
Report To:	ENVIRONMENT & REGENERATION COMMITTEE	Date:	5 MARCH 2020
Report By:	CORPORATE DIRECTOR, ENVIRONMENT, REGENERATION & RESOURCES	Report No:	LP/026/20
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Subject:	PROPOSED TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES AND ROAD HUMPS, LYLE ROAD AND NEWTON STREET, GREENOCK		

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 Local Authorities are empowered to construct traffic calming measures and road humps under the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984, The Roads (Traffic Calming) (Scotland) Regulations 1994, The Road Humps (Scotland) Regulations 1998, The Road Humps and Traffic Calming (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1999 and The Roads Humps and Traffic Calming (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2002 and, in terms of the Council's Scheme of Delegation, the Head of Service – Roads and Transportation is authorised to carry out the Council's functions under the relevant legislation.
- 1.2 The purpose of this report is to inform the Committee of the outcome of the consultation procedure undertaken for proposed traffic calming measures and road humps at Lyle Road and Newton Street, Greenock. It is proposed to install traffic calming measures in the form of road narrowing by the creation of footway build-outs located at the east and west corners of Madeira Street and Newton Street and at the east and west corners of South Street and Newton Street. The build-outs will be an extension of the existing footway which will narrow the carriageway on Newton Street and improve junction visibility at both Madeira Street and South Street. It is also proposed to install road humps, in the form of speed cushions, from approximately opposite 124 Lyle Road north for 180 metres and 53 metres west of the "Craig's" on Lyle Road easterly to the junction of Madeira Street and Newton Street.
- 1.3 The process associated with hearing objections to the proposal is not set out in legislation. However, the Council's procedures for hearing objections to Traffic Regulation Orders are considered to be suitable procedures for hearing objections to proposed traffic calming measures and road humps.

2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 Proposed traffic calming measures and road humps on Lyle Road and Newton Street Greenock were advertised for public consultation on 11 October 2019 with a closing date for objections of 11 November 2019. During this time 3 objections were received.
- 2.2 As 3 objections were maintained after Officers corresponded with the objectors, these must now be considered by the Council. Officers suggest that the most appropriate way for the Council to consider these objections is at a public hearing before a special meeting of the Environment and Regeneration Committee. There is no requirement for objections to proposed traffic calming measures and road humps to be heard by an independent Reporter.

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 It is recommended that the Committee notes the requirement to hold a public hearing to consider the maintained objections, and decides to hear these before a special meeting of the Environment and Regeneration Committee, remitting it to the Head of Service – Roads and Transportation and the Head of Legal and Property Services to make the necessary arrangements for the public hearing.

Gerard Malone
Head of Legal & Property Services

4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 Proposed traffic calming measures and road humps on Lyle Road and Newton Street, Greenock were advertised for public consultation on 11 October 2019 with a closing date for objections of 11 November 2019.
- 4.2 During the public consultation, 3 objections were received. Officers wrote to the objectors following the consultation period and the 3 objections have been maintained.

5.0 IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Finance

Financial Implications:

One off Costs

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	Budget Years	Proposed Spend this Report	Virement From	Other Comments
Traffic Measures	Traffic Calming Measures	2020/2021	£70,000		

Annually Recurring Costs/ (Savings)

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	With Effect from	Annual Net Impact	Virement From (if Applicable)	Other Comments
N/A					

5.2 Legal

There are no legal implications arising from this report.

5.3 Human Resources

There are no HR implications arising from this report.

5.4 Equalities

Equalities

- (a) Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out?

	YES
X	NO – This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a substantive change to an existing policy, function or strategy. Therefore, no Equality Impact Assessment is required

- (b) Fairer Scotland Duty

If this report affects or proposes any major strategic decision:-

Has there been active consideration of how this report's recommendations reduce inequalities of outcome?

	YES – A written statement showing how this report’s recommendations reduce inequalities of outcome caused by socio-economic disadvantage has been completed.
X	NO

(c) Data Protection

Has a Data Protection Impact Assessment been carried out?

	YES – This report involves data processing which may result in a high risk to the rights and freedoms of individuals.
X	NO

5.5 Repopulation

There are no repopulation implications arising from this report.

6.0 CONSULTATIONS

6.1 The Head of Legal and Property Services has been consulted on this report.

8.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

7.1 None.