
Meeting: Traffic Management Meeting
Date: 28 February 2017
Subject: Mancroft Road, Caddington – Consider objections to proposals to install traffic calming measures and to introduce a 40 mph speed limit in Mancroft Road, Aley Green, Caddington
Report of: Paul Mason, Assistant Director Highways
Summary: This report seeks the approval of the Executive Member for Community Services for the installation of traffic calming measures and a change to the speed limit in Mancroft Road, Aley Green, Caddington

RECOMMENDATIONS:-

- a) That the proposal to install traffic calming measures in Mancroft Road, Aley Green, Caddington be implemented as published.
- b) That the proposal to introduce a 40 mph speed limit in Mancroft Road, Aley Green, Caddington be implemented as published.

Contact Officer: Steve Lakin
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Public/Exempt: Public
Wards Affected: Caddington
Function of: Council

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Council Priorities:

The proposal will improve road safety and amenity for local residents.

Financial:

The works are part funded by Central Bedfordshire Council's Local Transport Plan as part of the Integrated Programme of works and part funded by Caddington Parish Council.

Legal:

None from this report.

Risk Management:

None from this report.

Staffing (including Trades Unions):

None from this report.

Equalities/Human Rights:

None from this report.

Community Safety:

None from this report.

Sustainability:

None from this report.

Budget and Delivery:	
Estimated cost: £35,000	Budget: LTP Integrated Programme
Expected delivery: July – September 2017	

Background and Information

1. This scheme has been designed at the request of Caddington Parish Council and is part of the Rural Match Funded programme of works for 2016-17. This programme helps local town and parish councils fund transport infrastructure schemes in their area with matched funding from Central Bedfordshire Council. This allows town and parish councils to deliver local infrastructure improvements which would not normally be prioritised as part of the Local Area Transport Planning process.

When requesting a scheme, the issue the Parish Council asked to be addressed was *“vehicles travelling at excessive speeds past residential properties in a road with a 30 mph limit”*. The application noted *“vehicles are travelling at excessive speed past houses with elderly and young residents. I have carried out speed checks and found over 100 plus vehicles to be speeding in one hour, at speeds up to 59 mph.”*

2. The proposals include a combination of gateway and vertical traffic features that are designed to reduce speeds in line with the 30 mph speed limit in the residential section of Mancroft Road, Aley Green. The proposals also feature a change to the speed limit for the rural section of Mancroft Road where recorded 85th percentile speeds are 38 mph. A copy of the scheme drawing is provided at Appendix A.
3. The proposal was formally advertised by public notice in October 2016, copies of which are provided at Appendix B. Consultations were carried out with the emergency services and other statutory bodies, Caddington Parish Council and the Ward Members. Notices were posted on site and advertised on the traffic consultation section of Central Bedfordshire’s web site.

Representations and Officer Responses

4. At total of 11 responses were received, copies of which are provided at Appendix C. Most respondents objected to the change in the speed limit and several objected to the traffic calming features. Two respondents suggested that the number of features should be increased and questioned the choice of location. Most but not all respondents shared the Parish Council's concern about inappropriate speeds and several referenced incidents of pets being run over and cars being damaged by vehicles being driven at recklessly inappropriate speed.
5. The basis for objections to the traffic calming measures were as follows:
 - i) That the package of measures would be ineffective in reducing speeds.
 - ii) That the measures would be unsightly, to the general detriment of the semi-rural hamlet of Aley Green and likely to generate obtrusive noise.
 - iii) That the installation of speed humps would result in an unacceptable increase in exhaust pollution as vehicles slow down and accelerate away from each feature.
 - iv) That speed humps cause damage to cars driven within the speed limit as well as those being driven above it.
 - v) That the measures penalise the majority of drivers for the reckless actions of a few.
 - vi) That rumble strips are not a deterrent to excessive speed and create unwanted noise as well as being uncomfortable for cyclists and those using mobility scooters/wheelchairs, etc.
6. The basis for objections to the change in speed limit on the section of Mancroft Road between Pipers Lane and Tipple Hill Lane were as follows:
 - i) That the increase in speed limit would encourage even greater speeds.
 - ii) That the safety of residents who cycle and walk along the section of road, which has no footway, few safe refuges and poor street lighting, would be compromised. Several respondents referred to the regular use of this road by ramblers, dog walkers and horse riders.
 - iii) That Mancroft Road has street lighting along its full length and that a 30mph speed limit is therefore appropriate.

7. Respondents also took the opportunity to offer suggestions and raise other areas of concern, which included:
- i) That the verge vegetation along the rural section of Mancroft Road restricts visibility of walkers.
 - ii) That the road is susceptible to flooding, which creates an additional safety hazard.
 - iii) That a 20mph speed limit would be more appropriate to those sections of Mancroft Road of limited width and where vehicles are lawfully parked.
 - v) That the authority should consider seeking special permission from the DfT to paint 30 mph repeater signs directly on the road on the rural section of Mancroft Road.
 - vi) That a design height of 75mm for road humps is insufficient to deter the most determined speeders.
 - vi) That the authority should make public its justification for the proposals and publish data on how many vehicles use the road daily; the percentage travelling in excess of the speed limit, and at what speed; and how many excessive speed related accidents there have been within say the past 10 years.

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8. Traffic Calming Measures

The package of measures incorporates a range of features that have proved effective in other locations. The positioning of features has been carefully considered to control speeds whilst minimising the potential for noise disturbance. An important consideration is the affordability of the scheme and hence the number and location of features has been agreed with the Parish Council. Lighting is also a key determinant of the scheme cost and the location of existing street lights was a consideration when siting raised features.

9. Change in Speed Limit

Officers are of the view that the current 30mph speed is unsuitable for the section of Mancroft Road which is mainly rural in character. This is supported by the evidence collected from automated traffic counters that show the 30mph speed limit has a low compliance.

The long stretch of 30mph limit covering Mancroft Road and particularly the relatively undeveloped length is frequently ignored by drivers as they fail to see the need for such a low speed limit. The introduction of a 40mph transitional limit on the open stretch of road would give greater emphasis to the 30mph limits on those lengths where it is really needed and would be retained. The required speed limit signage would more clearly identify to drivers the respective speed limits and is expected to result in better compliance with them.

10. Suggestions and other Concerns

Officers are aware of the lack of protection afforded to pedestrians on the section of Mancroft Road without a footway and will consider bringing forward a separate safety scheme to help mitigate this.

The issue of inadequate road drainage has been relayed to the Area Team for their consideration.

The suggestions relating to a 20mph speed limit and the use of 30mph repeater signs have been noted but are unlikely to be progressed at this time.

Road humps are constructed to a standard detail that accords with national guidance.

The authority collects a range of information to inform policy and operational decisions. Speed and accident data falls into this category and can be made available on request.

Next Steps

11. If approved, the measures will be implemented over the period July to September 2017.

Appendices:

Appendix A – Public notice of proposals

Appendix B – Drawing of proposals

Appendix C – Objections and other representations



PUBLIC NOTICE

CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL PROPOSES TO INSTALL TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES IN MANCROFT ROAD, CADDINGTON

Notice is hereby given that Central Bedfordshire Council, in exercise of its powers under Section 90 A-I of the Highways Act 1980 and all other enabling powers, proposes to construct road humps, rumble strips and gateway features in Mancroft Road, Caddington. These proposals are part of a scheme to reduce traffic speeds and create a safer environment for all road users. As part of the scheme a length of the current 30mph speed limit is proposed to be replaced by a 40mph limit.

Road Humps at a nominal height of 75mm and approximately 3 metres long, including ramps, extending across the full width of the road except for drainage channels are proposed to be sited at the following locations in Caddington:-

1. Mancroft Road, at a point approximately 50 metres south-east of its junction with Pipers Lane.
2. Mancroft Road, at a point immediately north-west of its junction with Tipple Hill Road.
3. Mancroft Road, at a point approximately 55 metres north-west of the Methodist Church.
4. Mancroft Road, at a point approximately 100 metres south-east of the Methodist Church.

Rumble Strips in sets of varying numbers at a nominal height of 6mm are proposed to be sited at the following locations in Caddington:-

1. Mancroft Road, centred at a point approximately 75 metres south-east of its junction with Little Green Lane and covering an overall length of approximately 30 metres.
2. Mancroft Road, centred at a point approximately 140 metres north-west of its junction with Pipers Lane and covering an overall length of approximately 45 metres.

Gateway Features comprising wooden gates at the side of the road to emphasise the start of the 30mph speed limit is proposed to be sited at the following location:-

1. Mancroft Road, at a point approximately 57 metres south-east of its junction with Little Green Lane.
2. Mancroft Road, at a point approximately 90 metres north-west of its junction with Pipers Lane.

Further Details may be examined during normal office hours at the address shown below, viewed online at www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/publicstatutorynotices or tel. 0300 300 5003.

Comments should be sent in writing to the Traffic Management team at the address below or e-mail traffic.consultation@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk by 22 November 2016.

Central Bedfordshire Council
Priory House
Chicksands
Shefford SG17 5TQ

Marcel Coiffait
Director of Community Services

27 October 2016

PUBLIC NOTICE

CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL PROPOSES TO INTRODUCE A 40MPH SPEED LIMIT IN MANCROFT ROAD, CADDINGTON

Reason for proposal: The speed limit is part of a road safety scheme and is being promoted in combination with other speed reducing measures. This length of road currently has a 30mph speed limit which is considered unsuitable for a road which is mainly rural in character.

Effect of the Order:

To introduce a 40mph Speed Limit on the following lengths of road:-

Mancroft Road, Caddington, from a point approximately 57 metres south-east of its junction with Little Green Lane extending in a south-easterly direction for approximately 222 metres.

Further Details may be examined during normal office hours at the address shown below, viewed online at www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/publicstatutorynotices or tel. 0300 300 5003.

Comments should be sent in writing to the Traffic Management team at the address below or e-mail traffic.consultation@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk by 22 November 2016. Any objections must state the grounds on which they are made.

Order Title If made will be "Central Bedfordshire Council (Mancroft Road, Caddington) (40mph Speed Limit) Order 201**"

Central Bedfordshire Council
Priory House
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Appendix C

-----Original Message-----

From: Andrew Whiting [mailto:andywhiting_ko@yahoo.co.uk]

Sent: 23 November 2016 10:03

To: Steve Lakin

Subject: Consultation re. Caddington - Mancroft Rd, Aley Green traffic calming

Steve,

With regard to the above consultation, I am the Locum Clerk to Caddington Parish Council, and the Council wanted me to formally register their support for the scheme with you.

Thank you
Andrew Whiting
Locum Clerk to Caddington Parish Council

From: [REDACTED]

Date: 23 November 2016 at 18:07:31 GMT

To: traffic.consultation@centralbedfordshire.govt.uk

Subject: Mancroft Road speed bumps and limit

Dear Sir/madam,

I am writing to express my concerns with regard to the traffic calming measures you have proposed for Mancroft Road.

As a resident, the traffic travels way too fast along this road so every effort needs to be made to ensure that the traffic is slowed down. The speed bumps could ideally be situated in front of number 163 Mancroft Road and perhaps another 150 yards further down but your idea to move the speed limit up from 30 to 40 is absolutely the wrong one. As a resident, I know how fast the traffic moves along this road and I'm concerned that there will soon be an accident, if not a fatality. Therefore, please consider your proposals and do everything in your power to slow down the speed of the traffic.

In my opinion, more speed bumps are required perhaps as many as five.

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]
Mancroft Road,
Aley Green,
LU1 4DR

From: [REDACTED]
Date: 22 November 2016 at 19:23:20 GMT
To: traffic.consultation@centralbedfordshire.govt.uk
Subject: Proposed traffic calming in Mancroft Road. Caddington and Aley Green Bedfordshire

Hello

I have only just been made aware - tonight- that there are plans afoot to introduce Traffic Calming in my Road - Mancroft Road. Because this affects all residents I am amazed that we have not all been written to, so we could all be properly informed.

However I am Pleased that measures are being discussed. I wonder how much noise the rumble strips may generate, but the one thing that has frightened me is raising the speed limit in part, to 40 mph. This is really dangerous. I feel that for those who speed anyway down our road, raising the limit will make them feel that they can go even faster. In addition we have horrendous pot holes in the road which always worsen every winter. We could do with those being properly fixed so we don't get so much surface water hanging around in them. Yet another hazard!

The speed limit in Mancroft Road should be no more than 30mph. We have many residents who walk along this road, dog walkers and horse riders and I fear for theirs and other drivers and road users safety, if the speed limit is raised. Please reconsider this part of your proposal as it is potentially a hazard .

Thank you

[REDACTED]
Mancroft Road

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 23 November 2016 13:34
To: Traffic Consultation
Subject: Mancroft Rd. Aley green. Lu1

Dear sirs,

I am writing to protest at the proposed speed increase on a section of the above mentioned road, from 30 miles per hour to 40. This road is dangerous at the best of times and if it has been raining hard is subject to flooding. A lot of the drivers that use this road as a 'rat run' do not slow down even in these dangerous conditions.

There have been many pets killed along the proposed stretch of road and parked cars that have been damaged due to high speed and recklessness. I feel that an increase would just make matters worse. Thank goodness that no human fatalities have occurred as yet.

Also, the proposed speed humps would not, as I am aware, help the situation at all. I have lived on a road with this type of traffic 'calming ' measures before and most road users seem to approach at speed and slam on their brakes or increase their speed to navigate them. Which results in a lot of noise one way or another. My argument there is, late at night or early morning, it is disturbing to residents sleep.

Thank you for taking the time to read my objections.

I remain yours faithfully,

██████████. (Mrs.)

From: ██████████
Sent: 17 November 2016 20:12
To: Traffic Consultation
Subject: Proposed traffic calming and speed limits - Mancroft Road, Caddington

Good evening,

I would like to register my objection to the raising of the speed limit from 30 mph to 40mph for Mancroft Road, my reasons are I regularly drive along this stretch of road, there is no footway, I regularly pass pedestrians and horses along this section and I believe that an increase in the speed limit will substantially increase the risk of a collision as vegetation regularly 'hides' people or animals and with the increased speed the risk of death or injury is greatly increased.
Something which is borne out in countless studies and government statistics.

I do however fully support the uses of traffic calming along Mancroft Road, indeed would like to see calming along the entire length of Mancroft Road as when I walk along it in the evening with my dog I regular see people driving at speeds far greater than the current 30 mph speed limit.

As for my ability at being able to judge motor vehicle speeds, I was a traffic police officer for 14 years and was heavily involved in speed prevention, detection and prosecution. I believe that due to the narrow width of Mancroft Road when vehicles are lawfully parked the limit should be lowered 20 mph.

██████████
Sutton Gardens
Caddington
LU1 4EA

Traffic Management team
Central Bedfordshire Council
Priory House
Monks Walk
Chicksands
Shefford
Bedfordshire
SG17 5TQ

Dear Sir or Madam

Having read your proposals for traffic calming measures along Mancroft Road I wish to strongly object as I believe they are unnecessary, unsuitable, unsightly and would be to the general detriment of the semi rural hamlet of Aley Green.

I have lived in Mancroft Road for the past 24 years and during this time I have driven, cycled, ridden a moped and walked along this road during the day and at night - alone, with family and friends, with dogs, a baby in a pram or with small children and in all this time I have never experienced vehicles being driven at excessive speed. Generally drivers will slow down when passing and give a wide berth. I am not aware of any excessive speed related accidents. From the data you have collected to support your proposals I would like to know on average how many vehicles use the road daily, what percentage were in excess of the speed limit, what the excessive speeds captured were and how many excessive speed related accidents there have been within the past, say, 10 years.

I do believe there is a general overuse of speed humps in an endeavour to effect a traffic calming solution. Mancroft Road lies at the bottom of a valley and as such the increased exhaust pollution from vehicles slowing down for the speed humps and then accelerating on to the next one will have a tendency to hang in the valley which is definitely not desirable. There will be an increase in noise pollution for the same reasons of the decrease and subsequent increase in speed when negotiating the speed humps. Speed humps damage cars that are driven within the speed limit as well as those being driven above it. Therefore, the vast majority of drivers are penalised for any reckless actions of the very few.

Rumble strips are not a deterrent to excessive speed and they create a lot of unwanted noise (please note my comment above) as well as being uncomfortable for cyclists and those using mobility scooters/wheelchairs, etc. I do not believe that increasing the speed limit to 40 mph on a section of the road in an attempt to make drivers reduce their speed on the 30mph sections will be effective at all, nor will the use of wooden gates at the side of the road. I do not understand the comment "This length of road currently has a 30mph speed limit which is considered unsuitable for a road which is mainly rural in character". Mancroft Road has street lighting the full length of the road and it therefore has the correct 30mph speed limit.

Lastly, and on a purely personal yet practical note I have a very low slung specialist car which has 85mm ground clearance and is 2.1m wide. I am already prevented from driving it along Markyate Road near Slip End, Lowther Road, Houghton Regis Central and many other roads because of speed humps. Indeed the situation is such that I often have to survey a route beforehand in a different vehicle to ensure that my car will be able to be driven over these obstacles without causing it costly damage.

If you would like to discuss any of the points I have raised I will be happy to meet with you.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully

█
█ Mancroft Road
Aley Green
Bedfordshire
LU1 4DR

From: █
Sent: 01 November 2016 19:17
To: Traffic Consultation
Subject: Proposed traffic calming measures and 40 mph zone on Mancroft Road, Caddington

In connection with the proposals above, whilst I can see the logic in wanting to put in a short 40 mph, in order to enable the proposed new 30 mph zone at the start of the housing in Aley Green to stand out and to tie in with the other restrictions. However whilst the stretch of road between Little Green Lane and Pipers Lane is rural, it is used by horses, cyclists and pedestrians. Bearing in mind there is no pavement and it is a narrow road with no street lighting, I feel it would be dangerous to create this 40 mph stretch, and the whole of Mancroft Road should remain at 30 mph.

Although you are not permitted to use 30 mph repeater signs, I believe it's possible to apply for an exemption to have 30 mph markings painted on the road, and if so would suggest this is done along that stretch of road.

I am however fully in support of the other works proposed such as rumble strips, road humps and gateway features.

Regards,

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█ Elm Avenue, Caddington, Luton LU1 4HS

From: █
Sent: 22 November 2016 20:22
To: Traffic Consultation
Subject: Speed and Calming Measures Proposed in Mancroft Road, Aley Green, Caddington

I would like to register my concern that you propose to raise the speed to 40 mph from 30 mph between Pipers Lane and Tipple Hill Lane. This is not safe. As a pensioner who has lived at █ Mancroft Road for over 35 years, I find this irresponsible on your part. The speed through Mancroft Road should be 30 mph and no more.

I also find it hard to accept the traffic calming humps as I understand traffic emissions can be a problem causing the air to be polluted.

I do not understand why we have not been informed individually of these proposed changes. We have not had any notification from you. I certainly would not be able to read notices taped to poles to ascertain an answer to your proposals.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 20 November 2016 20:33
To: Traffic Consultation
Subject: Traffic calming and speed limit proposals Mancroft Road, Caddington

Dear Central Bedfordshire

We are delighted that Central Bedfordshire are wishing to address the concerns of residents who live in Mancroft Road, Caddington specifically speeding drivers. However upon closer examination of Central Bedfordshire proposals both my Husband and as so very disappointed to see the proposals are a lost opportunity to address the underlying issue.

Therefore we wish to object in the strongest possible terms to the detail of what has been proposed. Firstly the positioning of the road humps and secondly the proposal to increase in speed limit in Mancroft Road, Caddington.

My husband and I have both be pro active volunteers in the Caddington Speed Watch operations to monitor driving speeds on certain stretches of Mancroft Road. The stretch of road particularly abused by drivers is between Pipers Lane and Tipple Hill Lane. We wish to suggest that either a third speed hump is critical somewhere at the point of house number 163 Mancroft Road in order to slow drivers PRIOR to entering the hazard of the built up area, not once drivers are within the hazard. Or, the proposed locations of the speed humps are reconsidered. The positioning of the speed hump by Tipple Hill Lane will be located too far into the hazard. Also street parking just south of Tipple Hill Lane, also tends to act as natural street calming/natural chicane. So a speed hump so close to this, would not be as effective.

The proposal to increase the speed limit within the HAZARD, where there is no street path, poor lighting and no safe refuge for pedestrians to seek safety from approaching vehicles is considerably ill advised and not thought through.

We therefore we are asking Central Bedfordshire to please reconsider the proposals to ensure time and money is used as effectively as possible.

Yours faithfully

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 17 November 2016 21:39
To: Traffic Consultation
Subject: Traffic calming proposals Mancroft Road

Sir,
We are finally hoping, after 40 years of trying, to get some traffic calming measures installed in Mancroft Road, Aley Green. However, the proposal to increase the speed limit to 40mph (from 30mph) along part of the road, is completely ridiculous and the reasons given are tenuous to say the least. If car drivers cannot obey a 30mph at present, then I doubt that a change from 40mph to 30mph is going to change their behaviour. The only thing that might do that is to introduce the traffic calming measures as specified, although I doubt that a height of 75mm is going to deter the most determined speeders.
I agree with the proposals in the main, with the exception of the increase in the speed limit.

Kind regards
[REDACTED]
Resident of Mancroft Road

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 23 November 2016 16:28
To: Traffic Consultation
Cc: Cllr Richard Stay; Cllr Kevin Collins; Clerk to Caddington Parish Council
Subject: Response to Consultation to Install Traffic Calming Measures in Mancroft Road, Caddington

Hi,
Please find attached our response to this consultation – we did send it yesterday but there was a problem with our email so you may not have received it – hence the re-submission.

We wish to also draw your attention to the fact that we only became aware of this major development in our road due to a neighbour over last weekend. In this day and age, simply posting a notice up on a pole several hundred yards away from us is not going to attract our attention, and we do not read any local press so would not see any statutory notices. We understand others have also only just become aware of this Consultation.

When such a major Proposal for a road is being put forward, we believe that Notice should be delivered to every household in the road. If this was done, then we would have responded much sooner.

Regards,
[REDACTED]

Tel: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Mancroft Road, Aley Green, Luton, Bedfordshire, LU1 4DR

Response to Consultation to Install Traffic Calming Measures in Mancroft Road, Caddington

Respondents: Mancroft Road, Aley Green, Luton LU1 4DR

22 November 2016

As residents of Mancroft Road of over 20 years, we are broadly in favour with the proposed changes to implement Traffic Calming Measures in Mancroft Road. We have observed vehicles regularly speeding at 40-50 mph along the stretch of Mancroft Road on which we live, so wholeheartedly endorse any measures to reduce speed. We have also seen a steady increase in the amount of traffic using Mancroft Road as a 'rat-run' to access the B4540 and then the A5 and M1, and we anticipate that with the development of Chaulington this will increase exponentially over the next few years.

However we have two objections to the Proposal as it stands

1. 40 mph limit – The proposal to increase the speed limit on a section of 222m of Mancroft Road from 30 mph to 40 mph seems illogical in the context of the aim of the scheme viz. Traffic Calming Measures. The Department for Transport recommends that *'the minimum length of a speed limit should generally be not less than 600 metres to avoid too many changes of speed limit along the route'*¹. As has been widely acknowledged and observed by a number of police forces², many motorists treat posted speed limits as minimums rather than maximums, and therefore to re-assign a very short section of highway to a higher than current speed limit on the justification that *"The speed limit is part of a road safety scheme and is being promoted in combination with other speed reducing measures"* seems curious – since when has increasing a speed limit led to an overall average speed reduction? And to what aim would raising the limit to 40 mph for just 222m be? It will almost certainly lead to confusion as drivers leave a 30mph zone for a 40mph zone for a distance that they would cover at 40mph in about 12 seconds before entering a 30mph zone again.

Additionally to state that *"This length of road currently has a 30mph speed limit which is considered unsuitable for a road which is mainly rural in character"* fails to recognize the following:

- a. The entry to Heron Farm is along this section (at approximately 150m south-east of Little Green Lane), and as well as a 20 tonne lorry being based there with frequent movements in and out of the farm, the farm also has a number of agricultural machines and vehicles accessing this section of road;
- b. With reference to the map, at approximately 240m south-east of Little Green Lane on the southern side of Mancroft Road, there is access to a very well used public footpath used by dog-walkers and ramblers, with a subsequent increase in the number of pedestrians moving along this section of road, which has no pedestrian footpath;
- c. Families with young children cycling from one end of Mancroft Road to the other are also common;
- d. The whole of Mancroft Road, including this section, also has a reasonable amount of equestrian traffic as there are a significant number of horses kept in the area.
- e. School buses run along this road twice a day, and stop along this section to allow children to board or alight.

¹ Department for Transport Circular 01/2013 – Setting Local Speed Limits

² [Northumbria Police – Speeding facts](#)

Therefore to increase the speed limit to 40 mph is not going to enhance the safety of road users either in vehicles or on foot. **The Proposal to increase the speed limit to 40mph should be dropped.**

2. Location of speed hump at a point immediately north-west of its junction with Tipple Hill Road

– This location is not appropriate, and instead **we propose that the speed hump should be re-located to a point approximately 490m south-east of Little Green Lane**, which is the start of where there are dwellings on both sides of the road when travelling in a south-easterly direction. This would place the speed hump approximately 90m after the first hump 50m south-east of Pipers Lane, and act as timely reminder to drivers travelling south-easterly that the speed limit is 30mph as they enter a built-up area with intermittent pedestrian footpaths.

The proposed location of the Tipple Hill speed hump is somewhat superfluous, as at most times of the day there are vehicles parked on at least one, if not both, sides of the road restricting travel in either direction to single lane in any case.
