

North Tyneside Council

Report to Director of Regeneration and Economic Development

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Title: Road Humps – associated with Sea Front Sustainable Route in Whitley Bay, Cullercoats and Tynemouth

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Report to: **John Sparkes, Director of Regeneration
and Economic Development**

Wards affected: **Cullercoats and Whitley Bay South,
St Mary's, Tynemouth, Whitley Bay
North**

PART 1

1.1 Executive Summary:

This report seeks a delegated decision to advertise a proposal to introduce and, in the event that no objections are received, proceed to introduce road humps (speed cushions and raised tables) at locations on A193/The Links, Promenade and Rockcliffe Gardens, Whitley Bay; Windsor Crescent, Beverley Terrace and Victoria Crescent, Cullercoats; and Beverley Terrace and Grand Parade, Tynemouth.

1.2 Recommendation(s):

It is recommended that the Director of Regeneration and Economic Development makes a delegated decision

- (1) that notices for the proposal should be prepared and advertised in line with relevant statutory requirements;

- (2) that in the event that no objections are received following the period of consultation, that the circumstances do not warrant the holding of a local inquiry; and
- (3) that if no objections are received following the period of consultation, road humps shall be installed in accordance with the proposal.

1.3 Forward Plan:

Seeking delegated decisions to advertise proposals to install road humps and, in the event that no objections are received, to determine that road humps should be installed is a standing item on the Forward Plan.

1.4 Council Plan and Policy Framework

The proposals in this report relate to the following priorities in Our North Tyneside, the Council Plan 2021 to 2025:

- A green North Tyneside
 - We will increase opportunities for safe walking and cycling, including providing a segregated cycleway at the coast
 - We will publish an action plan of the steps we will take and the national investment we will seek to make North Tyneside carbon net-zero by 2030
- A secure North Tyneside
 - We will continue to invest £2m per year in fixing our roads and pavements

The proposals also support a number of objectives in the Carbon Net Zero 2030 Action Plan, in particular:

- Travel
 - Creation of fully connected cycling network (LCWIP) and school streets programme
 - Footpath Upgrade Programme
 - Reduce car-based school trips via Go-smarter initiatives

1.5 Information:

1.5.1 Background

The Our North Tyneside Plan 2021-2025 sets an objective to increase opportunities for safe walking and cycling, including providing a sustainable walking and cycling route at the coast.

In line with this aim, the Authority has obtained grant funding from the Government's Active Travel Fund (ATF) for the Sea Front Sustainable Route project.

This major project will further progress the high-quality regeneration of the coast, following on from the Authority's previous successful delivery of significant schemes such as Spanish City and the renewal of promenades. The project will deliver safety improvements on the sea front route, improve crossings, and provide dedicated pedestrian space alongside a new segregated cycleway. This will increase the opportunities for walking, wheeling and cycling and contribute to delivering an enhanced visitor offer for North Tyneside's coastal area which supports its role as a destination.

Phase 1 of the project, between Tynemouth Village and the Longsands area, commenced construction in October 2023 using a combination of ATF funding and supplementary funding offered by Sustrans, and is now well progressed.

The proposals associated with this report, which relate to the planned delivery of Phase 2 of the project, involve improvements to cycling, walking and wheeling links in the sea front area between the Longsands area of Tynemouth and the Links in Whitley Bay.

1.5.2 Proposal in relation to road humps

It is proposed to construct speed cushions at the following locations:

Promenade, Whitley Bay

- On the northbound and southbound lanes at a point 60m north of its junction with Ocean View.
- On the northbound and southbound lanes at a point 20m south of its junction with Ocean View.
- On the northbound and southbound lanes at a point 10m northwest of its junction with Percy Road.

- On the northbound and southbound lanes at its junction with Victoria Avenue.
- On the northbound and southbound lanes at a point 22m southeast of its junction with Cheviot View.

Rockcliffe Gardens, Cullercoats

- On the northbound and southbound lanes at a point 32m southeast of its junction with Edwards Road.
- On the northbound and southbound lanes at a point 131m southeast of its junction with Edwards Road.
- On the northbound and southbound lanes at a point 42m north of its junction with Windsor Avenue.

Beverley Terrace, Tynemouth

- On the northbound and southbound lanes at a point 100m southeast of its junction with Marden Avenue.
- On the northbound and southbound lanes at a point 108m northwest of its junction with Beverley Gardens.
- On the northbound and southbound lanes at a point 14m north of its junction with Beverley Gardens.

Grand Parade, Tynemouth

- On the northbound and southbound lanes at a point 203m south of its junction with Beverley Gardens.
- On the northbound and southbound lanes at a point 303m south of its junction with Beverley Gardens.

It is proposed to construct raised tables at the following locations:

A193/The Links

- At a point 50m northwest of its junction with Davison Avenue, to a point 64m northwest of its junction with Davison Avenue.
- At its junction with Ocean View Car Park, to a point 12m northeast of its junction with Ocean View Car Park.
- At its junction with Whitley Bay Mini Golf Car Park, to a point 10m northeast of its junction with Whitley Bay Mini Golf Car Park.

Promenade, Whitley Bay

- At a point 13m southeast of its junction with Brook Gardens, to a point 22m southeast of its junction with Brook Gardens
- At a point 55m northwest of its junction with Cheviot View, to a point 68m northeast of its junction with Cheviot View.

Rockcliffe Gardens, Whitley Bay

- At a point 225m southeast of its junction with Edwards Road, to a point 239m southeast of its junction with Edwards Road.

Windsor Crescent, Cullercoats

- At its junction with Windsor Avenue, to a point 12m west of its junction with Windsor Crescent.

Beverley Terrace, Cullercoats

- At a point 8m south of its junction with John Street, to a point 20m south of its junction with John Street.

Victoria Crescent, Cullercoats

- At a point 14m south of its junction with Eskdale Terrace, to a point 28m south of its junction with Eskdale Terrace.

Grand Parade, Tynemouth

- At a point 52m south of its junction with Beverley Gardens, to a point 68m south of its junction with Beverley Gardens.

1.5.3 Consultation undertaken

Engagement on the full scheme was carried out in September–October 2021, via a news item on the Authority’s website linking to the ‘Placechangers’ consultation website. Further information and plans in relation to the Phase 2 proposals were published on the Authority’s website in early 2024. Feedback from this engagement informed the process of detailed design.

The Deputy Mayor and the Cabinet Member for Environment have been updated on the proposals. Arrangements have been made to update ward Members and to issue letters to households in the area to set out the elements of the proposed scheme.

Arrangements have been made to contact the standard statutory and technical consultees in writing to advise of the proposals.

1.5.4 Proposed next steps

Proposals that restrict traffic movements are subject to statutory legal process as described in section 2.2: this includes the Authority giving public notice of the proposals and taking such other steps as it may consider appropriate for

Appendix 2 Equality Impact Assessment



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1.10 Background information:

- (1) [North East Transport Plan](#)
- (2) [North Tyneside Transport Strategy](#)
- (3) [Highways Act 1980](#)
- (4) [Highways \(Road Humps\) Regulations 1999](#)

PART 2 – COMPLIANCE WITH PRINCIPLES OF DECISION MAKING

2.1 Finance and other resources

Funding to advertise and implement the proposal is available from the grant funding from the Government's Active Travel Fund.

2.2 Legal

Proposals that involve revocations or amendments to the provision of road humps and the installation of any new road humps are subject to statutory legal process set out in the Highways Act 1980 and the Regulations that flow from that Act, namely, the Highways (Road Humps) Regulations 1999. The Authority is required to publish at least one notice detailing the proposal in a local newspaper in addition to taking such other steps as it deems appropriate for ensuring adequate publicity is provided.

In North Tyneside, in addition to being advertised in a local newspaper, notices advertising the proposal are displayed on the Authority's website and on roads affected by the order. Documents relating to the proposal are also available for public inspection at the Authority's offices at Quadrant. Objections to the proposal may be made within a period of 21 days starting from the date the notice was published.

In accordance with the Mayor's Scheme of Delegation, if any objections cannot be resolved, then the Cabinet Member for Environment is asked to consider those objections made and not withdrawn and to determine if road humps should be installed.

2.3 Consultation/community engagement

2.3.1 Internal consultation

Internal consultation has involved the Deputy Mayor and the Cabinet Member for Environment. Arrangements have been made to update ward Members on the proposal as described in section 1.5.3.

2.3.2 Community engagement

Views on the proposal were sought as described in section 1.5.3. The proposal is to be advertised in line with statutory process as set out in section 1.5.4.

2.4 Human rights

Any human rights implications must be balanced against the duty that the Authority has to provide a safe highway for people to use. It is not considered that the proposed restrictions will have a negative impact on individuals' human rights.

2.5 Equalities and diversity

An Equality Impact Assessment for the scheme has been undertaken and is attached as Appendix 2 to this report. This identified potential impacts which are positive: these relate to improved accessibility for people who currently experience difficulty crossing the road and greater opportunity for people with limited mobility fully to participate in cycling and walking. Actions are specified to reduce the identified potential negative impacts relating to the advertising of notices and orders regarding the proposed change and access arrangements during construction work.

2.6 Risk management

There are no risk management implications arising directly from this report. Strategic and operational risks associated with transport matters are assessed via the established corporate process.

2.7 Crime and disorder

There are no crime and disorder implications directly arising from this report.

2.8 Environment and sustainability

There are potential positive implications in that the proposals support the use of more sustainable modes of transport in preference to car use. The proposals also support a number of objectives in the Carbon Net Zero 2030 Action Plan, such as the creation of fully connected cycling network.

PART 3 - SIGN OFF

- Chief Finance Officer
- Monitoring Officer
- Assistant Chief Executive