



**OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE
(WAVERLEY)**

**A3 HINDHEAD IMPROVEMENT:
TRAFFIC CALMING IN HASLEMERE – OBJECTIONS TO
NOTICE**

17 SEPTEMBER 2010

KEY ISSUE

To consider two objections received following the advertisement of proposed vertical traffic calming in Woolmer Hill Road, Critchmere Hill and Critchmere Lane, Haslemere.

SUMMARY

Two objections have been received to proposed speed cushions and road tables in Haslemere. This report recommends that the objections are overruled and that the scheme proceeds as advertised.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

The Local Committee (Waverley) is asked to agree that:

- (i) The objections to the proposed traffic calming in Woolmer Hill Road, Critchmere Hill and Critchmere Lane, Haslemere be overruled.
- (ii) The County Council proceed under Section 90(a) to (i) (inclusive) of the Highways Act 1980 to introduce a series of physical measures in Woolmer Hill Road, Critchmere Hill and Critchmere Lane, Haslemere.

1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 1.1 On 11 September 2009 the Committee gave approval to the introduction of traffic calming measures associated with the Hindhead Improvement scheme, both of which are being funded by the Highways Agency.
- 1.2 The proposals include speed cushions on Woolmer Hill Road and Critchmere Hill and road tables on Critchmere Lane as shown at **Annex A**, both of which are required to be advertised by public notice. Two objections to the proposals have been received which officers have been unable to resolve. In that case the objections are referred to this Committee for final decision.

2. ANALYSIS AND COMMENTARY

- 2.1 The final date for receipt of objections was 23 July 2010 by which time one objection had been received from Mr P Cameron as shown at **Annex B**. A further objection from Mr J Sadler, shown at **Annex C**, was received after the closing date, but he has been informed that the Committee will still consider his objection. In both cases the replies from officers are included in the annexes.

- 2.1 Tabled below is a summary of the two objections.

NAME	ADDRESS	OBJECTION
Mr P Cameron	Sunvale Avenue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speed cushions and tables are excessive. • Both create problems for two wheeled vehicles. • Additional street furniture will detract from the nature of the area.
Mr J Sadler	Critchmere Lane	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pinch points should be constructed rather than tables and cushions. • Traffic calming should extend the whole length of Critchmere Lane rather than just its southern section.

3. CONSULTATIONS

- 3.1 Full details of the consultations undertaken prior to summer 2009 are to found in the report presented to Committee on 11 September 2009. The report indicated that residents wanted to see traffic calming introduced in the Critchmere area to counter the forecast increase in traffic volumes that would occur once the Hindhead tunnel opened.
- 3.2 In June 2010 over three hundred letters were delivered to local residents detailing both the history of the traffic calming scheme and what was being proposed. This was followed by a Notice placed in the local newspaper and on site advertising the intention to construct speed cushions in Woolmer Hill Road and Critchmere Hill and road tables Critchmere Lane.

4. FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The Highways Agency has undertaken to meet all costs associated with the works and measures described in this report. All construction work will be carried out by their main contractor for the tunnel, Balfour Beatty.

5. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no specific equalities or diversity implications for this report.

6. CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 There are no specific crime and disorder implications for this report.

7. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 7.1 The need for traffic calming was identified at the Public Inquiry into the Hindhead Improvement and has been designed in accordance with Department of Transport guidelines and design criteria. Should there be any unresolved objections to the advertised Notice they need to be considered by the Committee.

8. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 8.1 Committee approval to the recommendations would allow the previously approved proposals to be implemented.

9. WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

- 9.1 Subject to the objections being overruled by the Committee, the Highways Agency has indicated that the traffic calming would be implemented during autumn 2010.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS:	A3 Hindhead Tunnel: Changes to the Local Highway Network – report to the Local Committee (Waverley) 11 September 2009