

ANGUS COUNCIL

COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE – 14 NOVEMBER 2017

PROPOSED TRAFFIC CALMING, GALLOWDEN ROAD, ARBROATH: RESPONSE TO PUBLIC CONSULTATION

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ABSTRACT

This report presents the results of the public consultation process regarding the proposed traffic calming installation on Gallowden Road, Arbroath.

1. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee:

- (i) notes the comments received during the consultation process regarding the proposed traffic calming installation on Gallowden Road, Arbroath;
- (ii) notes the range of opinions expressed by those who have responded to the consultation;
- (iii) approves the provision of traffic calming measures on Gallowden Road, Arbroath;
- (iv) instructs the Head of Technical & Property Services to proceed with the provision of traffic calming measures on Gallowden Road, Arbroath; and
- (v) determines if a further consultation on the potential to introduce traffic calming measures on Gallowden Avenue and Gallowden Crescent, Arbroath should now be undertaken;

2. ALIGNMENT TO THE ANGUS COMMUNITY PLAN/SINGLE OUTCOME AGREEMENT/CORPORATE PLAN

This report contributes to the following local outcomes contained within the Angus Community Plan and Single Outcome Agreement 2013-2016:

- Angus is a good place to live in, work in and visit,
- Our communities are safe, secure and vibrant

3. BACKGROUND

3.1 Report 82/17 considered by the Communities Committee on 28 February 2017, detailed the format and timescale for public consultation regarding the proposal to install traffic calming measures on Gallowden Road, Arbroath. The proposals are re-presented on the plan appended to this report (**Appendix 1**).

3.2 The consultation documents associated with these proposals were issued on 4 September 2017 to approximately 79 residential addresses within the surrounding area of the proposed installation (as shown in Appendix D of Report 82/17). Consultation documents were also sent to all affected groups listed in the proposed list of consultees (Appendix C of Report 82/17) and were made available at Arbroath Access Office for the general public who might wish to comment on the proposals.

- 3.3 The consultation questionnaire was also available for completion online via the council's website.
- 3.4 The number of responses to the consultation was relatively modest as set out below, however the majority of returned questionnaires expressed a desire for the proposals to proceed.
- 3.5 27 completed responses were received from individuals by the closing date of 29 September 2017 (34% return). Of these responses 19 (70%) agreed and 8 (30%) disagreed with the proposed traffic calming measures. The comments which were provided through the returned questionnaires are shown in **Appendix 2**.
- 3.6 All the responses received from residents of Gallowden Road (7 responses received from the 16 consultation letters issued) indicated that they were in favour of the introduction of physical traffic calming measures on Gallowden Road.
- 3.7 8 residents (14%) from Gallowden Avenue and Gallowden Crescent responded that they were not in favour of the introduction of traffic calming measures on Gallowden Road mainly due to the perception that vehicles would use Gallowden Avenue and Gallowden Crescent as an alternative route to avoid travelling over the speed humps. Two of the residents requested the installation of speed humps in Gallowden Avenue and Gallowden Crescent to discourage drivers from using this alternative route.
- 3.8 The proposed speed humps would be constructed to a height of 75mm. The maximum height of a speed hump/cushion allowed under the Road Humps (Scotland) Regulations is 100mm. 75mm high speed humps have worked well elsewhere in Angus without causing damage to vehicles.

4. PROPOSAL

- 4.1 Section 37 of the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984 requires the Road Authority to consider any objections sent to them pursuant to the notification process and if they think fit cause a local inquiry to be held.
- 4.2 Given that 70% of returned consultation forms, including all the responses from Gallowden Road, are in favour of the introduction of the speed humps, the Head of Technical & Property Services recommends that the proposed physical traffic calming measures be put in place.
- 4.3 Taking into consideration the comments received a perceived need for traffic calming measures on Gallowden Avenue and Gallowden Crescent, Arbroath as a result of the proposals in Gallowden Road, Members are asked to consider whether a subsequent consultation, as shown in the public consultation location plan (**Appendix 3**) should now take place for potential humps in Gallowden Avenue and Gallowden Crescent, Arbroath. The outcome of such a consultation would be subject to a future report to this committee.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The installation of the traffic calming measures on Gallowden Road, Arbroath is estimated to cost approximately £15,000 which can be funded from the Road Safety/Traffic Calming provision within the 2017/18 Roads (Traffic) Capital Budget.
- 5.2 At this stage there are no financial implications for the proposed traffic calming measures on Gallowden Avenue and Gallowden Crescent, Arbroath arising from this report other than the costs associated with the consultation which can be contained within the Roads Revenue Budget for 2017/18. Any financial implications associated with these proposed measures will be detailed in a future report to this committee following the consultation exercise.

6. CONSULTATION

- 6.1 The Chief Executive, Strategic Director - Place, Head of Corporate Finance, Head of Legal & Democratic Services, Scottish Fire & Rescue Services Area Manager and the local Police Commander for Tayside Division have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

7. CONCLUSION

- 7.1 This report details the result of the responses received to the public consultation regarding the proposed traffic calming installation on Gallowden Road, Arbroath.
- 7.2 The Committee is asked to note the mixture of views received in response to the consultation on the proposed traffic calming installation.
- 7.3 On balance it is recommended that the committee agrees to the installation of traffic calming measures on Gallowden Road, Arbroath, funded from the Roads (Traffic) Capital Road Safety/Traffic Calming Budget for 2017/18

NOTE: The background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) which were relied on to any material extent in preparing the above report are:

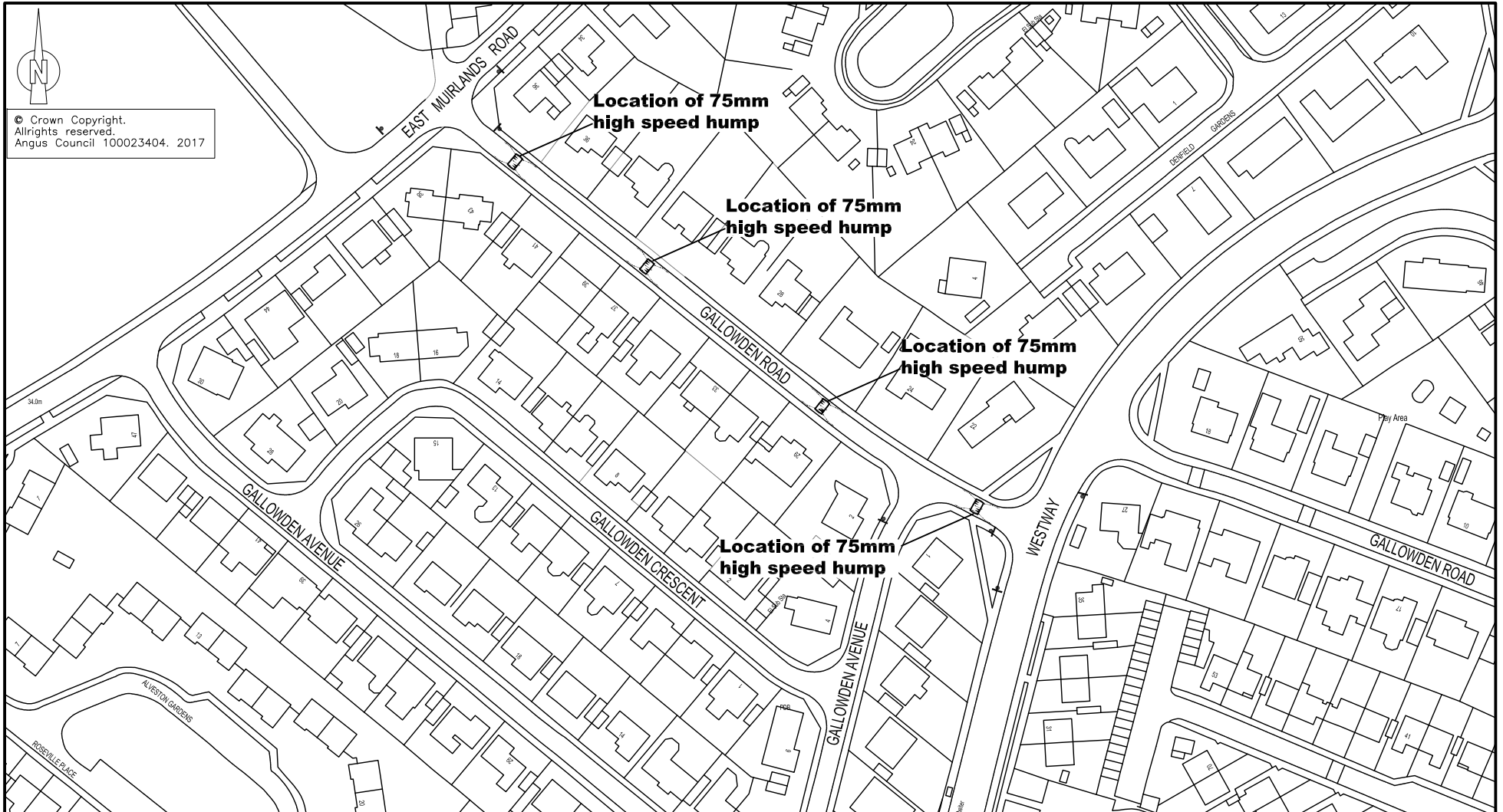
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- Appendix 1 – Gallowden Road Traffic Calming General Layout
- Appendix 2 – Public consultation comments
- Appendix 3 – Gallowden Avenue & Gallowden Crescent Traffic Calming General Layout



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PUBLIC CONSULTATION COMMENTS
TRAFFIC CALMING INSTALLATION – GALLOWDEN ROAD, ARBROATH

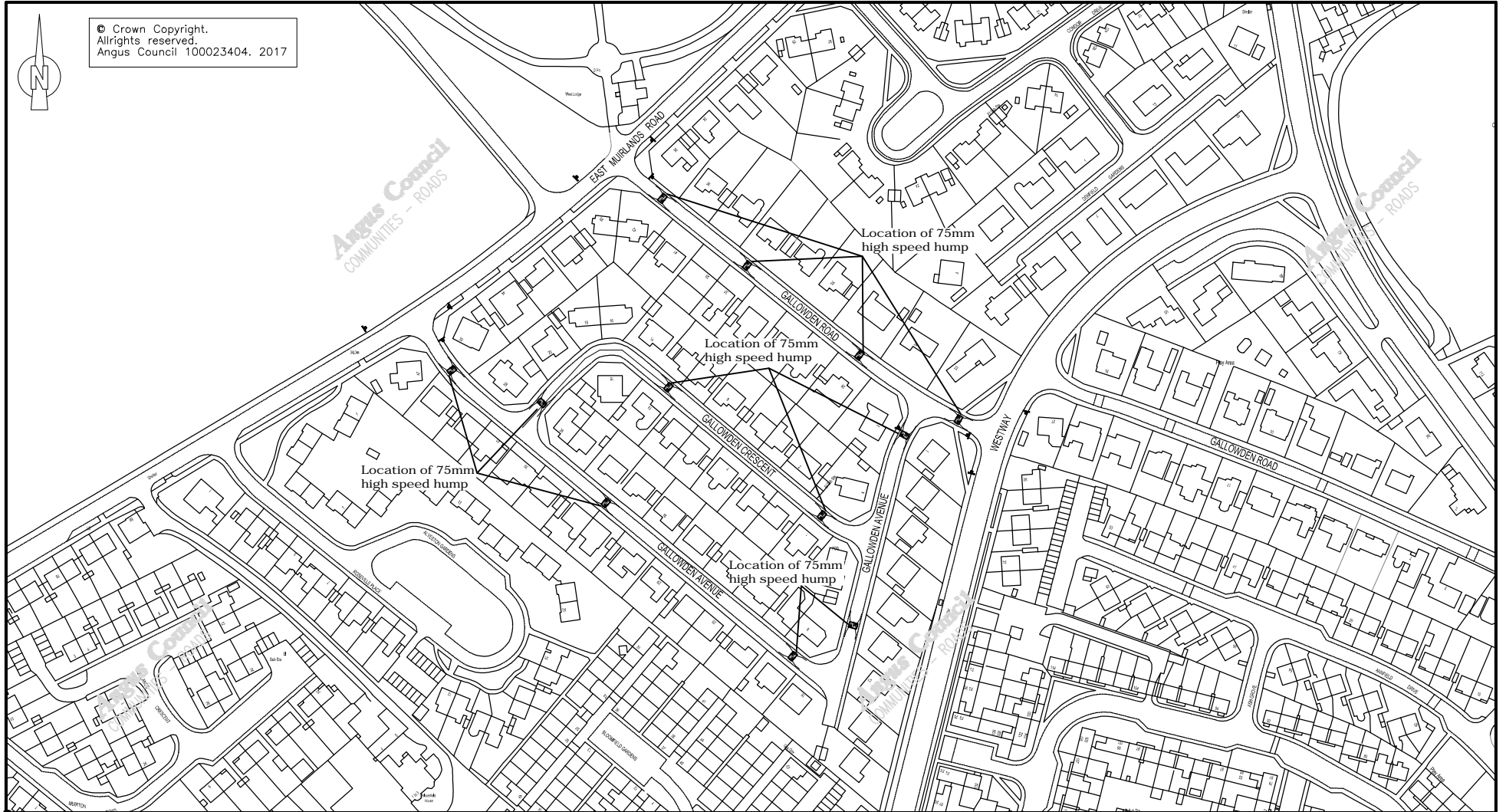
1. AGREE
I also think that there should be a restriction on long/heavy lorries using this part of Gallowden Road as a shortcut to the Westway.
2. DISAGREE
If speed bumps are put in place it might encourage drivers to use Gallowden Crescent instead.
3. DISAGREE
Unless humps are installed in Gallowden Avenue as well, we would not be in favour of speed humps. Traffic would use Gallowden Avenue and Crescent to avoid the humps on Gallowden Road. NO THANK YOU.
4. AGREE
Yes, totally agree with this proposal.
5. AGREE
My only concern is the speed bump near the Westway. It seems to be very near the Westway junction.
6. AGREE
I live in Gallowden Avenue. I agree with the humps put down but feel my street will be used instead to access Westway.
7. AGREE
We are in agreement of the four speed humps being positioned in Gallowden Road as we feel the volume of traffic will increase when new houses are completed.
8. AGREE
I agree with installation of speed bumps.
9. AGREE
We agree.
10. AGREE
We would also suggest this should be a 20mph zone as on a morning when traffic comes in from the country it becomes a race track and is sometimes impossible to get off our drive.
11. DISAGREE
This is a catch 22 situation. I live on Gallowden Crescent. Should you put speed humps on Gallowden Road then I fear these new drivers will use my street as a short cut to the Westway instead. So for purely selfish reasons and knowing human behaviour, I am against the installation of these humps being introduced unless these are put on the Crescent and Avenue also.
12. AGREE
Speed humps definitely required. The bigger the better!


13. AGREE
Very welcome plan, however I have concerns traffic may choose to divert along Gallowden Avenue to avoid the humps and as a short cut if heading towards East Muirlands Road. Traffic calming in Gallowden Avenue and Crescent therefore would also be welcome as there are many young families in this area.
14. DISAGREE
This will result in an increase of traffic using Gallowden Avenue and Gallowden Crescent as 'Rat Runs'.
15. DISAGREE
I feel this will result in increased traffic in Gallowden Crescent and Gallowden Avenue, due to motorists avoiding speed bumps.
16. AGREE
Good idea to calm the traffic in Gallowden Road however the traffic will simply come down Gallowden Avenue instead so traffic calming should be installed there as well.
17. AGREE
No comment
18. AGREE
This road is a residential area not made for the high volume of traffic i.e. lorries, tractors and people taking short cuts to the Westway. If traffic calming is not put in place things will get 100% worse with the new Persimmons development just at top of road.
19. DISAGREE
Would use the Avenue for short cut and make our street very busy.
20. AGREE
But with this happening we in Gallowden Avenue will get all the traffic that would use Gallowden Road so traffic calming will be as par the road eventually.
21. AGREE
We have no objections. Only concern is this might cause a bottle neck at East Muirlands Road for drivers turning right onto Keptie Road. Another concern is a "possible" increase in traffic on Gallowden Avenue which has no restrictions except for it being 30 limit.
22. AGREE
No comment
23. AGREE
I agree if full road width permanent tar bumps are installed, but not if bolt down type are used. These don't get maintained and bolts and loose parts cause a lot of car damage e.g. in Hospitalfield Road.
24. DISAGREE
Road humps on Gallowden Road will divert all through traffic onto Gallowden Avenue and Gallowden Crescent, particularly as one entry/exit to and from the Persimmon site is almost opposite the entry to the Avenue.
25. AGREE
No comment

26. AGREE
This would be a good thing to do at the moment for the present volume of traffic never mind the increase in traffic when the houses are completed.
27. DISAGREE
Totally against these speed humps for 2 reasons. (1) As we will have to drive over them to access our house which will cause damage to our car with having lowered suspension and low profile wheels. If any damage to our car who is going to be liable for this as we have young family we will have to go over these several times a day going to work and taking kids to clubs etc. (2) Due to the speed hump getting put down Gallowden Road this will encourage all the traffic to fly down Gallowden Avenue to avoid speed hump. Already experienced this when Gallowden Road was closed to put services in to the building site. The traffic increased about tenfold with cars flying down at ridiculous speeds. On two occasions we had 2 close calls with cars nearly hitting our kids when they were playing at the front of the house. Also had cars coming round 90° bend on the Avenue far too fast and on the wrong side of the road resulting in more near misses. Might not be so lucky in the future and god forbid a child will never get injured in such a quiet street with so many young families.



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