



Chetwynd Road, Newport – Potential Traffic Calming

Public Consultation Summary



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1.0 Introduction

Concerns have been raised with regard to safety concerns along Chetwynd Road near to the Deer Park Drive junction specifically in relation to vehicle speeds and pedestrian safety. As a result, a consultation was undertaken in May 2019 to gauge public opinion on a scheme that involves the installation of traffic calming on Chetwynd Road, Newport.

The following key changes are being proposed:

- Provision of a 40mph buffer speed limit between the existing section of national speed limit and the existing 30mph speed limit.
- School safety zone incorporating an advisory 20mph limit with flashing signals
- Provision of speed cushions within the 30mph section either side of Deer Park Drive
- Implementation of a pedestrian refuge and extended footway south of Deer Park Drive

2.0 Consultation Responses

There was a total of 131 responses received during the consultation period. The following table details the overall response to the consultation.

	For	Against
Overall feedback to proposals	112 (85%)	19 (15%)

In addition to the general support for or against this scheme, the respondents were given the opportunity to provide general comments on the scheme for consideration. The table below provides a summary of the comments received as well as a response to these comments/concerns.

Comments/Concerns	No. of Suggestions (% of total respondents)	Telford & Wrekin Council Response
Objection to the use of speed cushions	11 (8%)	Through the consultation, it is clear that speed cushions are generally supported as part of this scheme with only 8% of responses raising concerns with these measures. Physical measures such as speed cushions are a proven method of encouraging reduced speed.
Parking concerns in Deer Park Drive and school entrance	7 (5%)	As part of this scheme, a further review of on-street parking will be undertaken to ensure the parking restrictions are suitable for the location. Discussions will continue with the school to discuss how parking provisions can be better managed.
Request for a speed camera	4 (3%)	This is something that Telford & Wrekin Council are not permitted to implement and would be the responsibility of West Mercia Police.
Additional pedestrian crossing along Chetwynd Road towards Newport	4 (3%)	The scope of this project does not allow for an additional crossing but the need for a further crossing will be put forward for future consideration. Alongside this, any crossings required as part of recent planning approvals will also be reviewed.
Additional speed cushions along Chetwynd Road towards Newport	4 (3%)	Following the introduction of the proposed scheme, post scheme data will be collected to ascertain the level of success of the scheme as well as identify whether any further measures are required to mitigate concerns.
Provide a controlled crossing rather than pedestrian refuge	3 (2%)	A signalised/controlled crossing would require a significant level of investment which would mean the overall safety scheme including the speed reduction measures and a school safety zone would not be deliverable.
Provide additional footpaths along Chetwynd Road towards Newport	2 (2%)	This request will be put forward for future consideration, however, existing land availability and carriageway widths may mean this option is unfeasible but would need to be investigated further.



In addition to the above, there were a number of other suggestions made that were mentioned by one consultee (<1%) each. These include, extension of the existing 30mph speed limit, shorten the length of the 40mph speed limit buffer, extend the 40mph speed limit buffer, implement speed limit count down markers and introduce a 30mph speed limit. All of these options will be considered through the detailed design to ensure the final scheme is suitable and accommodates requests where possible.

3.0 Recommendations

There was a good response rate to this consultation with a large majority in favour of the proposals. It is therefore recommended that this scheme is taken forward to detailed design and delivery based on the proposals set out in the consultation.

The following should be implemented:

- Provision of a 40mph buffer speed limit between the existing section of national speed limit and the existing 30mph speed limit.
- School safety zone incorporating an advisory 20mph limit with flashing signals*
- Provision of speed cushions within the 30mph section either side of Deer Park Drive
- Implementation of a pedestrian refuge and extended footway south of Deer Park Drive

** The school safety zone signs are being programmed for delivery at the earliest opportunity to create an immediate impact in terms of school safety at this location.*

This recommendation is to be considered by Newport Town Council and the Borough Councillors for Newport North and West Ward to agree a way forward.