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Dear Resident/Occupier,

PROPOSED TRAFFIC CALMING ARRANGEMENTS PANNAL ASH ROAD, HARROGATE

I refer to my previous letter dated 29th May 2024 in connection with the above and any subsequent correspondence in respect of the proposed traffic calming measures and write to update you on the results of the consultation and the decision taken on the way forward and also to update you on the resurfacing programme for the area.

The Council has an extensive carriageway resurfacing programme for the 2024/25 financial year and this has been tendered across the full county. The aspiration was for many areas to be undertaken during the school holidays although the package of works across the county is significant and the demand high for strategic routes. There were also extensive utility works programmed in for Pannal Ash Road from July onwards.

It was not therefore feasible to undertake the surfacing at Pannal Ash Road and Green Lane during the summer school holiday periods and the capital programme across the Harrogate area was deferred till the autumn.

This has further allowed officers to work with colleagues in the Development Management team who are undertaking feasibility and assessment works on the West of Harrogate Parameters Plan (WHPP), which relates to the mitigation measures being considered and designed in relation to the housing development across the west/ southwest arc of Harrogate.

As you are aware, consultation comments were sought by late June although any responses received after that date into mid July were also reviewed and included.

In total, 320 consultation letters were sent out and 118 responses were received – a 36.9% response rate. Letters were sent to all properties on Pannal Ash Road and all cul-de-sacs in addition to select properties on Pannal Ash Drive, Harlow Avenue and Richmond Avenue/ Richmond Road.

Overall, the results indicated that;

- 72 households supported the proposals – 61% of the consultation respondent/ 22.5% of total households consulted.
- 46 households opposed the proposals (39% of consultation respondents/ 14.4% of total households consulted).

Results were also assessed based on those properties directly fronting the proposed measures on Pannal Ash Road – 110 letters sent out and 51 responses; a 46.4% response rate.

- 32 households supported the proposals – 62.7% of the Pannal Ash Road consultation respondents/ 29.1% of 110 households consulted.
- 19 households opposed the proposals (37.3% of Pannal Ash Road consultation responses).

Whilst there is generally broad support for the introduction of the speed cushions, officers consider that further detailed review of future measures associated with the aforementioned WHPP and their impact upon the current scheme proposals needs to be undertaken. Traffic calming schemes are also being assessed and designed for Yew Tree Lane and Beckwith Road (which already has traffic calming measures but where speeds remain too high for a 20mph speed limit).

Accordingly, a decision has been taken to set aside the current proposal to install speed cushions at both Pannal Ash Road and Green Lane which allows instructions to be issued to the contractor awarded the tender for the resurfacing schemes to proceed with the surfacing works as detailed below. The proposed 20mph speed limit proposals for south Harrogate will therefore be brought forward in two phases, the first phase on streets where traffic calming measures are not required. Once we have revised proposals for new/ additional traffic calming measures on Pannal Ash Road, Green Lane, Yew Tree Lane and Beckwith Road, we will consult upon both the traffic calming measures and an extension of the 20mph speed limits as part of Phase 2 of the project. The current 20mph speed limit along part of Pannal Ash Road will remain in place.

Whilst I don't have an indicative timescale at present for consulting upon revised traffic calming designs and phase 2 of the 20mph speed limit programme, I will ensure further updates are communicated at the earliest opportunity.

CARRIAGEWAY RESURFACING PROGRAMME

The capital resurfacing programme for the current financial year has now been finalised and accepted by the Council and is detailed below, covering both Pannal Ash Road and Green Lane. These dates are of course subject to review and change where unforeseen circumstances arise or where inclement weather is experienced.

Pannal Ash Road

Works are intended to commence on 7th October 2024 and provisionally last until Friday 1st November. Between 7th and 18th October works will be civils works – alterations to gulley's and ironwork, new/ replacement kerbing and works to a number of vehicular accesses. Planing and resurfacing are scheduled to be undertaken from Monday 21st to 29th October and road markings completed by Friday 1st November. Officers are working to ensure the programme minimises disruption as much as possible and complete as much of the planing and resurfacing during the school holiday week as possible by the contractor – Heidelberg Materials UK.

Green Lane

Works are intended to commence on Monday 4th November 2024 and provisionally last until Wednesday 13th November. Civils works will be undertaken alongside carriageway planing and surfacing.

Scheme notification letters will be distributed to residents of Pannal Ash Road and Green Lane in the coming week advising of the restrictions in more detail.

I trust this clarifies the current position.

Yours faithfully,

Mr P Ryan
Project Engineer, Area 6 Highways