

Proposed Decision to be made by the Portfolio Holder for Transport and Planning on or after 18 October 2019

Proposed Traffic Calming Speed Humps, Gadsby Street, Nuneaton

Recommendation

That the Portfolio Holder for Transport and Planning approves the installation of the proposed speed humps upon Gadsby Street, Nuneaton as advertised pursuant to section 90A of the Highways Act 1980.

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 Proposal for nine number traffic calming speed humps has been consulted on between 18th July 2019 to 9th August 2019 which included the local newspaper and residents within the affected area, who received a letter. Four 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 speed humps 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>
The proposed speed humps will cause damage to vehicles and hinder emergency vehicles.	The proposed installations of the traffic calming features are circulated to all the emergency services within the consultation period for them to raise any concerns and objections with regards to the scheme. This scheme did not raise any concerns or objections from the emergency services. The construction and height of the speed humps (height of proposed speed humps in Gadsby Street are 0.075m) are designed to industry

	standards to slow vehicles but not to cause damage to standard vehicles.
The proposed speed humps are a waste of the council budget and should be spent on maintaining and repairing the carriageways.	The budget for this scheme is funded by the Local Councillors delegated budget which is used to address issues in their district/boroughs raised by the residents and is completely separate from the County Highways maintenance budget.
The proposed speed humps will reduce parking spaces for residents along Gadsby Street.	The locations and construction height of the proposed speed humps will not impede the residents from parking on the speed humps, maintaining the amount of road space for residents to park their vehicles.
The proposed speed humps will be hazardous for vehicles reversing along the carriageway if they meet an approaching vehicle.	The location of the proposed speed humps and construction height of 0.075m will not impede vehicles reversing as the locations are far enough apart to give the drivers good forward visibility of any vehicles that are approaching from the opposite direction.
The proposed speed humps will have an impact on the environment with increased pollution due to the vehicles driving slower and taking longer to travel along the carriageway	Although some traffic management measures can result in increased emissions per vehicle, they also generally result in a reduction in the volume of traffic. Thus, even though emissions per vehicle may increase, this can be offset by the reduction in traffic. The amount of traffic in residential areas is relatively small, and traffic diverted to other roads is unlikely to have a significant effect on emissions.
Wintrier conditions will make it difficult to traverse the speed humps.	The construction height and gradient of the proposed speed humps will not impact on the ability of the motorists to traverse the humps in wintrier conditions.

4.0 Financial Implications

- 4.1 The scheme will be fully funded from the Local Members Delegated Budget. Any further works required post Road Safety Audit Stage 3 or raised post construction by Residents will be funded through the Local Members Delegated Budget.

5.0 Background Papers

None

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31st July 2019

Dear Sir

I am writing in reply to your letter of 17th July 2019 in regards to the Traffic calming in GADSBY ST, NUNEATON.

I don't think that speed cushions are going to do any good at all, the street has always got cars parked on both sides of the street all day and especially at night.

I feel it is a complete waste of money that could be put to good use in the town.

I have lived in the street for over 50 yrs, and I can't recall any serious accidents.

The main problem is parking and this is a big issue, when some houses have got 3 to 4 cars, we are usually parked in the next street because if you

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don't get home before 6pm. you don't get a chance to be near where you live.

The people I have spoken to didn't know anything about these proposals before this letter arrived so it was a complete surprise.

I think the speed cushions will cause more problems especially for the Emergency Services and damage to ~~vehicles~~ vehicles catching on them.

I feel very strongly about this to be the wrong proposal for the area and a complete waste of Council Money.


Hoping you will consider these remarks when giving your Report

Yours Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

18/07/2019

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Dear Mr Marcus Alfred-Longley,

Yesterday I recieved the local free newspaper, in which I noticed the proposals to introduce speed humps in Gadsby Street. The following day I recieved a letter through my door with the proposals. I am disappointed we were not notified before hearing it in the local newspaper.

I wish to object to the proposal. Firstly I have not recieved any indication from anybody that speed humps were needed in our Street. While I except there may be speeding motorists occasionally, I do not consider this proposal exceptable.

Firstly I consider the cost,

When there are roads in Nuneaton with potholes and bad surfaces that need money spent on them (which the authorities claim not to have) you wish to spend a lot of money on a damaging scheme.

Then there are the considerations for the enviroment, especially when we are constantly bombarded with reports of Global Warming etc. The proposal to put in speed humps will I believe only help to damage the enviroment. Let me explain, I do not know if you have ever been to our street but it is a long street, with a large number of houses and cars. This means there are a number of car movements every day . Just consider what this means. If one householder has a car which they use to get to work and back everyday, (two trips) and because of speed humps it took on average an extra 30 seconds per trip to get to the end of our street, this would mean that there car would be running for an extra 1 minute a day. This may not seem much, but if you times it by 60 cars a day, vehicles engines would be pumping out pollution for 1 extra hour a day. I belive there are more than 60 cars in this street, and some of those cars are used to get children to school and back, increasing the extra pollution. Plus deliveries and visitors to these properties, all adding to extra pollution in our street. When I went to the local council offices to see why you were proposing these speed humps it said you were doing it to enhance the area, but really you could be doing a lot of damage. We are constantly being told how we need to stop damaging the enviroment and reduce pollution, but it seems you are intent on doing the opposite. Traffic schemes that keep being introduced in Nuneaton area alone, are intent on slowing down every vehicle with no thought of the enviromental consequences. You may consider slower vehicle traffic is to save lives, but in reality you are killing us with unseen enviromental pollution. There are reports on TV and in newspapers of children especially suffering serious health problems from enviromental pollution.

One more thing you need to consider about installing road humps in our street is the problems of winter weather. I have lived in this street since 1989 and have seen this street in winter covered in snow and ice. We are not a main road and therefore in these wintry conditions would not get road gritting, plus a road gritting lorry would have difficulty getting down our street. This could mean a serious problem if we were iced up and we cannot get over the speed humps causing cars and people to be stuck until the weather changed.

I am sure I could find other reasons like noise pollution etc but have not long had the news of the speed humps.

I await your response and any justifications for your proposal.



PS please feel free to share my objections, I shall be considering taking other actions as well as this letter to you.



27th July 2019

Dear Mr Alford-Longley

I write with reference to the consultation information recently posted through my door about the proposal to construct road humps in Gadsby Street, Nuneaton. A copy of this letter has been sent to my M.P., county councillor and borough councillors.

The notification fails to explain why the decision has been made to construct the humps. I know the information is available at the town hall, but even a brief explanation would have been helpful to avoid the suspicion the county council are trying to discourage objections.

The humps are totally unnecessary and will make life in an already crowded street even more difficult. While some motorists do drive too quickly along the street, this problem is no greater than anywhere else. The parking situation is already a nightmare, the humps will only make this worse, encouraging residents to leave even greater gaps between cars, leading to less available parking space. I often return from work after 19:00 and it is not uncommon for me to have to park near the end of the street. I live approximately in the middle. The lack of space occasionally forces drivers to reverse when they meet someone coming the other way. Humps would only serve to make this manoeuvre even more difficult and hazardous. All of this would be after the unnecessary and substantial disruption while the work takes place.

The presence of these humps would achieve the opposite of the desired effect, making existing problems in the street even worse. You won't receive complaints from every resident, but I can guarantee that the vast majority of those living in the street will know this is a crazy idea.

I have viewed the documents at the town hall. The reasons given for the proposal are improvement of the environment and safety, but absolutely no evidence is provided to show that these objectives will be achieved. One may conclude that this idea came from someone sitting in an office needing to justify their job or needing to tick a box to show the council is 'doing something' to improve safety. Perhaps council workman need something to do.

Yours sincerely



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30TH JULY 2019.

REF: TRAFFIC CALMING PROPOSAL ALONG GADSBY STREET.

To whom it may concern.

I, as a resident of gadsby street wish to register a complaint against the proposed introduction of road humps / speed cushions in gadsby street, for the following reasons:

1, As cars are parked both sides of the street it is extremely rare we see any examples of speeding vehicles, we see more arguments and examples of road rage between drivers as to which of them will reverse back to allow the other to pass.

2 Due to the amount of residents on gadsby street having two or more vehicles to each property these measures would make parking



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30th July 2018

REF: TRAFFIC CALMING PROPOSAL ALONG GARDEN STREET

To whom it may concern.

I as a resident of Godeby street wish to register a complaint against the proposed introduction of road humps/ speed cushions in Godeby street, for the following reasons:

1. As cars are parked both sides of the street it is extremely rare we see any examples of speeding vehicles, we see more accidents and examples of road rage between drivers as to which of them will reverse back to allow the other to pass.

2. Due to the amount of residents on Godeby street having two or more vehicles to each property these measures would make parking

even more difficult in the street than it already is, with most people already having to park sometimes in a different street than the property they reside in.

Therefore I feel due to these factors that the council's money would be better spent on a solution for parking issues which do exist rather than spending it on the speeding issue which is not an issue on Gadsby street.

The parking issue is a very serious one as vehicles are most evening parked on and across corners and I have witnessed numerous occasions where the emergency services (ambulance, fire) have not been able to get onto or along Gadsby street due to the number of vehicles parked.

Any suggestions to remedy these issues I am sure the residents would welcome gladly.

Kind Regards
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Therefore I feel due to these factors that the council's money would be better spent on a solution for parking issues which do exist rather than spending it on the spending issue which is not an issue on garden street

The parking issue is a very serious one as vehicles are most evening parked on and across pavements and I have witnessed numerous occasions where the emergency services (ambulance, fire / have not been able to get onto or along garden street due to the number of vehicles parked.

Any suggestion to remedy these issues I am sure the residents would welcome gladly.

Kind regards

[Redacted signature]

Appendix B - Gadsby Street, Nuneaton

Proposed Traffic Calming Speed Humps

1. STATEMENT OF REASONS

- 1.1 Warwickshire County Council is proposing to install nine speed humps at various locations on Gadsby Street.
- 1.2 The scheme will involve the use of warning signs, road markings and speed humps. 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 speed humps are set out in schedule 1 and can be referred to in drawings TR10967.8.5 (Consultation Plan A) & TR/10967.8.6 (Consultation Plan B).

2. SCHEDULE

SCHEDULE 1 (Location of speed humps)

1. Gadsby Street

Location A

Construction speed hump dimensions: - 2.8m (Length) x 7.3m (Width) x 0.075m (Height)
Outside of no.32, 34 & 21

Location B

Construction speed hump dimensions: - 2.8m (Length) x 7.3m (Width) x 0.075m (Height)
Outside of no. 51, 53 & 70

Location C

Construction speed hump dimensions: - 2.8m (Length) x 7.3m (Width) x 0.075m (Height)
Outside of no. 81 & 94

Location D

Construction speed hump dimensions: - 2.8m (Length) x 7.5m (Width) x 0.075m (Height)
Outside of no. 111, 113, 132 & 134

Location E

Construction speed hump dimensions: - 2.8m (Length) x 7.1m (Width) x 0.075m (Height)
Outside of no. 125, 127, 160 & 162

Location F

Construction speed hump dimensions: - 2.8m (Length) x 7.1m (Width) x 0.075m (Height)

Outside of no.155, 157 & 192

Location G

Construction speed hump dimensions: - 2.8m (Length) x 7.3m (Width) x 0.075m (Height)

Outside of no. 173, 175, 228 & 230

Location H

Construction speed hump dimensions: - 2.8m (Length) x 7.4m (Width) x 0.075m (Height)

Outside of no. 205, 207 & 260

Location I

Construction speed hump dimensions: - 2.8m (Length) x 7.3m (Width) x 0.075m (Height)

Outside of no. 241, 243, 298 & 300

3. EXISTING ORDERS TO BE REVOKED/AMENDED

None.

4. PRIORITY

4.1 – Medium.



Location of Speed Hump A

Location of Speed Hump B

Location of Speed Hump C

Location of Speed Hump D

See consultation Plan B



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Consultation Plan A

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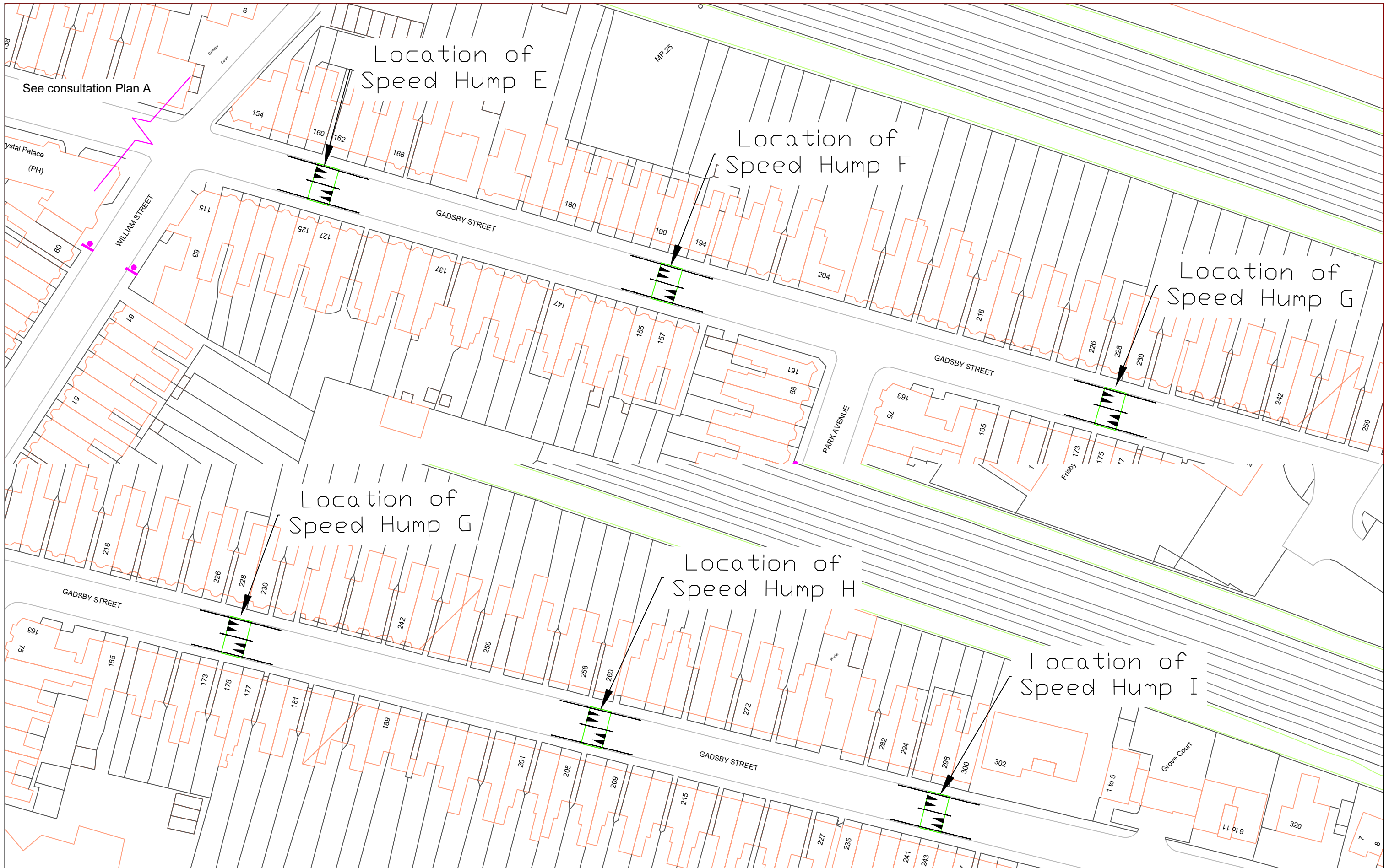
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