

ANGUS COUNCIL

COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE – 17 APRIL 2018

**PROPOSED TRAFFIC CALMING GALLOWDEN AVENUE & GALLOWDEN CRESCENT,
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 Avenue and Gallowden Crescent, Arbroath.

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Committee:

- (i) notes the comments received during the consultation process regarding the proposed traffic calming installation on Gallowden Avenue & Gallowden Crescent, 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 Avenue & Gallowden Crescent, Arbroath; and
- (iv) instructs the Head of Infrastructure to proceed with the provision of traffic calming measures on Gallowden Avenue & Gallowden Crescent, Arbroath.

2. ALIGNMENT TO THE ANGUS LOCAL OUTCOMES IMPROVEMENT PLAN/CORPORATE PLAN

The proposal contributes to the following local outcomes contained within the Angus Local Outcomes Improvement Plan and Locality Plans:

ECONOMY

- An inclusive and sustainable economy

PLACE

- Safe, secure, vibrant and sustainable communities
- An enhanced, protected and enjoyed natural and built environment

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.

3.2 Report 384/17 considered by the Communities Committee on 14 November 2017, detailed the responses from the public consultation regarding the proposal to install traffic calming measures on Gallowden Road, Arbroath. The committee approved the provision of traffic calming measures on Gallowden Road. The Committee also instructed the Head of Technical and Property Services to investigate further traffic calming measures on Gallowden Avenue and Gallowden Crescent and to progress the consultation on the additional traffic calming measures prior to any works being started on the ground.

- 3.3 The traffic calming proposals for Gallowden Road, Gallowden Avenue and Gallowden Crescent, Arbroath are presented on the plan appended to this report (**Appendix 1**).
- 3.4 The consultation documents associated with the proposal to install additional traffic calming measures on Gallowden Avenue and Gallowden Crescent were issued on 8 January 2018 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), were made available at Arbroath Access Office for the general public who might wish to comment on the proposals.
- 3.5 The consultation questionnaire was also available for completion online via the council's website.
- 3.6 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.
- 3.7 33 completed responses were received from individuals by the closing date of 26 January 2018 (42% return). Of these responses 30 (91%) agreed and 3 (9%) disagreed with the proposed traffic calming measures. The comments which were provided through the returned questionnaires are shown in **Appendix 2**.
- 3.8 14 completed responses were received from residents of Gallowden Avenue by the closing date (36% return). Of these responses 12 (86%) agreed and 2 (14%) disagreed with the proposed traffic calming measures.
- 3.9 10 completed responses were received from residents of Gallowden Crescent by the closing date (56% return). Of these responses 9 (90%) agreed and 1 (10%) disagreed with the proposed traffic calming measures.
- 3.10 The Scottish Ambulance Services responded that "as long as they are no higher than usual to impact on ambulances on emergencies".
- 3.11 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 91% of returned consultation forms are in favour of the introduction of the speed humps, it is recommended that the proposed physical traffic calming measures be put in place.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The installation of the traffic calming measures on Gallowden Avenue & Gallowden Crescent, Arbroath is estimated to cost approximately £30,000 which can be funded from the Road Safety/Traffic Calming provision within the 2018/19 Roads (Traffic) Capital Budget.

6. CONSULTATION

The Chief Executive, Strategic Director - Place, Head of Finance and Legal, 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 Avenue & Gallowden Crescent, 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 Avenue & Gallowden Crescent, Arbroath, funded from the Roads (Traffic) Capital Road Safety/Traffic Calming Budget for 2018/19.

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:

- Report No. 82/17: Gallowden Road, Arbroath – Traffic Calming
- Report No. 384/17: Proposed Traffic Calming, Gallowden Road, Arbroath: Response to Public Consultation

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General Layout
Appendix 2 – Public consultation comments