
From: Director of- Highways & Transportation, Kent County Council

To: Thanet Joint Transportation Board

Date: 28 August, 2014

Subject: **Manston Court Road, Traffic Calming Scheme**

Classification: Unrestricted

Summary: This report summarises the intention of KCC to proceed to detailed design for a new traffic calming scheme on Manston Court Road, Margate following an initial public consultation process.

For Information

Manston Court Road, Traffic Calming Scheme

Introduction

Kent County Council (KCC) is proposing the introduction of traffic calming features in Manston Court Road, Margate.

Residents and parish council representatives have previously requested that a traffic calming scheme be introduced on Manston Court Road (between Valley Road and 1 Manston Court Road).

Funding

This scheme is being funded in full utilising development contributions from the nearby Westwood housing development on land north of Haine Road. In accordance with the terms of the associated planning consent, this contribution is for the purpose of monitoring, design and delivery traffic calming in Manston Court Road.

Site Monitoring

A speed survey was completed which identified 85th percentile speeds in excess of 40mph Westwood bound (uphill) and 44mph Manston Bound (downhill). Therefore on site monitoring identifies an existing issue with vehicles regularly exceeding the 30mph speed limit.

Concept Design

A concept scheme has been produced as shown in the background documents, which takes into account feedback received from Manston Parish Council

representatives and local residents during a community engagement exercise prior to design process commencing.

The proposed scheme consists of the following:

- Provision of a granite sett over-run area to reduce carriageway width, red surfacing and 30mph roundel laid on the carriageway, to highlight start of the existing 30mph speed limit and reduce approach speeds.
- Introduction of 5x full width road humps at regular intervals between Valley Road and 1 Manston Court Road (exact location dependent upon driveways, service covers and street lighting columns to be identified through the detailed design stage).
- Provision of new street lighting columns to replace current lighting stock, that currently provide insufficient lighting levels to facilitate the installation of traffic calming features.

Consultation

A three week consultation process was undertaken between the 18th April to 9th May 2014. An information leaflet and plan was distributed to residents and businesses located on Manston Court Road & Valley Road. 15 responses were received with 12 respondents being in support of the scheme as proposed and 3 raising points of interest.

Two minor points were raised by consultees in relation to the location of the speed humps and access for wide caravans. The location of the humps has yet to be formally agreed and will be subject to further public consultation through the detailed design process. The scheme as proposed does not to introduce any additional physical narrowing that impact on access for wider vehicles.

A single representation was received suggesting that traffic calming should also be placed on the western extent of Manston Court Road. Whilst this request falls outside of the scope of this scheme, the comments are noted and should excess funding remain following the completion of these works, this request may be considered as an additional standalone scheme in the future.

Recommendation

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Background Documents

Drawing number - TH-106-MCR-001

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