

Divisions affected: *Witney South and Central*

CABINET MEMBER FOR HIGHWAY MANAGEMENT – 23 March 2023

WITNEY- THE LEYS: PROPOSED TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES

Report by Corporate Director, Environment and Place

RECOMMENDATION

1. The Cabinet Member for Highway Management is RECOMMENDED to approve the proposed traffic calming features as advertised.

Executive summary

2. This report presents responses received to a statutory consultation on traffic proposals comprising of the introduction of traffic calming features in the form of speed cushions and hump in The Leys, Witney - as shown in **Annex 2**. The proposals have been put forward by Witney Town Council to address anti-social behaviour, particularly in the form of vehicles speed over this short distance, in an area where quite commonly there are children at running around.

Financial Implications

3. Funding for consultation on the proposals has initially been provided by OCC, however Witney Town Council will be part funding the implementation of the scheme if approved, the remaining funding to come from OCC Accessibility & Road Safety Fund.

Equality and Inclusion Implications

4. No implications in respect of equalities or inclusion have been identified in respect of the proposals.

Sustainability Implications

5. The proposals would help facilitate walking and cycling and the safe movement of traffic.

Formal consultation

6. Formal consultation was carried out between 21 September and 21 October 2022. A notice was published in the Witney Gazette newspaper and an email sent to statutory consultees & key-stakeholders, including Thames Valley Police, the Fire & Rescue Service, Ambulance service, Bus operators, countywide transport, access & disabled peoples user groups, Witney Town Council, West Oxfordshire District Council, and the local County Councillor representing the Witney South & Central division. Letters were also sent to approximately 10 adjacent properties, and public notices placed on site in the immediate vicinity of the proposals.
7. 22 responses were received during the formal consultation, comprising of 13 objections (59%), three expressions of concern (14%), four in support (18%), and two non-objections.
8. The responses are shown at **Annex 3**, and copies of the original responses are available for inspection by County Councillors.

Officer response to objections/concerns

9. Thames Valley Police raised no objection to the proposals; however, they do feel full width humps would be more appropriate. This isn't possible due to the need to allow cycle movements, as requested by Witney Town Council, and the local cycle group.
10. The overriding objections to this scheme come from residents of Witney many of which are not local are not local to scheme, objection being that traffic calming is not necessary, and a waste of money, it could be surmised, that not living close to the 'Leys', they do not experience the anti-social behaviour.
11. However, this concern along with the 59% of objections raised, was taken back to Witney Town Council who undertook a second informal consultation. Responses to this was taken to the Town Councils Parks and Recreation Committee with a 67.5% of respondents in favour of traffic calming. Their response and further responses from Witney Town Council, and Witney Traffic Advisory Committee can be seen in **Annex 1**, all of which further support the introduction of the traffic calming measures.
12. OCC will work with Witney Town Council to ensure all the technical issues raised in their response are addressed to the satisfaction of all parties
13. Requests for traffic calming in station road, whilst not pertinent to this scheme, we will take away and look at these issues.
14. Officer responses to a specific technical question can be seen in Annex 3 following the relevant question.

Bill Cotton
Corporate Director, Environment and Place

Annexes	Annex 1: Witney Town Council informal consultation response
	Annex 2: Consultation Plan
	Annex 3: Consultation responses

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March 2023

Witney Town Council Response to their second informal consultation: -

The Town Council's Parks and Recreation Committee met on the 6th March.

In response to a small amount of relevant feedback to the County Council consultation on the Leys traffic calming measures, Witney Town Council conducted an e-survey with local residents on the proposed OCC scheme/design. The responses were considered by the Council's Parks & Recreation Committee on 6 March 2023 which noted and recommended the following:

Initially, the request from the town council for a traffic calming scheme at the Leys was based on reports of speeding and anti-social behaviour passed on by local residents in 2017/18. Although there are no recent logged reports of this behaviour with Thames valley Police, the town council's own survey indicated 62.5 % of 40 respondents were aware of speeding issues on this road, with 52.5% giving examples. The survey also indicated several occurrences of near accident misses along this stretch of road with 60% of respondents saying they were aware of pedestrian safety issues, 57.5% gave examples, including some which relate to children accessing the nearby facilities.

In conclusion, and following the informative feedback to the survey, the town council would like to re-affirm its support for traffic calming measures at the Leys; 67.5% of respondents were in favour of the current proposed scheme versus 22.5% who were not. The safety of pedestrians, predominantly children entering and exiting the location to use the recreation and play facilities is now the primary concern for the town council and the introduction of a traffic calming scheme would future-proof the safety of pedestrians, disabled visitors, cyclists, and children as well as providing an obstruction to any further anti-social behaviour. The town council welcomes the scheme in its current version but would encourage a re-design to ensure road safety between the churchyard and recreation ground is given more importance in line with the previous consultation comments of the town council and Witney Traffic Advisory Committee.

Witney Town Council

Members of Witney Town Council Climate, Biodiversity & Planning Committee welcome the scheme for traffic calming measures at The Leys, but it is important to get it right for all users of this busy area. Members ask if there is an opportunity to put one of the speed cushions nearer to where pedestrians cross from St Mary's Church into The Leys recreation ground - The stated objective is to protect pedestrians and this area is where the greatest number of pedestrians will be. Members also ask that the speed cushions are compliant for all road users – including those on tricycles.

Witney Traffic Advisory Committee

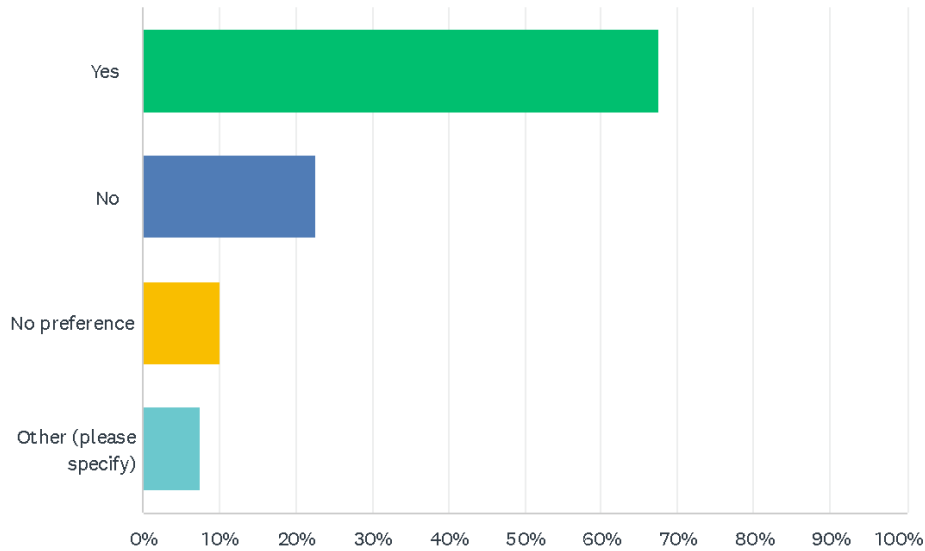
Members of Witney Town Council Traffic Advisory Committee welcome improvements to pedestrian safety. Members raised the issue of spacing on either side of the speed cushions and whether the proposed measures would be inclusive for tricycle users. The scheme must ensure that tricycle users have enough space to traverse the cushions and not be any increased risk of trikes tipping over. Further, it was suggested that signage could be included encouraging motorists to 'reverse in' to the parking spaces as an additional safety measure – motorists would be forward facing as they exit the parking space and join the lane.

The full responses and comments from the town council's survey are below.

Leys Traffic Calming

Q1 Are you in favour of the proposed County Council traffic calming scheme?

Answered: 40 Skipped: 0



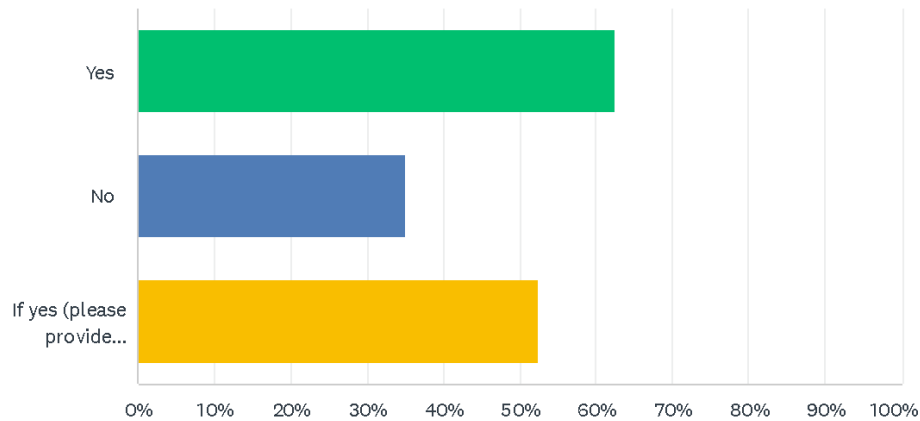
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	67.50% 27
No	22.50% 9
No preference	10.00% 4
Other (please specify)	7.50% 3
Total Respondents: 40	

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Waste of money	2/8/2023 11:24 AM
2	I live in Leys Villas so go up and down here frequently. I have only witnessed vehicles going really slowly along here. Traffic does not need 'calming.'	2/8/2023 9:43 AM
3	Many children crossing the road and drivers speed along it. Often used at night as a race track	2/7/2023 8:52 PM

Leys Traffic Calming

Q2 Are you aware of any traffic or speeding problems on this road?

Answered: 40 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	62.50% 25
No	35.00% 14
If yes (please provide details)	52.50% 21
Total Respondents: 40	

#	IF YES (PLEASE PROVIDE DETAILS)	DATE
1	I've witnessed cars speeding here and having turned right continuing to speed past the point in Station lane where pedestrians cross the road from The Leys to Sainsbury's. It's an accident waiting to happen. Also my son was hit by a car and received minor injuries from a hit and run travelling at speed from church green to station lane. (Reported to the police)	2/9/2023 5:45 PM
2	Speeding goes on and extends down Station Lane to the junction with the main road. There is a pedestrian crossing point that motorists completely ignore. The Leys and the part of Station lane where it meets are a race track going past Sainsburys goods inwards and I am formally advising you that someone could be killed on this road.	2/9/2023 5:42 PM
3	Such a busy road already- no need to make the queues any worse	2/8/2023 5:02 PM
4	Cars consistently speed along this road all through the day	2/8/2023 4:54 PM
5	In daytimes it is ok but in the evening there are youths driving their cars incredibly fast up and down there.	2/8/2023 11:53 AM
6	Cars driving into the leys car park at speed during the night. Also motorcycles.	2/8/2023 9:39 AM
7	As a cyclist I find the cars on the school run often drive fast at the entrance and exit point to the Leys from Station Lane. My step sons have nearly been collected by cars cycling home - as cars speed out from the Leys to turn right not giving way to cyclists. A mirror on the corner might give cyclists turning right greater vision. I've also experienced in the morning school drop off cars ignoring the no entry at the top of station lane and driving the wrong way to get up to Henry Box.	2/8/2023 9:39 AM
8	I've heard in the evening people speed along this road	2/8/2023 9:36 AM
9	Many cars drive too quickly with children so close to the road.	2/8/2023 9:22 AM
10	We regularly see cars and motorbikes speeding up and down this road during the day and at night. This is often associated with the known narcotics dealing the occurs on this road.	2/8/2023 9:21 AM
11	I walk my children to school/nursery this way and there are often cars speeding down there	2/8/2023 9:17 AM

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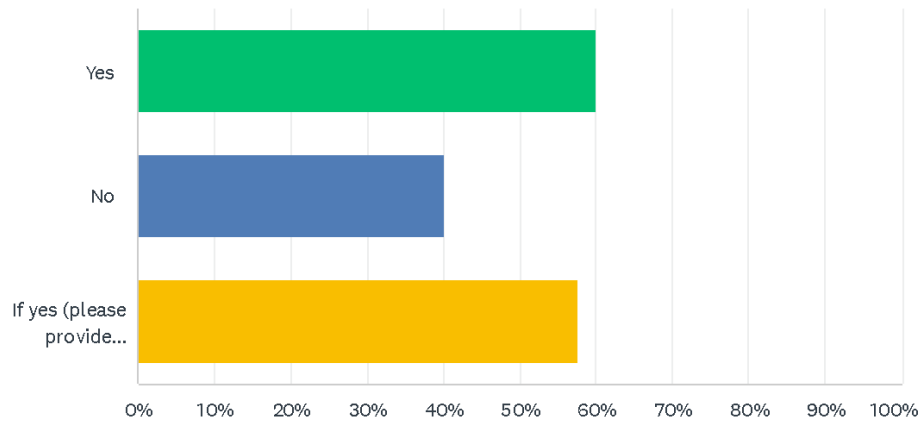
which can be scary

12	Cannot safely cross road by the church	2/8/2023 8:05 AM
13	Young drivers meeting at the leys in the evening and speeding as they enter/exit the car park	2/8/2023 2:39 AM
14	We spend a lot of time on The Leys with our dogs. Speeding by delivery vans & couriers is a problem throughout the day. Also between 0830 and 0900 parents dropping their children at Henry Box speed excessively.	2/7/2023 11:42 PM
15	There is a real danger as children frequently use this road	2/7/2023 10:52 PM
16	As above. Also kids crossing the road to get to the park, at risk from cars doing 30 mph.	2/7/2023 8:52 PM
17	Young children and dogs -are v close to traffic and are at significant risk. Vehicles for often travel in excess of 20 miles per hour	2/7/2023 7:08 PM
18	Particularly at night there are occasional cars that race along that stretch.	2/7/2023 3:06 PM
19	There haven't been any issues recently, but in the past pre covid, we have had joy riders in the evenings. We have called the police on many occasions.	2/7/2023 3:04 PM
20	Young drivers in high performance cars, especially in the late evening, often drive aggressively/recklessly at high speed. Over the years, we have reported this problem to Thames Valley Police on a fairly regular basis.	2/7/2023 3:03 PM
21	Traffic going a bit too fast in the presence of small children being unloaded from parked cars during the day. At night the occasional boy racer going dangerously fast.	2/7/2023 2:41 PM

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Q3 Have you witnessed any pedestrian safety issues on this road?

Answered: 40 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	60.00%	24
No	40.00%	16
If yes (please provide details)	57.50%	23
Total Respondents: 40		

#	IF YES (PLEASE PROVIDE DETAILS)	DATE
1	As above plus since Argos moved to Sainsbury's there are regular HGV's parked in Station Lane awaiting access to Sainsbury's. These lorries cause a hazard by blocking the lane and a danger to pedestrians as they reverse across the point of pedestrian crossings. There needs to be a lorry parking bay away from the crossing point.	2/9/2023 5:45 PM
2	Particularly on the Station Lane from Church Green to the main road. My son who lives with us on Station Lane (opp The Leys) got hit by a speeding car whilst crossing the road from The Leys to our house. The incident was reported to the police. This road and The Leys are Death traps at certain times of day	2/9/2023 5:42 PM
3	People walk in road as cars reverse out.	2/8/2023 6:11 PM
4	Children running up to the road to get their cars and cars coming up at speed towards them, delivery drivers on phones speeding down the road, youths speeding up and down at night	2/8/2023 4:54 PM
5	Vans speeding along the road with little regard for risk to children dogs or adults	2/8/2023 10:26 AM
6	Cars going too fast near pedestrians	2/8/2023 9:39 AM
7	I've seen elderly people in motorised scooters struggle with the steepness of the ramps onto station lane from the Leys at both the top end near the church heading towards the one way and also coming from the Leys across to Station Lane.	2/8/2023 9:39 AM
8	As above.	2/8/2023 9:22 AM
9	It's very hard to cross the road unless you use the official crossing which is often a walk in the opposite direction to the one you want to go to cross at the traffic lights so people don't they cross opposite Poundland. It's not spread of traffic that is the issue it's volume of traffic	2/8/2023 9:22 AM
10	We have regularly seen adults having to dive out of the way and near misses with children.	2/8/2023 9:21 AM
11	I have seen many children walk out without looking well and also cars speeding nearly hitting a pedestrian	2/8/2023 9:17 AM

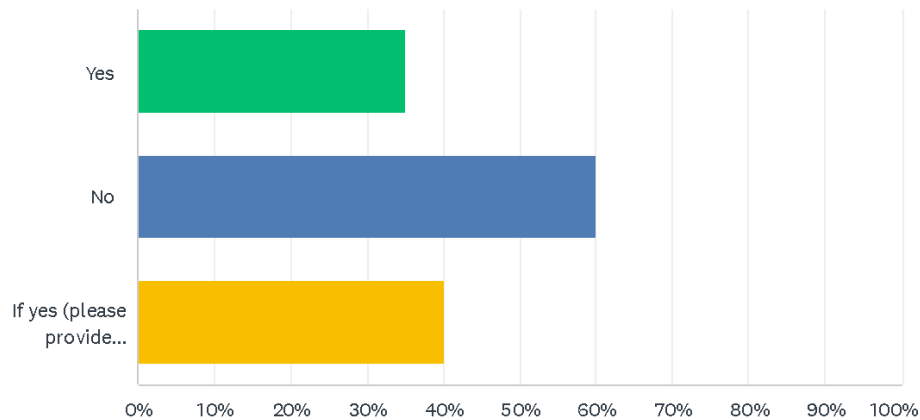
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12	Drivers looking for spaces while pedestrians walking with dogs/children are not always paying attention.	2/8/2023 8:58 AM
13	Just the sheer volume of traffic/children/dogs at peak times	2/8/2023 2:39 AM
14	People regularly walk down the centre of the road, it seems they are unaware it's actually a road!!	2/7/2023 11:42 PM
15	Children dash from the cars to access the park	2/7/2023 10:52 PM
16	The road is lit, whereas the pedestrian path (which is safer as no footpath) is not. Cars have lights, pedestrians don't. It's really dark to walk along the park at night with no lights.	2/7/2023 8:52 PM
17	People frequently walk along the leys in the middle of the road - unaware of traffic nr them . Or walk out from the church towards Leys without looking at all.	2/7/2023 7:08 PM
18	issues with people driving and oblivious to children & dogs getting out of cars	2/7/2023 4:54 PM
19	People need to use the provided foot path on the Leys playing field and not walk down the middle of the road	2/7/2023 3:35 PM
20	When walking along the road I've observed speeding vehicles. I now generally use the adjacent foot path but not everyone does and people - including parents with young children/ people with dogs and people with disabilities- have to cross the road between the leys grass and their vehicles I'm a frequent cyclist and again speeding vehicles have sometimes made me feel unsafe	2/7/2023 3:06 PM
21	Many parents leave their older children by the car to get younger ones out. These children invariably drift into the road, as do dogs.	2/7/2023 3:04 PM
22	I had to intervene on one occasion to stop a small child being endangered by a car which was being driven at a reasonably high speed.	2/7/2023 3:03 PM
23	Small U5 children sfter being unloaded from cars are regularly at risk.	2/7/2023 2:41 PM

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Q4 Do you have any further comments or suggestions regarding this proposal?

Answered: 40 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	35.00% 14
No	60.00% 24
If yes (please provide details)	40.00% 16
Total Respondents: 40	

#	IF YES (PLEASE PROVIDE DETAILS)	DATE
1	Yes. Put in traffic calming to both The Leys and Station Lane from Church Green to the main road.	2/9/2023 5:42 PM
2	The recently imposed 20mph limit in Witney is not generally observed and certainly not policed. Therefore speed bumps are the only way to enforce safety of pedestrians by slowing traffic. How about speed bumps down Oxford Hill and along Newland?	2/8/2023 1:24 PM
3	A zebra crossing where the Leys meets the church yard.	2/8/2023 11:53 AM
4	It seems to be an area for youngsters to hang out in cars and behave in an unsociable manner. Also the public toilets look like they are being used to distribute illegal drugs as witness several times. Maybe more police patrols in this area would also help!	2/8/2023 10:32 AM
5	There is no through traffic, and traffic along here goes slowly. please save your money and fill in potholes instead.	2/8/2023 9:43 AM
6	I think clearer no cycling signs are needed in the pedestrian path along the church. I regularly see young people cycling and cutting through there - I think they don't understand the sign means No Cycling. A pedestrian crossing from the Leys to Station Lane might slow traffic and make elderly residents feel safer trying to use the station lane ramp that doesn't match up with the pedestrian entrance point to Sainsburys.	2/8/2023 9:39 AM
7	I have seen another consultation about changing leisure provision when the council depot moves including additional car parking beside the Coffee Shed. I would not wish to see more traffic at The Leys, particularly in such close proximity to the fields and leisure facilities.	2/8/2023 9:30 AM
8	Make it entirely car free other than for residents between 0800 - 1800.	2/8/2023 9:21 AM
9	There is already a 20mph restriction - unnecessary I believe in that area.	2/8/2023 9:15 AM
10	Zebra crossing	2/8/2023 8:05 AM

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11	An additional pillow should be placed by the church wall to stop cars accelerating when leaving Station Lane.	2/7/2023 11:42 PM
12	Great idea to make it a centre for the community, and make the road safer. This development will mean that more cars are driving the whole Length of the Leys to access the new disabled parking. Could we have a road sign as no where does it say 'The Leys'. I live here and no one can find it!!	2/7/2023 8:52 PM
13	It's already a 20mph speed limit so why to we need further traffic calming? At our expense	2/7/2023 3:35 PM
14	I wonder if something could be done about the blind junction at the entrance to the Leys? Cycling and driving in and out feels very unsafe as traffic in both directions has no way of knowing what's around the corner. Maybe an additional speed hump on/near the junction would at least ensure reduced speeds at that point	2/7/2023 3:06 PM
15	I think traffic calming would be very suitable all ng this little road.	2/7/2023 3:04 PM
16	Indirectly related, it would be appreciated if the cycle lane up the side of the alms houses could be clearly delineated so that southbound card do not assume we are cycling the wrong way.	2/7/2023 2:41 PM

Design: WODC - TL - TM - GA

- NOTES**
- DESIGN IN ACCORDANCE WITH DTI 'LOCAL TRANSPORT NOTE 1/07 TRAFFIC CALMING'.
 - ALL ROAD MARKINGS TO THE TRAFFIC SIGNS REGULATIONS AND GENERAL DIRECTIONS 2016.

KEY

- Structural patching to carriageway
- New build/footway construction

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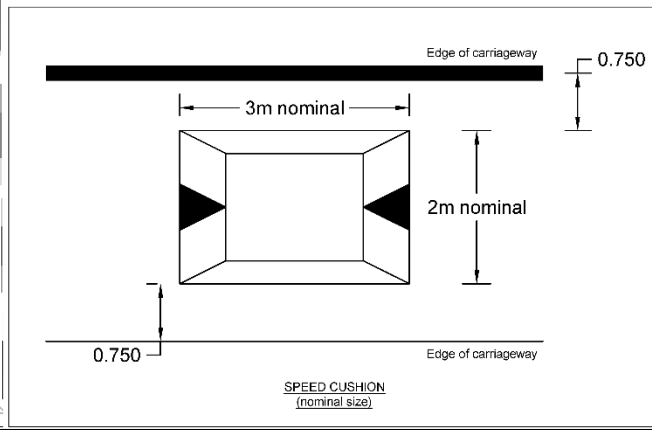
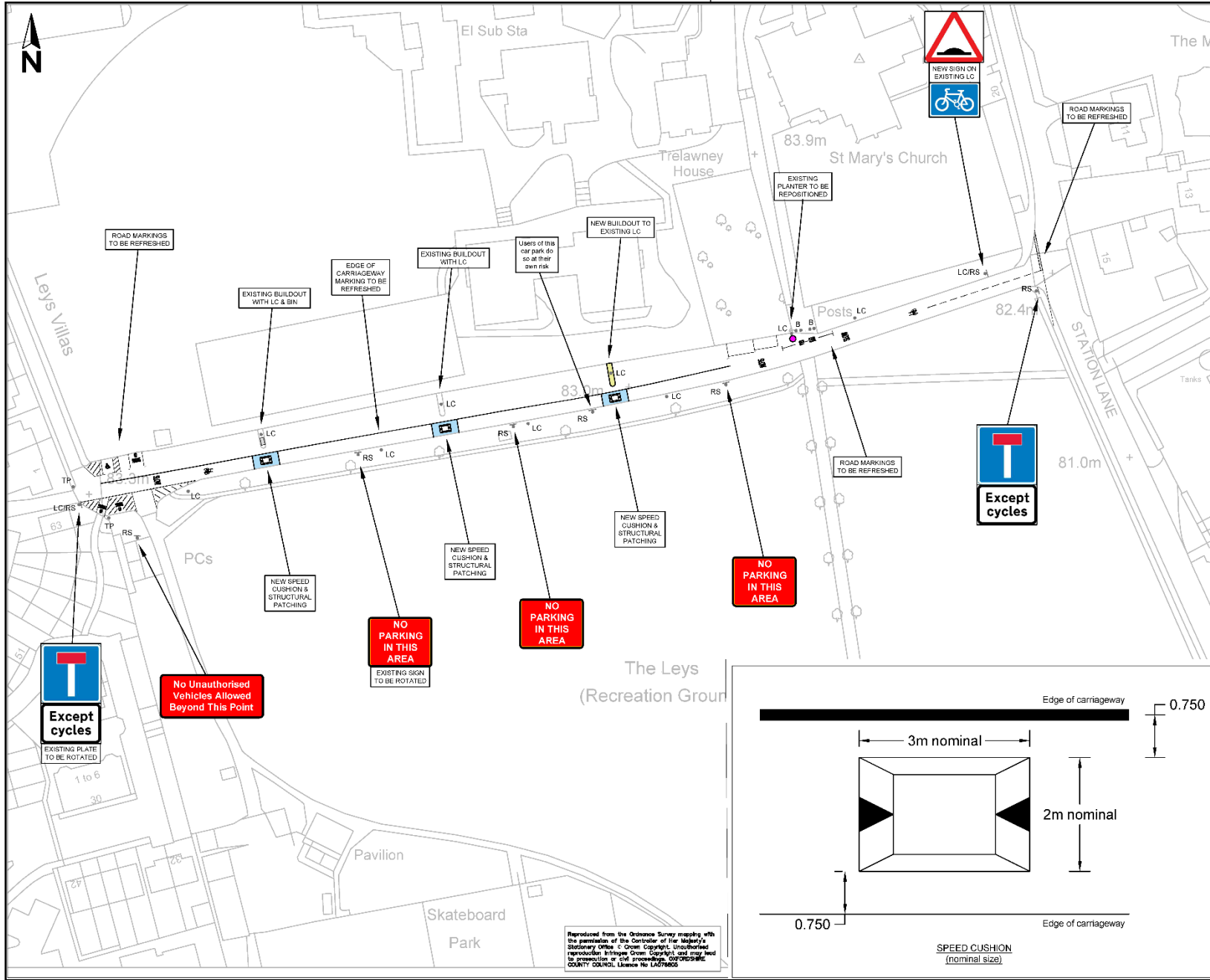
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RESPONDENT	COMMENTS
(1) Traffic Management Officer, (Thames Valley Police)	<p>No objection – In principle the Police do not object. Just one observation and concern from me please:</p> <p>Looking at the drawing will Vehicles squeeze between the new road hump and existing buildout making the new hump ineffective. Full width humps rather than a cushion might be a better solution.</p> <p>Officer response:</p> <p><i>The dimensions shown on the drawing are nominal and clearance to the buildouts will need to be checked so the cushions can be tailored individually.</i></p>
(2) Witney Town Council	<p>Support</p> <p>Witney Town Council – Climate, Biodiversity & Planning Committee Members of Witney Town Council Climate, Biodiversity & Planning Committee welcome the scheme for traffic calming measures at The Leys, but it is important to get it right for all users of this busy area. Members ask if there is an opportunity to put one of the speed cushions nearer to where pedestrians cross from St Mary’s Church into The Leys recreation ground - The stated objective is to protect pedestrians and this area is where the greatest number of pedestrians will be.</p> <p>Officer response:</p> <p>A full width, round top hump has been introduced close to the pedestrian access to St Marys church.</p> <p>Members also ask that the speed cushions are compliant for all road users – including those on tricycles.</p> <p>Officer response:</p> <p>For Tricycle considerations, LTN 1/20 Cycle Infrastructure Design states:</p>

	<p><i>“Tricycles, quadricycles, and cycle trailers typically have an axle width of 0.8m (wider for passenger carrying rickshaws) and while they do not wobble, to maintain balance they still require adequate clearance to fixed and moving objects.”</i> The clearance from the cushions to the edge of carriageway is increased to 800mm. Cyclists will require 1m clearance which may compromise the effectiveness of the cushions but may also serve to increase it if they were positioned closer to the buildouts.</p> <p>Rules for Class 3 Mobility Scooters states:</p> <p><i>“Class 3 are the only types of Mobility scooter or powered wheelchair that can be used on the road. They must have the following features:</i></p> <p><i>A maximum width of 0.85 metres”</i></p> <p>Witney Town Council – Traffic Advisory Committee Members of Witney Town Council Traffic Advisory Committee welcome improvements to pedestrian safety. Members raised the issue of spacing on either side of the speed cushions and whether the proposed measures would be inclusive for tricycle users. The scheme must ensure that tricycle users have enough space to traverse the cushions and not be any increased risk of trikes tipping over. Further, it was suggested that signage could be included encouraging motorists to ‘reverse in’ to the parking spaces as an additional safety measure – motorists would be forward facing as they exit the parking space and join the lane.</p> <p>Officer response:</p> <p><i>Such signs would be non-approved and unenforceable.</i></p>
(3) West Oxfordshire District Council	<p>No objection – We raise no objections to the proposals provided any signage and associated works are kept to a minimum.</p>
(4) County Cllr, (Witney North & East division)	<p>Support - Action is needed to reduce speeds along this stretch. I suggest if fewer features (humps) would do the trick as those further west are at a point where traffic is already much slower and lighter. The one at the eastern end would seem to do the trick.</p> <p>Officer response:</p>

	<i>The number of cushions helps to ensure effective traffic calming when the car park is used less.</i>
(5) Member of public, (Witney, Blenheim Drive)	Object - I have never seen any traffic traveling at excessive speed along this road and believe the money could be better spent elsewhere.
(6) Member of public, (Carterton, Rose Close)	Object - Anti car
(7) Member of public, (Witney, Oxford Hill)	<p>Object - I do not support the proposals. Witney residents previously objected to speed limits of 20 mph and closure of High Street only to have our views not acknowledged or accepted by the Council coalition. Further deepening divide and feelings that decisions are more politically motivated rather than ethically thought out on what has worked for decades in our beautiful town which is now being ruined by money being wasted on nonsensical traffic measures including this one I am writing about now. Let me explain further relating to the consultation.</p> <p>There is no need for calming traffic features at the Leys because this would affect businesses, members of the public and commuters within the town where if the work (heaven forbid) is done, the traffic will be slowed, bunched up and would be unsafe. Cars would need to rev a bit after the bump meaning emission levels would make zero difference.</p> <p>This road is a major detour road away from High Street and clearly will create huge traffic issues for the locals, businesses and would have huge knock-on effects for our local economy (again fear that put into jeopardy again but yet more pointless future schemes). Speed bumps are not needed because motorists, cyclists and pedestrians have great awareness and responsibility as well as our road is wide enough to accommodate others. Other concerns are also what about our businesses relying on trade at the Leys? What about our leisure facilities are we just going to make it harder for people who cannot use public transport due to circumstances park other side of town?</p> <p>Please consider removing this policy and bring back our High Street, remove the pointless road signs we did not need, remove the 20 mph limits and invest on our road surfaces, reopening of youth facilities, campaign on opening a new GP surgery and let our town thrive like it did in 2019. If it ain't broke fix it policy has got to stop please. Thank you for taking the time to read my reasons for objecting this proposal.</p> <p>Officer response:</p>

	<i>The comments appear to suggest an objection to traffic schemes in general and makes no specific reference to The Leys that can be addressed.</i>
(8) Member of public, (Minster Lovell, Wenrisc)	<p>Object - I have never seen an issue there with speeding cars. We go most Sunday mornings litter picking and coffee. More of a serious issue is the amount of filthy dirt and debris built up against the Cotswold stone wall along the entire length of the road and the collapsed walling at various points. That has never been looked at in my entire life. Much better use of our tax money.</p> <p>Officer response:</p> <p><i>These issues should be referred to the parking section.</i></p>
(9) Member of public, (Witney, Bourton Close)	<p>Object - Waste of our money! Time to mend the roads not put them in when the area is away from road traffic and has pedestrian activated lights you lot are so good at messing up our town making it die! Useless cycle lanes (never used) shutting off the high street, which most able bodied citizens use to drive through. Sick of you bunch of idiots!</p>
(10) Member of public, (Bladon, Park Close)	<p>Object - This seems to be a complete waste of money. This has been a recreation area for so long, everyone must realise there are pedestrians using the area, and surely must drive accordingly. Traffic calming in this area is unnecessary and cannot be a priority for Witney.</p>
(11) Member of public, (Witney, Burwell Drive)	<p>Object - These humps will cause cars travelling eastwards to veer into the space between the white line & the car parking bays as they attempt to avoid them. This is obviously a danger to vehicles reversing from parking spaces & also the pedestrians who walk along this part of the road to & from the churchyard or school. I believe this area was once marked as a footway, but the paint has long since worn away.</p> <p>If you must have humps, then the 'sleeping policemen' type, the full width of the road and parking bays, would be more effective.</p> <p>Banning cycling on the north/south path across The Leys & through the churchyard would also make things much safer - there is a good quality alternative route 50 yards to the east.</p> <p>Officer response:</p>

	<i>The cushion dimensions shown on the drawing are nominal and to be optimised within the final design.</i>
(12) Member of public, (Witney, Vanner Road)	Object - These "traffic calming measures" are completely inappropriate for the road and a total waste of taxpayers money. Absolutely nobody is speeding down a dead-end road which is used as a car park.
(13) Member of public, (Witney, Larch Lane)	Object - I have never seen someone speeding in this area so feel like it is a waste of public money
(14) Member of public, (Witney, Oxfordshire, Thorney Leys)	Object - speed humps unnecessary for this road, if you can call it a road money better spent elsewhere
(15) Member of public, (North Leigh, Park Road)	Object - This applies to all the consultations you are carrying out. The condition of many roads in Oxfordshire is very poor. Wasting resources on these trivial and pointless projects is a disgraceful waste of taxpayers money. If you are really determined to waste everyone's time and money on this cr*p please do it after you have fulfilled your statutory duty of maintaining the road network. I can give you a long list of local roads in terrible condition if you need it.
(16) Member of public, (Oxford, Banbury Road)	Object - 'Speed cushions' or 'speed bumps' as they are known by anyone not trying to sneak them through planning permission should be illegal. They cause increased pollution as they force road users to slow down and speed up repeatedly, they cause increased noise pollution from engines, suspensions, and tyres, and they cause damage to vehicles. The proposal does not show why speed bumps are required or adequately justify them. They will be expensive to install and that money would be much better spent improving the road surface for all road users and making the road better not worse.
(17) Online response	Object - Why are you even considering spending OUR...not your money on this? It's a dead end, already a 20MPH zone, no incidents as I am aware of? Main footpath is used via the Leys anyway, no where near the road! Absolute a waste of money!
(18) Member of public, (Witney, Burwell Meadow)	Concerns - What evidence is to warrant these expensive works.

<p>(19) Member of public, (Witney, Springfield Oval)</p>	<p>Concerns - I support more traffic calming but the proposal here is very underwhelming. I cycle here all the time and it seems to be a few speed bumps in an area already treated like a car park. People drive slowly here already because they are parking. Cars always speed around church green which seems much more in need of calming than this tiny stretch.</p>
<p>(20) Member of public, (Witney, Station Lane)</p>	<p>Concerns - I'd like to endorse the traffic calming measures you are planning on The Leys in Witney as being a good idea but it isn't enough really.</p> <p>I live adjacent to The Leys and witness young people in their hotted up cars, with loud exhausts using The Leys as somewhat of a racetrack, often into the early hours of the morning, on many occasions disturbing what should be a peaceful area. They also use the Station Lane Road (from Church green, past The Leys down to Station lane main road) as a drag race road, reaching ridiculous speeds before slamming on their brakes at the junction. Gods forbid anyone was crossing the road. There is a crossing for pedestrians on this road to allow access across the park towards Sainsburys supermarket used constantly by children from the Henry Box School at break times and with extended opening times, local residents in the evenings.</p> <p>Simply bearing in mind the children crossing the road, the speed some people go (despite it's ignored new 20mph limit) is horrendous. Even during the day when the drag race activity is less so it is an accident in waiting.</p> <p>If you add into the mix the massive articulated lorries that often park on the double yellow lines along my part of Station Lane waiting to be allowed into Sainsburys goods yard and around the junction with Station Lane and The Leys, occasionally blocking the pedestrian walkway (we have photos if required) it will in my opinion only be a matter of time before a serious accident happens.</p> <p>Add to this those motorbikes, scooters and mopeds frequently flout the law and drive up Station Lane and through the No Entry sign towards Church Green at great speed I think this area of Witney needs a bit of your help please.</p> <p>I think what you're doing is really great, but a bit more would be lovely to calm the traffic along Station Lane from Church Green past The Leys towards the main road.</p> <p>Officer response:</p> <p><i>Considerations to Station Lane are outside the scope of this scheme.</i></p>

(21) Member of public, (Witney, Valence Crescent)	Support - Fed up of reckless driving around Witney.
(22) Member of public, (Oxford, Howard)	Support - This is a location where low traffic speeds are important: pedestrian movements, cycle route. It would be better to block it to through motor traffic and make it access only. Also, why are the cushions only 75mm high instead of 100mm? Officer response: <i>LTN 1/07 Traffic Calming states:</i> <i>“The height of a road hump must not exceed 100mm and it is generally recommended that it does not exceed 75mm regardless of the profile” (type).</i> <i>“Generally, humps of 75mm in height are recommended, as these minimise discomfort whilst maintaining effectiveness”.</i>