



## Leegomery Area Review Safety Scheme

### Public Consultation Summary



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## 1.0 Introduction

Concerns have been raised with regard to the speed of vehicles travelling along Leegate Avenue, Grainger Drive and Pool Farm Avenue in conjunction with issues related to pedestrian safety particularly in the vicinity of Millbrook Primary School. It has been requested that a study is undertaken with a view to implementing engineering measures to reduce vehicular speed, improve pedestrian safety and improve the existing school safety zone.

A review of the area has been undertaken to assist in the consideration of engineering measures that would best support a scheme to encourage speed limit compliance and improve pedestrian safety.

## 2.0 Proposals

The following options were put forward to public consultation via an online consultation with information boards placed on site to advise of the on-going consultation. This took place between 31<sup>st</sup> August 2018 and 14<sup>th</sup> September 2018.

### 2.1 Proposal 1 – Rubber Bolt Down Speed Cushions

Install rubber bolt down cushions with associated signage and lining on Leegate Avenue and Pool Farm Avenue and would be placed to complement existing calming features along the route.

### 2.2 Proposal 2 – Install Raised Table at Signalised Crossing

Installation of speed table / raised crossing at the existing signal controlled crossing near the vehicle access to Millbrook Primary School. Speed tables are a raised section of road, with a ramp on both sides. The ramps are painted with white arrows to make them more obvious to motor vehicle drivers. A speed table is normally around 75mm high, and can vary in length, although a minimum length of 6m would be required at this location.

### 2.3 Proposal 3 – Install Central Hatching Road Markings – Pool Farm Avenue

Installation of central hatching on Pool Farm Avenue visually reducing the width of the road to achieve reduced vehicle speeds near to Apley Wood Primary School.

## 3.0 Consultation Responses

There was a total of 45 responses received during the consultation period. The following table details the overall response to the consultation.

	For	Against
Overall feedback to proposals	15 (33%)	30 (67%)

Consideration has also been given to the responses received from residents local to the proposals only. Of the 45 total responses, 43 (96%) comments were received from local residents. The following table summarised the response from these consultees.

	For	Against
Overall feedback to proposals from local residents only	13 (30%)	30 (70%)



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	23 (51%)	With over half of respondents objecting to the use of speed cushions, this proposal should not be taken forward.
Improved pedestrian crossings on Leegate Avenue	2 (4%)	With the lack of support for speed cushions along Leegate Avenue, consideration could be given to horizontal measures such as pedestrian central refuges to help provide safer crossing points along the route.

## 4.0 Recommendations

Overall, the majority of respondents are not in favour of the proposals set out as part of this consultation. This is further supported by looking at residents who are local to this scheme which provided a larger majority who were against the scheme.

Whilst overall the proposals are not supported, a few changes were supported through the consultation. This includes the raised signalised crossing on Grainger Drive near to Millbrook Primary School and also the road marking improvements along Pool Farm Avenue. In addition to this, a school safety zone could be created with advisory 20mph school warning signs outside of the schools on Pool Farm Avenue and Grainger Drive.

Whilst speed cushions are not supported along Leegate Avenue, there was some desire for improved pedestrian facilities and this could be facilitated by some horizontal measures such as central pedestrian refuges to allow a number of improved crossing points. To support this, consideration could be given to installing soft engineering measures such as permanent Speed Indicator Devices which have proven to be popular in other areas where these have been installed.

With the above in mind, it is recommended that only the abovementioned proposals are taken forward to detailed design and delivery. This scheme will deliver improved pedestrian and school safety throughout Leegomery and Apley.