

Central Bedfordshire Council

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT MEETING

30 OCTOBER 2018

Traffic Calming – Silsoe Road, Wardhedges

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Purpose of this report

1. To report on the statutory consultation to install two raised tables and two pairs of rumble strips in Silsoe Road, Wardhedges.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Traffic Management Meeting is asked to:

1. **Approve the installation of 2 raised tables in Silsoe Road, Wardhedges.**
2. **Not implement the rumble strips from the approach from Flitton.**

Overview and Scrutiny Comments/Recommendations

2. This is not to be presented at Overview and Scrutiny.

Issues

Background Information

3. These proposals were brought in partnership with Flitton and Greenfield Parish Council through the Rural Match Funded (RMF) application process, who raised concerns over speeds through the village, visibility at the junction of Wardhedges Road and Flitton Road junction and the provision for pedestrians and cyclists.

Scheme Proposal

4. The proposals are to install two sets of rumble strips and two raised tables in Silsoe Road with the intention of slowing vehicles both before the entry to the 30mph limit and inside the village itself.

Statutory Consultation

5. Both proposals were formally advertised in July 2018, notices were displayed on site and residents located close to the proposals were consulted by letter. The ward Cllr and emergency services were also notified.

The Police raised no objections.

Representations

6. As a result of the statutory consultation 2 representations were received.

Options for consideration

7. Concerns raised from the statutory consultation were as follows.
 - a. There is a fire hydrant at the location of one of the tables near 21 Silsoe Road.
 - b. Rumble strips will cause noise to neighboring properties

Reasons for decision

8. Officer comments in response to the concerns are as follows:
 - a. We will ensure we accommodate the hydrant should there be a clash in the locations of the hydrant and one of the proposed tables
 - b. We will remove rumble strips from the scheme as they are proposed to be less than 200m from property boundary's and although remote there may be a small amount of noise to residents.

Reason for urgency

9. This scheme is brought to address speeding issues through the village and is to be funded jointly from the Capital Works Programme for Integrated Transport and the Parish Council.

Council Priorities

10. These proposals will meet both objective B (reduce the impact of commuting trips on local communities) and J (reduce the risk of people being killed or seriously injured). These are objectives part of the Local Transport Plan.

Corporate Implications

11. Not applicable

Legal Implications

12. Not applicable

Financial and Risk Implications

13. The scheme will be funded jointly by the Integrated Transport Capital Works Programme and the Parish Council and delivered in 2019/2020 with monies set aside for design completion.

Equalities Implications

14. None. Those affected by the proposals have had opportunity to make comments by the publication of notices and no parties expressed a concern on equality grounds.

Conclusion and next Steps

15. The scheme should be implemented as advertised with the exception of the rumble strips cited near number 21 (entry to the village from Flitton).

Should the proposals be authorized we shall instruct detailed design, before initiating the target cost setting process and then look to final delivery on site next financial year.

Appendices

Appendix A: Public Notice

Appendix B: Collision History

Appendix C: Scheme Drawings

Appendix D: Representations

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PUBLIC NOTICE



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CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL PROPOSES TO INSTALL TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES IN SILSOE ROAD, WARDHEDGES

Notice is hereby given that Central Bedfordshire Council, in exercise of its powers under Section 90 A-1 of the Highways Act 1980 and all other enabling powers, propose to construct Raised Tables and Rumble Strips in Silsoe Road, Wardhedges. These proposals are part of a scheme to reduce traffic speeds and create a safer environment for all road users.

A Raised Table at a nominal height of 75mm and approximately 8 metres long, including ramps, is proposed to be sited at the following location in Place:-

1. Silsoe Road at a point outside no.21 Silsoe Road.
2. Silsoe Road at a point approximately 20 metres south-west of the centre of its junction with Wardhedges Road.

Rumble strips in sets of varying numbers at a nominal height of 6mm extending across the width of the road stopping approximately 200mm from the edge of the carriageway, are proposed to be sited at the following location in Wardhedges:-

1. Silsoe Road, at a point approximately 125 metres east of the eastern boundary of property no. 1 Silsoe Road.
2. Silsoe Road, at a point approximately 150 metres south west of the eastern boundary of property no. 21 Silsoe Road.

Further Details may be viewed online at www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/publicstatutorynotices.

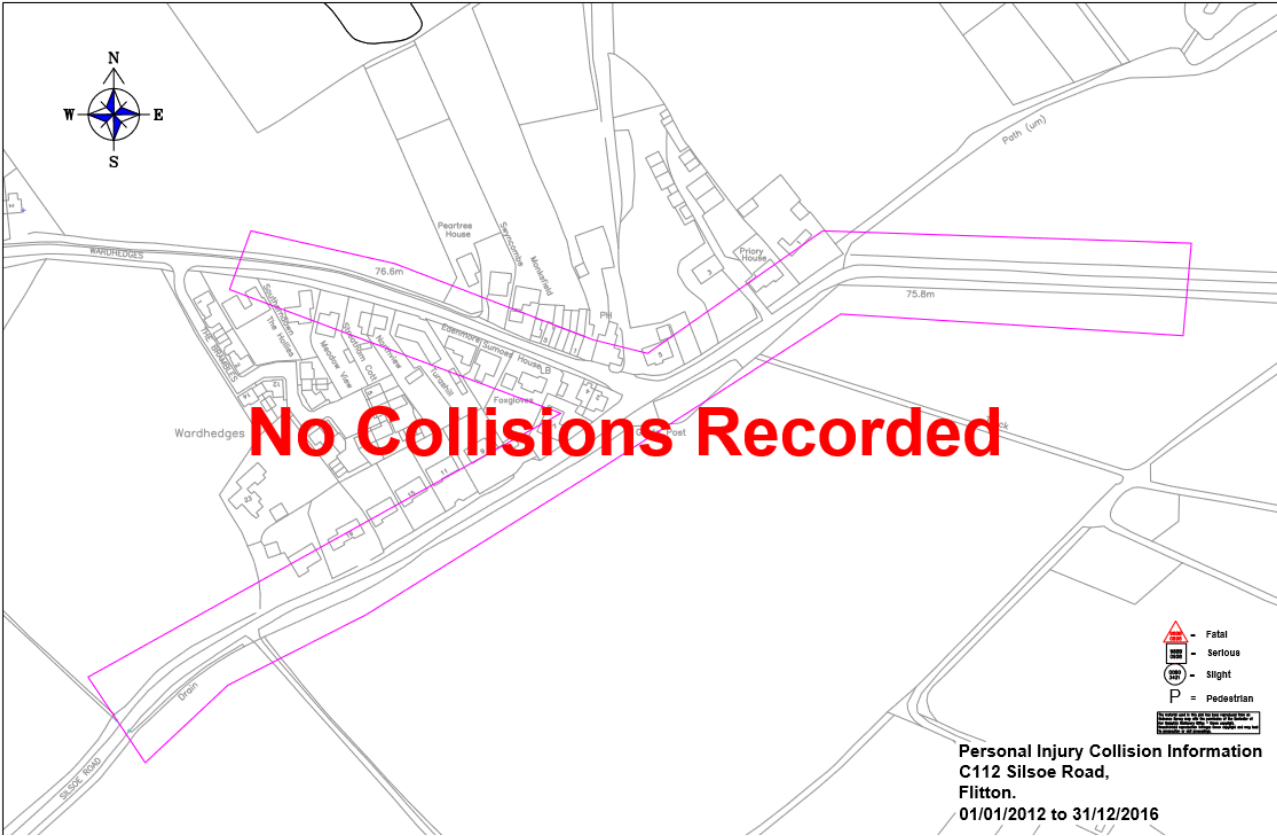
Comments should be sent in writing to the Traffic Management team at the address below or e-mail traffic.consultation@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk by 10th August 2018.

Central Bedfordshire Council
Priory House
Chicksands
Shefford SG17 5TQ

Marcel Coiffait
Director of Community Services

19th July 2018


Appendix B



Appendix C

LTP Rural Match Fund & Bidding Guidelines, 2017/18

Appendix B: Application Form (A MS Word version of this form is available on request)

Council:	Flitton and Greenfield Parish Council
Scheme location:	Silsoe Road, Wardhedges
Summary:	<p>There are a number of issues on Silsoe Road:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">Excessive speeds as evidenced by Speedwatch which prompted police survey which confirmed high priority site for actionNo foot pavement with pedestrians vulnerable, in particular children accessing school bus.T Junction with poor visibility for cars and cyclesVulnerable well used crossing point for main footpath and cycle route to Silsoe
Contact:	
Supporting statement	<p>Flitton and Greenfield Parish suffers from being a through route with speeding drivers not allowing for the narrow roads with residences. Two of the main entrances to the villages for through traffic have been calmed but cars continue to speed into the parish at this site. With over 50% of cars travelling into this residential road at over 35 mph from Silsoe there are obvious dangers with a key crossing point (for pedestrians and cyclists), a T junction with poor visibility and no foot pavements. The increased population in Silsoe has increased traffic along this road and the perception is that the road is becoming more dangerous. The crossing point is well used by local people and this is likely to increase as more people from Silsoe realise it is the most direct walking/cycling route to Flitwick.</p>

Comments:	There are existing measures including village entrance gates, a stop <u>sign</u> for the T junction and a flashing sign (for traffic travelling towards <u>Silsoe</u>). <u>However</u> these have not sufficiently encouraged drivers to slow down. Either pedestrians need to be protected with a pavement installed and proper crossing point or the traffic needs to be physically slowed with road narrowing or vertical features installed.
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Proposed Traffic Calming – Silsoe Road, Wardhedges

<p>This Authority has considered the proposals as outlined in your e-mail and offer the following comments for further consideration.</p> <p>Comments</p>	
<p>This Authority has considered the proposals as outlined in your e-mail, together with the reason(s) given, is accepted by this authority, therefore no objection with be offered.</p>	X

Name: -John Loughlin.....

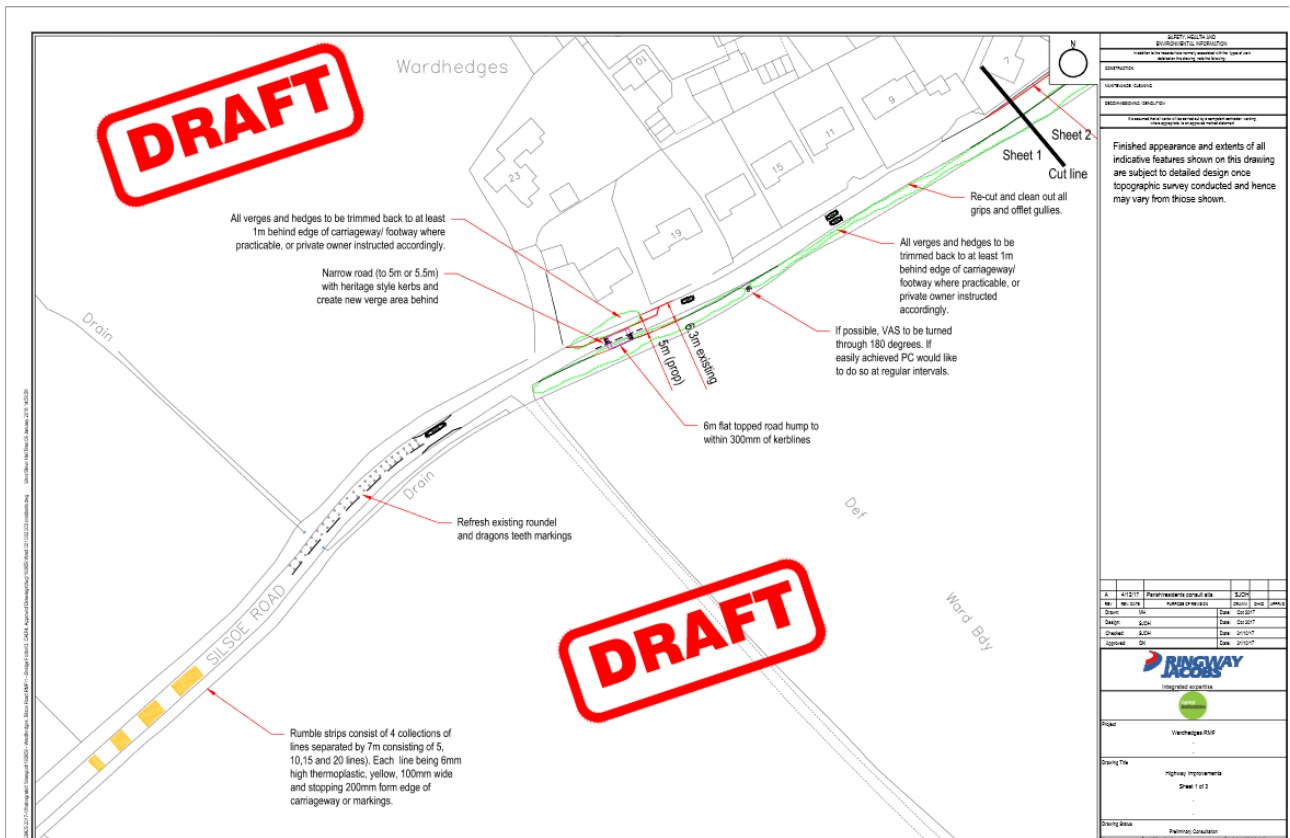
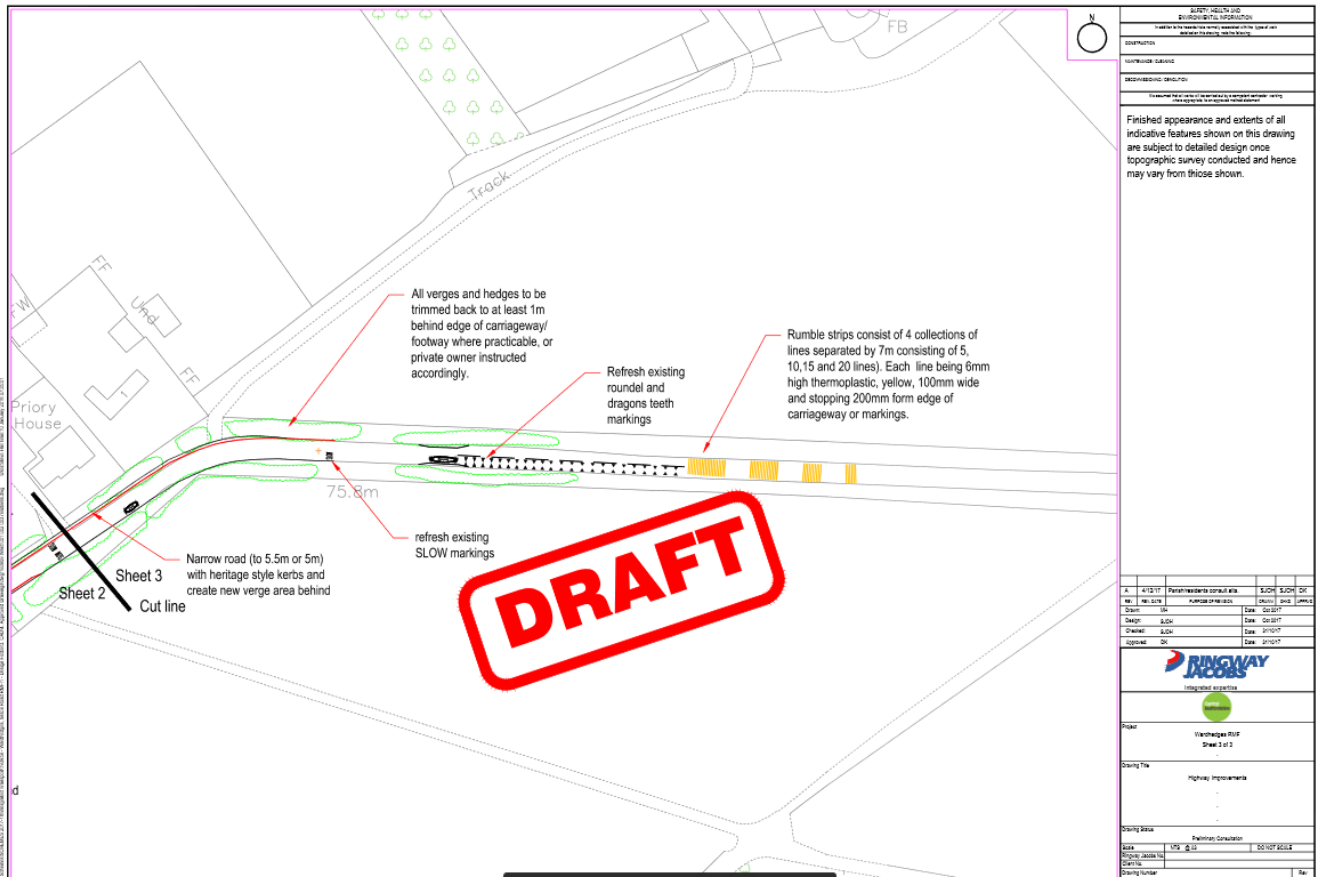
Address Bedfordshire Police.....

..... Traffic Management.....

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Signed:- John Loughlin.....

Appendix C

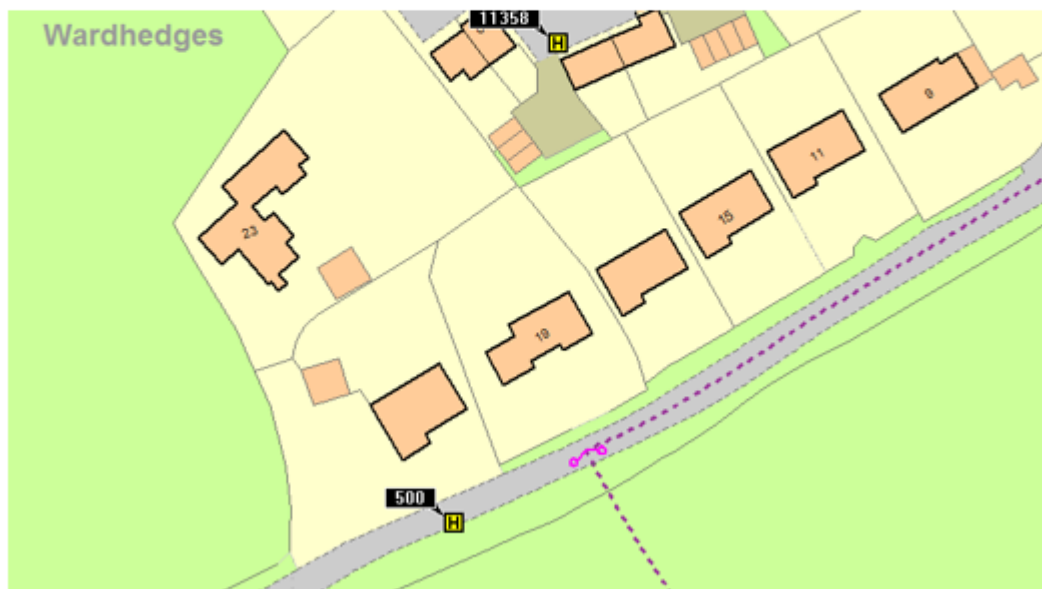


Appendix D

Dear Marcel Coiffait

With regards to the proposals for a speed cushion outside number 21 Silsoe Road, Wardhedges, please be advised that fire hydrant number 00500 is located in the carriageway at this location – see below.

Can we please ask that you ensure that the availability of this fire hydrant is not adversely affected by the work to install the speed cushion. It may be necessary to adjust the proposed location for the speed cushion in order to prevent the obstruction of the fire hydrant.



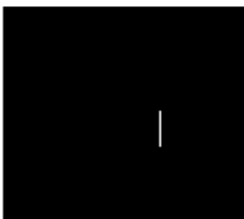
Kind regards

Hi

Are there any drawings of planned installations?

Although in principle reducing speed is positive has the impact on road noise from the installation of rumble strips or tables been considered?

Regards



Thank you

Something I noticed is missing is there to be any renewal of road signs on verge? Some of existing signs have been damaged by heavy goods vehicles delivering plant to building site at Thritwood.

In regards to rumble strips what evidence is available to support your statement in regards to them being installed at sufficiently remote distance from properties to not cause a noise nuisance. Although drawing is not to scale these appear to be within [REDACTED] my property.

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