

Comments received regarding the installation of the proposed physical traffic calming measures in Duke Street, Brechin:

"Far too many, which will result in a bottleneck at the Duke St/Latch Rd crossroads; 2 or 3 is surely enough to restrict speed. This bottleneck will affect local residents trying to vacate the area."

"With the leisure centre at the school there is much more traffic on Duke Street and some drivers need to be calmed."

"GOOD – GOOD – GOOD"

"N.I.C.E. reported that speed bumps increase air pollution by decelerating and accelerating & light-up signs are more effective for these speeds. Pollution would be a problem to the children going to school on this road & also the elderly living in this street."

"at long last" Excellent

"NOT BEFORE TIME"

"Current signage for "Twenty's Plenty" area on Duke Street is inadequate. Signs at bottom of street are so dirty they are almost impossible to read. They are also obscured by trees. There is no signage at campus end of street. The painted "20's" on road are not obvious. Most people are unaware Duke Street is a "Twenty's Plenty" area due to inadequate signage. Speed bumps will not change this. Money should be better spent improving signage. Speed bumps will only impede flow of buses to campus making area more difficult for pedestrians."

"As a resident of Duke Street I am keen to see the '20s Plenty' speed reduction zone, however, I do not feel that the installation of traffic control humps is necessary. Indeed the installation of the proposed measures will act to increase both noise and vehicle pollution along Duke Street as vehicles accelerate and brake to navigate the bumps. A similar speed reduction could potentially be achieved by painting further reminder speed limits on Duke Street towards the top of the road, these locations being surrounded by red paint to make them visible to motorists. I would urge Angus Council to look at other measures, which may even be lower cost at this time of budget constraints and also more environmentally sound."

"This is not sufficient traffic management for the area. Is the parking at the top of Duke Street going to be addressed? The bus and gritter struggle to get through in the evening due to inconsiderate parkers who are too lazy to use the car park. It should be noted that Angus Alive staff members are guilty of parking here! Double yellow lines need to be installed at one side of the road as the recent festival proved it is impossible to get up and down the road with vehicles parked at both sides. Will the residents views even be taken into consideration as they haven't over the last 2 ½ years! I think the speed bumps are a good idea but they don't fully address the problems in Duke Street and Double Dykes. Vehicles even park on the pavement and think it is ok. Half measures as the whole build of the campus has been!!!! With no consideration for us who stay here. Also this is an old plan, not very efficient to send out this kind of thing without being up to date!"

"I disagree with speed cushions as indicated, because PH10 particulate emissions from each exhaust pipe will increase pollution considerably. This is a very important health and safety and human rights issue."

"LOOKS FAR TOO MUCH AND KEEPING AREA AROUND IN WINTER WOULD BE TIME CONSUMING CLEARING SNOW. REDUCE TO 3 OFF."

"Also double yellow lines as marked. They would stop cars being a danger to pedestrians & children."

"I am happy with the position of speed bumps however I feel that double yellow lines need to be inserted at the top on Duke Street on both sides of the road near the Community Campus users are parking on both sides of the road sometimes blocking the entrance of buses and heavy goods

vehicles. Our driveway is often blocked by campus users who should be encouraged to use the car park.”

“I agree with the location on Duke Street but would like to see more around Double Dykes due to the fact most cars go round there like a race track when dropping off or picking up their children.”

“Yes I agree, they race up Duke Street. Apart from that people are still coming round Double Dykes dropping and picking up their kids at the top of Double Dykes. After they promised once the school was finished they would use the roundabout at the school. People can't get in and out of their driveways.

There are young children at 1A, 3, 3, 9 and 12 Double Dykes and some more at the top. We don't want our children run over after all we pay high rates.”

“There should also be speed cushions around Double Dykes as we think cars are likely to come this route to avoid Duke Street.”

“As a retained fire-fighter the introduction of speed cushions on Duke Street would affect my ability to get to the fire station in a timely manner. I also think that it will be more difficult to exit Double Dykes onto Duke Street because of the varying speed of traffic.”

“YES BUT WHAT ABOUT SOME IN DOUBLE DYKES!”

“Mud flaps on my car are approx. 60mm clearance. Either smaller bumps or none south of bottom entrance to Double Dykes.”

“Whilst we agree with the planned introduction of 75mm speed cushions on Duke Street as outlined; we would further wish to see the introduction of some measures to prevent Double Dykes becoming a 'rat run' for those drivers wishing/attempting to avoid the planned speed cushions on Duke Street.

Double Dykes has a number of elderly residents and families with young children; who have already been exposed to excessive traffic flow, inconsiderate driving behaviours & parking, some as a result of the building process of the Brechin Community Campus & High School, and do not need to be further exposed to inconsiderate drivers attempting to avoid the speed cushions.

Further, the residents of Double Dykes also suffer from the daily 'school drop off/pick up' chaos, caused by parents of children attending the High School who believe it is their prerogative to use Double Dykes without due consideration to the residents i.e.

- Parking directly on the top junction between Double Dykes and Duke Street, making it difficult/unsafe to access/egress (e.g. the area in front of 39 Double Dykes)
- Parking within the top section of Double Dykes, where there is limited space for vehicles to pass (e.g. the area in front of 31-39 Double Dykes)
- Parking directly on the bottom junction between Double Dykes and Duke Street, making it difficult/unsafe to access/egress (e.g. the area covered by the corner of 9 Duke Street)
- Harassing residents whilst they accessing/aggressing their driveways/property as a result of parents 'running late' for school drop off/pick up.”

“Suggest installing speed ramps on North Latch Road & Latch Road bearing in mind of school access from this location. Why AC has not made Double Dykes a 1 way street to improve traffic flow is beyond belief, it is like a rat race at 8.40 to 9.00am and 3.35 to 3.50pm every school day. Please note that the map supplied with the paper consultation is out of date and therefore incorrect.”

“Do not feel there is a requirement for speed cushions and feel the addition of these will lead to increased traffic congestion around Double Dykes and additional parking issues when there is increased activity at the campus.”

“The location of the 5 speed cushions ONLY in Duke Street is insufficient. Traffic calming measures need to address not only the speed of vehicles, but the continuing parking/access and traffic management issues and be extended into Double Dykes, as the current proposed placement will serve only to increase the flow of traffic through Double Dykes in an effort to avoid travelling over the speed cushions. I refer you to The Learning Development day at the Community Campus on 29.11.16, as an example. Speed was not an issue, as by 8.30am, vehicles were parked on both sides of all local roads, meaning there was NO flow of traffic, but gridlock, as more vehicles poured into the area. The lack of foresight and complete absence of traffic management affected both sides of Duke

Street, both sides of the road all round Double Dykes, both sides of Latch Road, North Latch Road (including across driveways as far away as The Glade Residential Home) Pittendreich Road and Airlie Street. The Campus car park, holding approx. 140 cars was full, and the campus visitors – presumably mostly Angus Council employees clearly had not been advised of the potential parking difficulties, and were left to manage the chaos without any direction. Since February 2016 – this situation has been repeated whenever an event is on at the campus, outside the normal scope of use – e.g. concerts, parent nights, Rural Parliament etc. Angus Council MUST address this through the provision of overflow parking, and staff available to assist the flow of traffic. I respectfully suggest that a combination of Double yellow lines down one side of Duke Street, together with yellow zig-zags and “keep clear” signage areas, particularly from the top of Duke Street at it’s upper access with Double Dykes, to the car park entrance, plus a “yellow box” extending across the area from the front steps of the campus, and round to the junction with the car park, may solve the issue. Consult with the local bus drivers – I see buses having daily difficulty travelling through the bottle neck. An information campaign involving Angus Alive, Brechin High School, all campus users, and Angus Council Roads/Transport would be simple to implement – one or two large signs placed in Duke Street advising “USING THE CAMPUS? USE THE CAR PARK”. As a resident, we put up with 9 months of campus being open, with No parking facilities and daily had inconsiderate drivers parking across or restricting access to our driveways. Angus Council Transport staff, BHS Community Campus staff and Police have been contacted and essentially told residents there was nothing they could do about the situation. Police have not been available to attend on one of the 2 occasions they have been called to deal with complete obstruction across my driveway. I have even arrived home to find a parent “running late” parked in my driveway without permission. Recreational facility users daily park at the top of Duke Street and into Double Dykes (e.g. from 6.15am any Friday morning – til 10pm most nights) because parking in the residential street is closer than the car park. Please address traffic management as a matter of priority and extend the traffic calming measures into Double Dykes.”