the option you have gone for. Tax Payers/ Ratepayers money seems to be no problem to you. This new plan is going to cost many thousands of pounds when all you needed was the dropped kerb.

We householders along the length of the old College grounds have had to put up with all the work, lorries from 6.00 in the morning with engines running, radios blaring. Cranes arriving at 6.00 and sitting outside the site until they entered the site at 5.30 pm, not leaving until 8.00 at night There has been no reduction in our rates, and no acknowledgement of the constant noise. Cars were

arriving an hour before they were allowed on site, and then 8 months before the job was finished All bets were off, and lorries were arriving on the site much earlier than allowed . Where was the control?

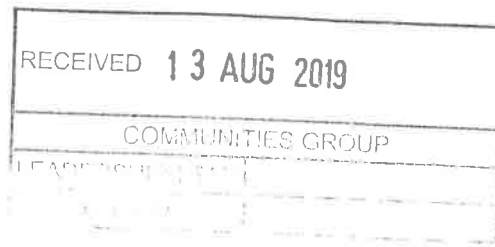
We had traffic lights put up in our road by Bellway several times, (which I understand there was no permission for) A dropped kerb put in outside the houses on their site . I was told by the council that they would not allow a further drop kerb. We now have three entrances to these sites in a very short length of road. We now find that you are proposing to put in a very expensive answer to the problem and further traffic lights will be on the road, making our entry and exit to our properties impossible. It looks like the new dropped kerb outside my drive will be removed, and more cost involved in raising the height of said foot path. All because you couldn't pick up a phone and discuss the matter three years ago. I believe it is your job to ensure these decisions are made at the appropriate time whilst taking into account the cost to we, the residents.

In conclusion, I feel there is no need whatsoever for this to go ahead, as you only need a dropped kerb. I trust you will ensure that the cherry tree outside my house is not disturbed in anyway, as you do not show it on your plan, and request that you remove the two rotten posts this side of the road (they have been there almost 30 years) and do not replace them. I think there is no need for them, as I see that there are 4 sets of road humps further up the road with no posts whatsoever

Yours

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Ref: Proposed traffic calming feature and new junction on Lower Hillmorton Road/Lancaster Court Junction

Date: 12th August 2019

The following is a list for the objections for the proposed traffic calming feature and new junction on Lower Hillmorton Road/Lancaster Court Junction

It is our understanding that the access to the location has been not adhered to in terms of planning and more so the original contractors employed to do the work have since left leaving the bill to the council (tax payer).

The whole build has been a saga which dragged on for far longer than it should, we submitted numerous complaints regarding workers, parking and other issues all from which hardly anything has or was done and this now continues with access to the site.

The new proposed calming traffic management/access clearly has a massive knock on effect for us as local residents and I hope they have or will speak up. I can therefore state how it would cause ourselves as a resident problems. We are a family of 5 with 3 small children and constantly have usage of 2 vehicles which given the access we have currently allows us to rotate the vehicle(s) with ease utilising road space with the proposed design our parking facilities are clearly affected with restricted parking and bollards!

There is also the issue regarding limited access to our driveway as we found recently when we approached planning and the reluctance to remove a lamppost, which is already located outside our property restricting the driveway; to allow us to open up the driveway, the council wanted us to retain this feature yet you are happy to further restrict these and make it even less cosmetically pleasing.

If planning is approved it would mean that the traffic would be heavy outside our property as vehicles would be slowing down and speeding up to enter/exit the raised platform, making it harder for those at the front of the property to sleep at night. Therefore this would raise noise and disturbance in what is already an already active road.

The plans also show alterations to our pavement and drive, this will clearly make it more difficult parking on our drive given whole pavement would be raised indifferent to our drive, then you propose to add an extra drainage system outside our whole house, again we have a lamppost right outside which you can't move!

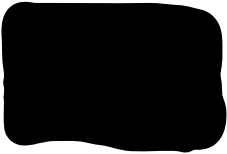
— The costs are being picked up by the council given the original contractors have cleared off having not fully completed the work; the question has to be asked do they honestly believe the junction

would be busy? My guess is it would not, so why can't you simply drop the kerb as is already
opposite and clearly effective.

In summary, I don't see what difference this traffic calming system would do that a drop kerb would not achieve given the low volume of traffic that would be coming out of Lancaster Court. The knock on effect to us as local residents is massive and would appear has been clearly overlooked again! In summary the bollards restrict parking, cosmetically are displeasing, restricts access to and from the address add extra noise pollution to the property, are at the cost of the taxpayer, the upkeep costs and then the time and further disruption this is going to cause us.

I would like you to acknowledge this objection, and willing to meet the planners to get my point across further as know I won't be heard or even acknowledged!

Yours faithfully



Lower Hillmorton Road, Rugby

Proposed Traffic Calming Speed Table

1. STATEMENT OF REASONS

- 1.1 Warwickshire County Council is proposing to install one Traffic Calming Speed Table in conjunction with the new housing development situated on the North-East side of Lower Hillmorton Road between the junctions of Academy Drive & Eastlands Road.
- 1.2 The scheme will involve the use of warning signs, road markings and a speed hump. The scheme will help improve the environment for residents, pedestrians and cyclists by restricting vehicle speeds and improving road safety.
- 1.3 The location of the traffic speed table is set out in schedule 1 and can be referred to in drawing TR/11021

2. SCHEDULE

SCHEDULE 1 (Location of speed table)

1. Lower Hillmorton Road

From the boundary line of property 118/120 south eastwards to outside 124

Construction Speed table dimensions approx.:- 22m (length) x 6.1m (width) x0.100m (height)

2. Lancaster Court New Junction

From a point with its junction with Lower Hillmorton Road North Eastwards

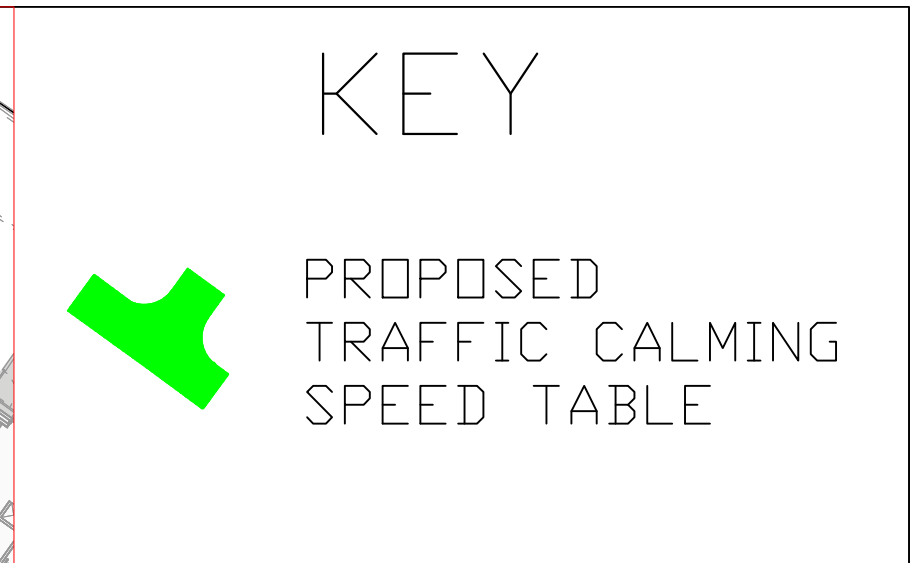
Construction Speed table dimensions approx.:- 8.0m (length) x 6.0m (width) x0.100m (height)

3. EXISTING ORDERS TO BE REVOKED/AMENDED

None.

4. PRIORITY

4.1 – High.



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