

North Tyneside Council

Report to Director of Regeneration and Economic Development

Date: 11 July 2024

Title: Road humps at Denbigh Community Primary School

Report by: Gary Walker, Sustainable Transport Team Leader

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

Wards affected: Howdon

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 upgrade existing speed cushions to road humps on Denbigh Avenue, Howdon.

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 required by statute, that the circumstances do not warrant the holding of a Public 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 priority 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

The proposals in this report relate to the following priorities in the Carbon Net-Zero 2030 Action Plan:

- Low Traffic Neighbourhoods and School Streets
- Reduce car-based school trips by 5% annually.

1.5 Information:

1.5.1 Background

In accordance with Authority's aims to improve road safety, it is improved to install traffic calming measures on Denbigh Avenue, Howdon.

This is one of a set of measures proposed for this location which are covered in separate Delegated Decision Reports as follows:

- Removal of School Street on Denbigh Avenue and Radnor Gardens
- Installation of waiting restrictions on Denbigh Avenue and Radnor Gardens
- Installation of a zebra crossing on Denbigh Avenue

In December 2023 the Cabinet Member for Environment and an officer met with the school to understand the perceived safety issues and try to determine a solution. Officers advised the school that, based on the current situation, the School Street scheme should be removed as it was no longer being marshalled and motorists were ignoring the signs.

The school raised issues with regards to perceived speeding on Denbigh Avenue. They also raised concerns relating to the number of children crossing Denbigh Avenue near its junction with Radnor Gardens. It was agreed in principle that the Authority would remove the School Street, review the traffic calming and investigate the possibility of a formal crossing.

The proposed introduction of speed humps will contribute to reducing motorised traffic speeds in the area, thereby increasing safety for all road users, and will contribute to ensuring that highway conditions are conducive to support greater usage of cycling, walking and wheeling.

1.5.2 Consultation

Ward members and Denbigh Community Primary School were updated on the proposal by email on 22nd May 2024. The school have confirmed they are supportive of the proposals. The standard technical consultees have been contacted in writing advising them of the proposals.

Public engagement on the scheme began in June 2024 via informal postal consultation and is currently ongoing.

1.5.3 Proposed next steps

Proposals that restrict traffic movements are subject to statutory legal process as described in section 2.2: this includes the local authority giving public notice of the proposals and taking such other steps as it may consider appropriate for ensuring adequate publicity. In North Tyneside, this includes notices advertising proposals being displayed on affected streets and on the Authority's website. This enables members of the public or businesses to object to the proposal. Any objectors are sent a response and invited to reconsider their objection. Any objections not withdrawn are referred to the Cabinet Member for Environment for consideration in accordance with the Scheme of Delegation for Cabinet Members.

1.6 Decision options:

The following decision options are available for consideration by the Director of Regeneration and Economic Development:

Option 1

To approve the recommendations as set out in paragraph 1.2 above.

Option 2

Not to approve the recommendations as set out in paragraph 1.2 above.

Option 1 is the recommended option.

1.7 Reasons for recommended option:

Option 1 is recommended for the following reasons:

The proposals will increase safety for all road users and contribute to ensuring that highway conditions are conducive to support greater usage of cycling, walking and wheeling.

1.8 Appendices:

Appendix 1 Plan of scheme

Appendix 2 Business as Usual Equality Impact Assessment – Road humps

1.9 Contact officers:

Gary Walker, Sustainable Transport Team Leader, Capita, 0191 643 6219

Andrew Flynn, Integrated Transport Manager, 0191 643 6083

1.10 Background information:

- (1) [North Tyneside Transport Strategy](#)
- (2) [Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984](#)
- (3) [Local Authorities' Traffic Orders Regulations 1996](#)

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 2024/25 (Sustainable Transport) Local Transport Plan.

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 which makes the proposal 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 Authority's scheme of Delegation to Cabinet Members, 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 Cabinet Member for Environment. Ward members' views on the proposal were sought as described in section 1.5.2.

2.3.2 Community engagement

Views on the proposal were sought as described in section 1.5.2. The proposal is to be advertised in line with statutory process as set out in section 1.5.3.

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 at Denbigh Community Primary School is covered by the Business as Usual EqIA attached as Appendix 2 to this report.

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

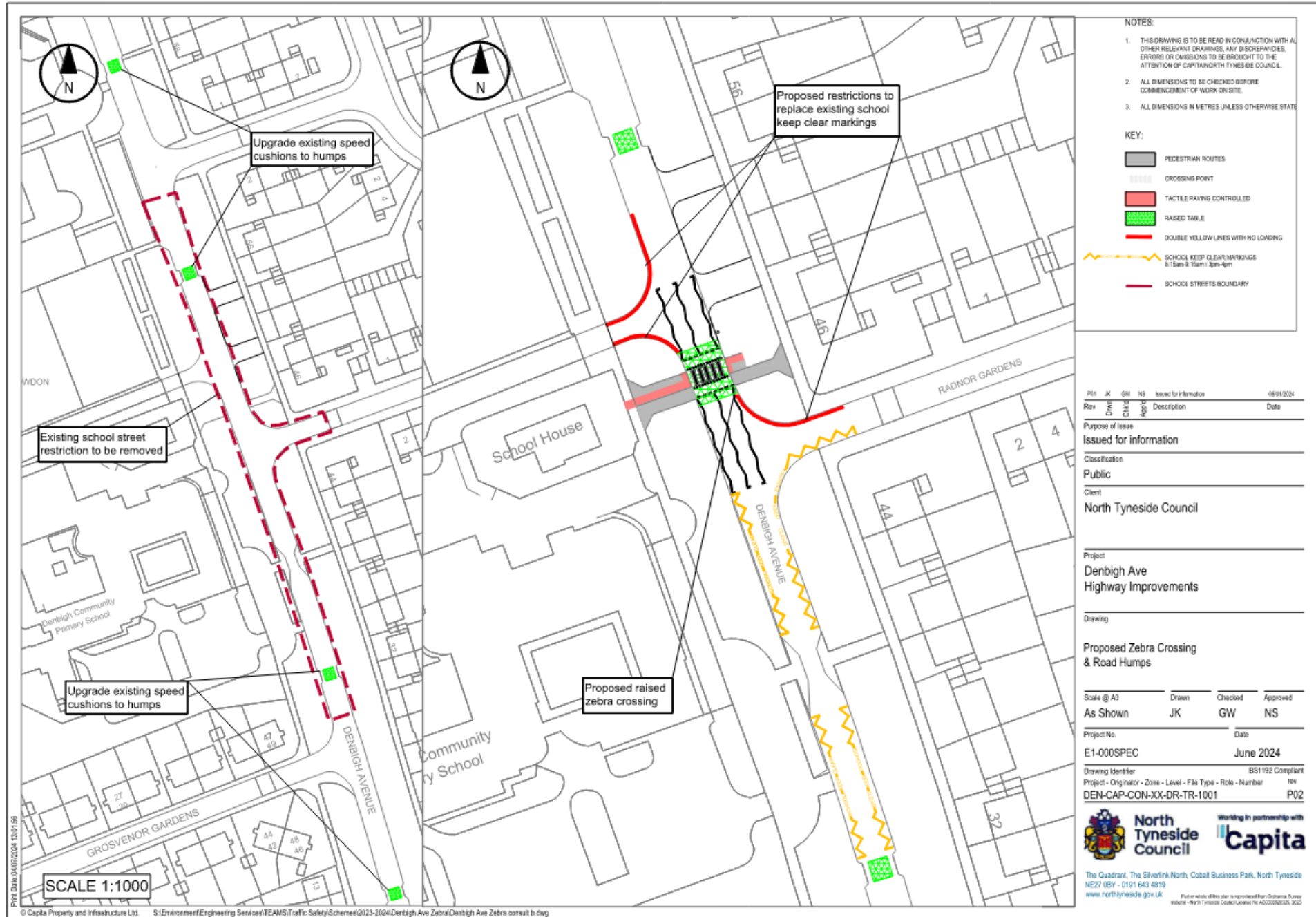
There are potential positive implications in that the proposals support the use of more sustainable modes of transport in preference to car use.

PART 3 - SIGN OFF

- Chief Finance Officer

- Monitoring Officer

- Assistant Chief Executive



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KEY:

- PEDESTRIAN ROUTES
- CROSSING POINT
- TACTILE PAVING CONTROLLED
- RAISED TABLE
- DOUBLE YELLOW LINES WITH NO LOADING
- SCHOOL KEEP CLEAR MARKINGS 8.15am-8.15am / 3pm-4pm
- SCHOOL STREETS BOUNDARY

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Purpose of Issue
Issued for information

Classification
Public

Client
North Tyneside Council

Project
Denbigh Ave
Highway Improvements

Drawing
Proposed Zebra Crossing
& Road Humps

Scale @ A3	Drawn	Checked	Approved
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Project No. E1-000SPEC
Date: June 2024

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Business as usual (BAU) Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA)

1. Business as usual service activity		
Name of the activity being assessed	Installation of road humps – Traffic and Road Safety	
Purpose of activity	<p>The business-as-usual activity is the installation of road humps.</p> <p>In accordance with the Authority's aims to improve road safety, it is proposed to install traffic calming road humps that will help to reduce vehicle speeds and improve road safety for all road users. It is envisaged that the proposed installation of road humps will support cycling, walking and wheeling in this area by reducing traffic speeds.</p>	
Who is the activity intended to benefit?	Residents, visitors, local businesses, and local schools.	
Version of EqIA	1.0	
Date this version created	19/09/2023	
Confidential	no	
Directorate	Environment	
Service	Capita	
	Name	Service or organisation
Principal author	Samantha Lacy	Capita North Tyneside
Additional authors	Nicholas Saunders	Capita North Tyneside

2. Groups impacted		
Does the project impact upon?		If yes, what is the estimated number impacted and the Level of impact this will have on the group (high, medium, low)?
Service users	no	
Carers or family of service users	no	
Residents	yes	Residents in the immediate vicinity will be impacted in particular although the proposal will impact any road users in the area - low
Visitors	no	
Staff	no	
Partner organisations	no	

3. Evidence gathering and engagement		
	Internal evidence	External evidence
What evidence has been used for this assessment?	<p>Relevant objectives of the Authority, e.g. to take steps and seek investment to make North Tyneside carbon net-zero by 2030 (Our North Tyneside Plan); improve the street network, putting cycling and walking first (North Tyneside Transport Strategy); and promote road safety alongside healthy travel (North Tyneside Travel Safety Strategy).</p> <p>Responses to initial resident and stakeholder consultation completed by the team.</p>	<p>We follow Department for Transport guidance within the Local Transport Note 1/20.</p>
Have you carried out any engagement in relation to this activity?	yes	
If yes of what kind and with whom? If no, why not?	Consultation with local Ward Councillors, local residents, local businesses and local schools via e-mail and by letter.	
Is there any information you don't have?	yes	
If yes, why is this information not available?	Views of the wider public on the detailed notices/orders relating to the scheme – we will understand this by advertising the notices/orders following this report. Copies of the orders are printed and placed on site alongside being published in a local newspaper and on the North Tyneside Council website. Each notice gives detail on how the public can request information in other languages and formats.	

4. Impact on groups with different characteristics			
Legally protected characteristics	Potential positive impact identified	Potential negative impact identified	Description of the potential impact and evidence used in the assessment (mitigations are not included here)
Age	yes	no	People for whom age makes crossing the road more difficult (including pupils at the local schools) may experience a positive impact from reduced traffic speeds.
Disability	yes	yes	<p>Footway users with a disability (e.g., wheelchair users and visually or audio impaired people) may experience a positive impact from reduced traffic speeds.</p> <p>Temporary traffic management arrangements during construction have potential to have a negative impact on accessibility for people with a disability. This can be reduced by seeking to ensure that construction partners do not obstruct footways which remain open, and in the case of closures provide appropriate access arrangements such as temporary dropped kerbs and/or safe temporary walking areas.</p>
Gender reassignment	no	no	
Marriage & civil partnership	no	no	
Pregnancy & maternity	no	no	
Race	no	yes	People who do not speak English as a first language may experience issues reading the notices and any communication. All our communication has an accessibility statement and can be provided in other formats or languages.
Religion or belief	no	no	
Sex	no	no	
Sexual orientation	no	no	
Intersectionality	no	no	
Non-legally protected characteristic			

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Carers	no	no	
Socio-economic disadvantage	no	no	

5. Achievement of the Authority’s Public Sector Equality Duty		
Will the activity contribute to any of the following?		If yes, how?
Eliminate unlawful discrimination, victimisation and harassment	no	
Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not	yes	The schemes are designed to ensure that highway conditions are conducive to support walking, wheeling on-road cycling and public transport resulting in the potential positive impacts relating to the characteristics identified in section 4 above.
Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not	no	

6. Negative impacts		
Potential negative impact	Can it be reduced or removed?	If yes how? If no, why not and what alternative options were considered and not pursued?
Temporary traffic management arrangements during construction have potential to have a negative impact on accessibility for people with a disability.	yes- reduced	This can be reduced by seeking to ensure that construction partners do not obstruct footways which remain open, and in the case of closures provide appropriate access arrangements such as temporary dropped kerbs and/or safe temporary walking areas.
People who do not speak English as a first language may experience issues reading the notices and any communication.	yes- reduced	All our communication has an accessibility statement and can be provided in other formats or languages.

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7. Action plan					
Actions to gather evidence or information to improve NTC's understanding of the impacts on people with protected characteristics and how best to respond to them	Responsible officer name	Responsible officer service area	Target completion date	Action completed	
Displaying notices and publishing details of the proposals in accordance with the Authority's usual procedure (as described in section 3 of this EqIA)	Geoff Crackett	Traffic and Road Safety	19/09/2024	in progress	
Actions already in place to remove or reduce negative impacts	Responsible officer name	Responsible officer service area	Impact		
Consideration of accessibility factors as part of the scheme design process.	Geoff Crackett	Traffic and Road Safety	reduce		
Actions that will be taken to remove or reduce negative impacts	Responsible officer name	Responsible officer service area	Impact	Target completion date	Action completed
Confirm that construction work takes account of accessibility factors, e.g., not obstructing footpaths which remain open, and in the case of closures providing appropriate access arrangements such as temporary dropped kerbs	Geoff Crackett	Traffic and Road Safety	reduce	19/09/2024	in progress
Actions that will be taken to make the most	Responsible officer name	Responsible officer service area	Target Completion Date	Action completed	

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of any potential positive impact				
Inform the public of any positive impacts as part of communications and publicity when the scheme is completed	Geoff Crackett	Traffic and Road Safety	19/09/2024	in progress
Actions that will be taken to monitor the equality impact of the activity	Responsible officer name	Responsible officer service area	Target Completion Date	Action completed
The impact of the scheme will be monitored through site observations by officers and feedback from residents and other stakeholders.	Geoff Crackett	Traffic and Road Safety	19/09/2024	in progress
Date review of EqIA to be completed	Responsible officer name	Responsible Officer Service Area		
19/09/2024	Geoff Crackett	Capita North Tyneside		

8. Outcome of EqIA

Outcome	Please explain and evidence why you have reached this conclusion:
The proposal is robust, no major change is required	Several identified potential impacts are positive. Actions are specified to reduce the identified potential negative impact.

9. Corporate Equality Group member approval

Do you agree or disagree with this assessment?	yes
If disagree, please explain why?	
Name of Corporate Equality Group member	David Cunningham
Date	03/11/2023

10. Director/Head of Service approval	
Do you agree or disagree with this assessment?	yes
If disagree, please explain why?	
Name of Director/Head of Service	John Sparkes
Date	06/11/2023

Please return the document to the Author and Corporate Equality Group member.

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