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**To: COUNCILLOR JONATHAN BIANCO
CABINET MEMBER FOR PROPERTY, HIGHWAYS
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c.c. All Members of the Property, Highways & Transport Select Committee
c.c. Caroline Haywood – Place Directorate
c.c. Perry Scott – Corporate Director of Place
c.c. Ward Councillors for West Drayton and Heathrow Villages

Date: 23 February 2023

Non-Key Decision request

Form D

CHERRY LANE, WEST DRAYTON – OBJECTION TO PROPOSED RAISED TABLES

Dear Cabinet Member

Attached is a report requesting that a decision be made by you as an individual Cabinet Member. Democratic Services confirm that this is not a key decision, as such, the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 notice period does not apply.

You should take a decision **on or after Friday 03 March 2023** in order to meet Constitutional requirements about publication of decisions that are to be made. You may wish to discuss the report with the Corporate Director before it is made. Please indicate your decision on the duplicate memo supplied, and return it to me when you have made your decision. I will then arrange for the formal notice of decision to be published.

Ryan Dell
Democratic Services Officer

Title of Report: Cherry Lane, West Drayton – Objection to Proposed Raised Tables

Decision made:

Reasons for your decision: (e.g. as stated in report)

Alternatives considered and rejected: (e.g. as stated in report)

Signed Date.....

Cabinet Member for Property, Highways & Transport

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Cabinet Member	Councillor Jonathan Bianco
Cabinet Portfolio	Cabinet Member for Property, Highways and Transport
Officer Contact	Caroline Haywood - Place Directorate
Papers with report	Appendices A - B

HEADLINES

Summary	To inform the Cabinet Member that objections have been received to the proposed raised tables on Cherry Lane, West Drayton.
Putting our Residents First	The request can be considered as part of the Council's annual programme of road safety initiatives.
Financial Cost	The cost associated with the recommendations to this report is estimated at £60k and will be met from within the 2022/23 Road Safety Programme budget.
Relevant Select Committee	Property, Highways and Transport Select Committee.
Relevant Wards	West Drayton and Heathrow Villages.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Cabinet Member for Property, Highways and Transport:

- 1. Considers the objections received from the statutory consultation for the proposed raised tables on Cherry Lane, West Drayton; and**
- 2. Approves the introduction of the proposed raised tables on Cherry Lane, as shown on Appendix B.**

Reasons for recommendation

To improve road safety on Cherry Lane.

Alternative options considered/ risk management

The Council could decide not to proceed with the installation of the raised tables as advertised.

Select Committee comments

None at this stage.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1. Cherry Lane is a mainly residential road within Heathrow Villages and West Drayton Ward. Cherry Lane is used as a route from Stockley bypass towards West Drayton and Yiewsley. It has a pedestrian entrance into Cherry Lane Primary School and is part of the 222 bus route. There is also an entrance into Novotel at the start of the road by Stockley bypass. A plan of the area is shown on Appendix A to this report.
2. The Council received concerns from numerous residents and Ward Councillors asking for measures to reduce vehicle speeds due to the significant number of collisions occurring in the road. As a consequence, a detailed site investigation was undertaken by Council officers.
3. The Council has been made aware of at least four collisions by Blossom Way, some of which have been attended by the Police. These collisions have involved damage to street furniture. To aid the investigation an independent 24/7 traffic survey was undertaken, and the results showed that the majority of vehicles were exceeding the 30mph speed limit. It was therefore agreed to investigate physical measures.
4. An investigation took place, and it was agreed to informally consult the residents on the installation of raised tables in Cherry Lane. The Ward Members were consulted and supported the proposal. The proposed raised tables are shown on the plan attached as Appendix B of this report.
5. The residents have been informally consulted on a proposal for raised tables in Cherry Lane. The results of the informal consultation showed the majority of responses supported the proposal.
6. The Cabinet Member agreed to take the proposal through the statutory 21-day consultation process, which involved the placing of advertisements in the local press and the display of public notices on site. During this period the Council received three objections and eight in support of the proposal.
7. The first objector stated *"I do object to raised tables as I don't feel x4 of them would be necessary, as a driver I feel they will delay traffic both ways and will not address the problem I can see. I do not agree that cars are speeding in Cherry Lane, but pedestrians are struggling to cross the road at busy times."*
8. The second objector stated *"A lifelong resident of Cherry Lane, whose living conditions and mental health will be badly affected if the Council proceeds with its proposal to install four raised tables in Cherry Lane. You might think this is a strange statement, but this has been the outcome on each previous occasion when the Council has installed temporary speed control ramps to check the traffic flow. Instead of hearing the normal sound of traffic, which anybody living by a major road would expect, a thump is made by the front and then the rear wheels of every vehicle as they hit the ramp and again as they drop down the other side, this becomes 24 hours a day problem. Even with triple glazing this noise is clearly heard indoors. Bad as it is during daytime, when it comes to lying in bed at night the only sounds, I hear are the thumping noise and when vehicles aren't passing over the*

ramps, I find myself, with nerves shredded, waiting for the next vehicle to hit...Another consequence of this decision would be that every person in every vehicle will be jolted up and down over four unnecessary raised tables. Cyclists and E-scooters will avoid these obstacles by riding on the pavement, creating more problems for pedestrians...This investigation has not noticed or has decided not to bring to the Council's attention that the correct signage needs to be effectively positioned before any other action is taken. The Council has now been made aware of this situation and this proposal should be withdrawn while road signage is correctly installed, and time allowed for their impact to fully register before other options considered. Speed camera signs strategically positioned could remove the need for any further action to be taken...."

9. The third objector stated *"Whilst I do not object to the raised tables I do object to one being placed directly outside of my privately owned home. The three predominant reasons are 1) I am concerned by the increased noise that will be made by cars going up and down the bumps. 2) We are planning to extend the driveway and a raised table outside would prevent us from doing this. 3) We will struggle to get the vehicle into the driveway if a raised table is installed outside as it is a lowered vehicle. Ultimately the installation of a raised table outside our house will effect our private use and enjoyment of it and this is not acceptable, especially as there is an alternative option...I believe that the table should be moved further up the road perhaps adjacent to the flats whose homes are set much further back from the road and would be less likely to be impacted by the additional noise..."*
10. The first supporter stated *"I the past five years we have had four cars written off and two gardens wrecked from cars coming off the corner too fast and ploughing through our garden and my neighbours... The speed sign is rarely taken any notice of as we have even see it flash up 40mph when buses come down here, crossing the road at this end you take your life in your hands, and it is the same when you try and pull out of your driveway. Also drivers do not want to let you reverse onto your driveway, they constantly beep their horns and swear at you as they go past. This is the only road in this area with a school on it that does not have a 20mph speed limit, traffic calming is the only answer..."*
11. The second supporter stated *"I write to support the installation on raised tables along Cherry Lane. At night you hear the cars racing up and down various local roads around here and I do believe it is only a matter of time before someone is killed. We have had many instances over the years where cars have approached Cherry Lane too fast and crashed at the top on the corner of our road and on quite a few occasions damaged peoples property/ gardens of residents who live in our road."*
12. The third supporter stated *"Myself and my husband agree wholeheartedly with the plans. There have been so many accidents at the top of this road and something needs to be done before someone is killed. Especially as there is an infant school on this road. This length of road is used as a racetrack and some cars must be speeding up to double the 30mph limit if not more, the noise at times is ear piercing."*
13. The fourth supporter stated *"I have contacted residents and we are in favour of details shown in your detailed plan."*
14. The fifth supporter stated *"Myself and fellow neighbours feel that measures are long overdue, and we look forward to their installation as soon as possible. Speeding has been a problem for a long time with vehicles and motorbikes going at speeds in excess of 60mph on a regular basis."*

15. The sixth supporter stated *"We live in Blossom Way so see on a daily basis the speed problem along Cherry Lane. We wholeheartedly support any traffic calming solutions. Pedestrians trying to cross the road risk their lives, slighting from buses and so on."*
16. The seventh supporter stated *"I have been living here my entire life...been enquiring for the roads to have some sort of Speed camera or speed bumps. Growing up in this area I would say that the vehicles along this road are a big concern driving at ridiculous speeds. Many incidents I have seen occur on this road... I have seen cars crashed into front walls..."*
17. The eighth supporter stated *"I would like to register my approval for this scheme and feel this is well overdue as a lot of drivers and motorcyclists treat this road as a drag strip and anything that slows down traffic get mine and my families vote."*
18. The Council does not have a static speed camera installed in Cherry Lane, the Speed Camera signs were asked to be installed by the Police, for when they undertake mobile camera enforcement. There is no set location for them to be installed. However, the location of these signs will be checked. There is an existing vehicle activated sign to inform drivers of the speed limit and even with this sign vehicles have been found to exceed the 30mph speed limit. There are no other signs to help reduce vehicle speeds that can be installed and this was considered before this proposal was progressed.
19. There is a high volume of parents crossing Cherry Lane at the western end as there is a pedestrian entrance to Cherry Lane Primary School and an alleyway opposite leading to The Bell Farm Estate. There was previously a School Crossing Patrol here but since they have retired, the Council has not been able to replace them.
20. The local Ward Councillors have been consulted and two have responded supporting the proposals.
21. After careful consideration of comments received from the statutory consultation, the history of recent collisions, and the views of the local Ward Councillors; it is recommended that the Cabinet Member agrees to proceed with the proposed raised tables on Cherry Lane as shown in Appendix B to this report.

Financial Implications

The cost associated with the recommendations to this report is estimated at £60k has previously been approved for capital release prior to the consultation and is contained within the Road Safety Programme 2022/ 23 capital budget agreed at Cabinet and Council February 2022.

RESIDENT BENEFIT & CONSULTATION

The benefit or impact upon Hillingdon residents, service users and communities

The effect of introducing the proposed raised tables will be that safety is maintained.

Consultation carried out or required

Consultation has been carried out on this proposal through a notice on site and in the local press. Local Ward Councillors have also been consulted.

CORPORATE CONSIDERATIONS

Corporate Finance

Corporate Finance has reviewed the recommendations to this report and concurs with the financial implications as set out above.

Legal

The Borough Solicitor confirms that there are no legal impediments to the Cabinet Member agreeing the recommendations set out in the report which are in accordance with the outcome of the statutory consultation.

Infrastructure/ Asset Management

There are no property implications resulting from the recommendations set out in this report.

Comments from other relevant service areas

None at this stage.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

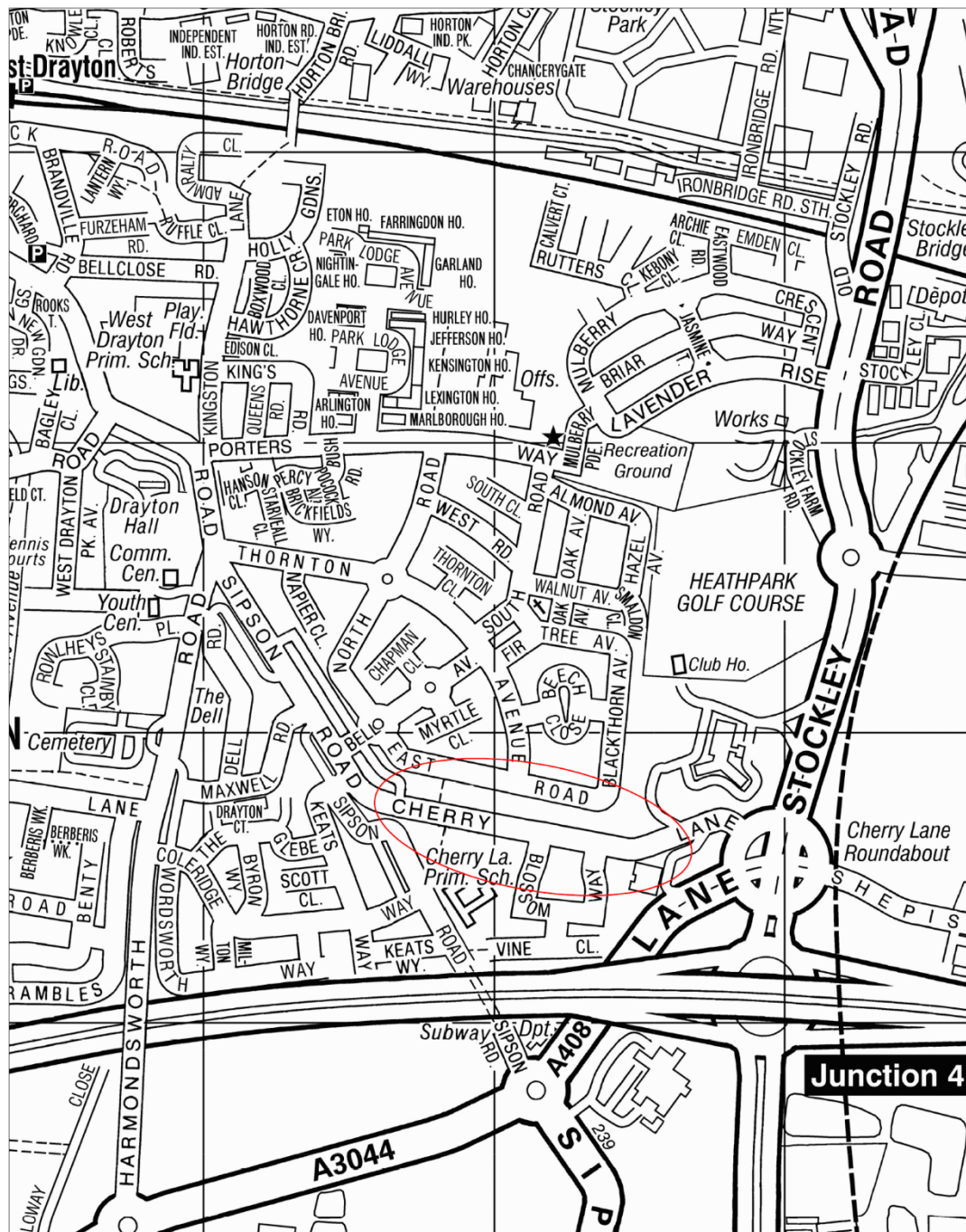
- Traffic order
- Objection emails
- Emails of support

TITLE OF ANY APPENDICES

Appendix A - location plan

Appendix B - plan of proposal

APPENDIX A



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Cherry Lane, West Drayton

Appendix B - Plan of Proposal





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Cherry Lane, West Drayton

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