

Agenda Item No.4(c)

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

**MEETING OF CABINET MEMBER – HIGHWAYS, ASSET AND
TRANSPORT**

17 June 2021

Report of the Executive Director – Place

**OBJECTIONS TO TRAFFIC CALMING PROPOSALS FOR SWALLOW
HOUSE LANE, HAYFIELD**

(1) **Purpose of Report** To consider responses and objections following the public advertisement and consultation on proposals to introduce traffic calming measures on Swallow House Lane, Hayfield

(2) **Information and Analysis**

Background

As part of the planning permission for a residential development by Bloor Homes on land off Swallow House Lane, Hayfield, a payment of £17,850 has been made to the Council as a contribution towards off-site highway works and/or traffic calming measures to be carried out within one mile of the site to mitigate against the increased traffic movements resulting from the development. Therefore, the Council added this contribution to its Capital Works programme in order that an appropriate scheme could be designed and programmed.

Following site meetings with the Parish Council and representatives of the school, the proposal shown on the attached plan has been formulated (Drawing No S10606/CONS1A).

The proposed road hump scheme was advertised on site and in the local paper from 20 September 2018 to 12 October 2018. Following this statutory requirement, 23 responses have been received in support of the proposal, including the Police, the Peak District National Park Authority, the Parish Council and Hayfield Primary School (both the Head Teacher and the Governors). Twenty of those in favour reside on Swallow House Lane (including the school). Thirteen responses have been received expressing objection to the proposal, six of these have addresses on Swallow House Lane, one on Lea Road, one on Swallow House Crescent, two on Pike Close, one on Wood Gardens and one on Thornsett Lane, Birch Vale. Hayfield Civic Trust has also objected.

A summary of the objections are as follows:

- Speeding is not an issue on Swallow House Lane.
- Increased noise.
- Increased pollution.
- Waste of money.
- Will not address the issue of thoughtless parking at school opening and closing times.
- The school parking ensures that traffic speeds are kept to a minimum due to the congestion that this can cause.
- Hinders emergency vehicles.
- Long term damage to residents' vehicles that use the road on a regular basis.
- No evidence base to justify such intervention measures

Officer Comment

The financial contribution from the developer has made it possible to consider highway intervention measures on Swallow House Lane. Site meetings have taken place with the Parish Council and representatives of the school to discuss options and the draft proposal has been tailored to address the issues raised during these discussions.

The physical constraints of Swallow House Lane do limit the type of measures that could be deployed here. For instance, horizontal deflection, such as chicanes and build-outs, would not be practical due to the limited road width available and the effect that this would have on roadside parking. This is why road humps have been proposed as they do not affect the alignment of the carriageway and would not remove any roadside parking spaces.

Road humps on the public highway have to conform to national regulations and are not as severe as those encountered on private land, such as supermarket car parks. They are able to be passed over without having to slow virtually to a stop and have been designed to enable drivers to proceed at a consistent speed without harsh braking and accelerating. As such, engine noise and emissions should not be increased and could even decrease if drivers pass through at a lower speed. Heavy goods type vehicles can rattle when negotiating road humps and this is one of the reasons that they are rarely used on strategic routes, but Swallow House Lane's position within the road hierarchy means that it does not carry this type of through traffic.

The proposal also includes the erection of a School Safety Zone sign to accompany the existing flashing amber warning lights. This large yellow sign will also include a "Max speed 20 when lights flash" plate.

Bearing these points in mind, it is considered that the best use of the financial contribution from the developer would be to install the road hump scheme as

proposed, as this will permanently help to regulate vehicle speeds on this road.

Local Member Comment

The previous local Member, Councillor Beth Atkins, supported the proposed restrictions.

(3) **Financial Considerations** Following the completion of a housing development by Bloor Homes, the developer has submitted a sum of £17,850 to the Council as a contribution towards off-site highway works and/or traffic calming measures to be carried out within one mile of the site via a formal planning Agreement.

This contribution was added to the Council's 2017-18 Capital Programme of works.

(4) **Other Considerations**

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered: legal, prevention of crime and disorder, equality and diversity, human resources, environmental, health, property, social value and transport considerations.

(5) **Key Decision** No.

(6) **Call- In** Is it required that call in be waived in respect of the decisions proposed in the report? No.

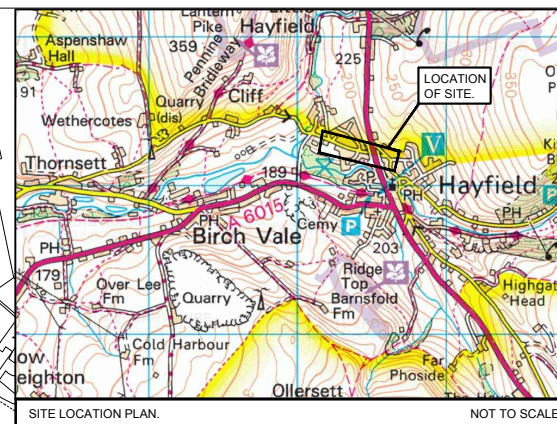
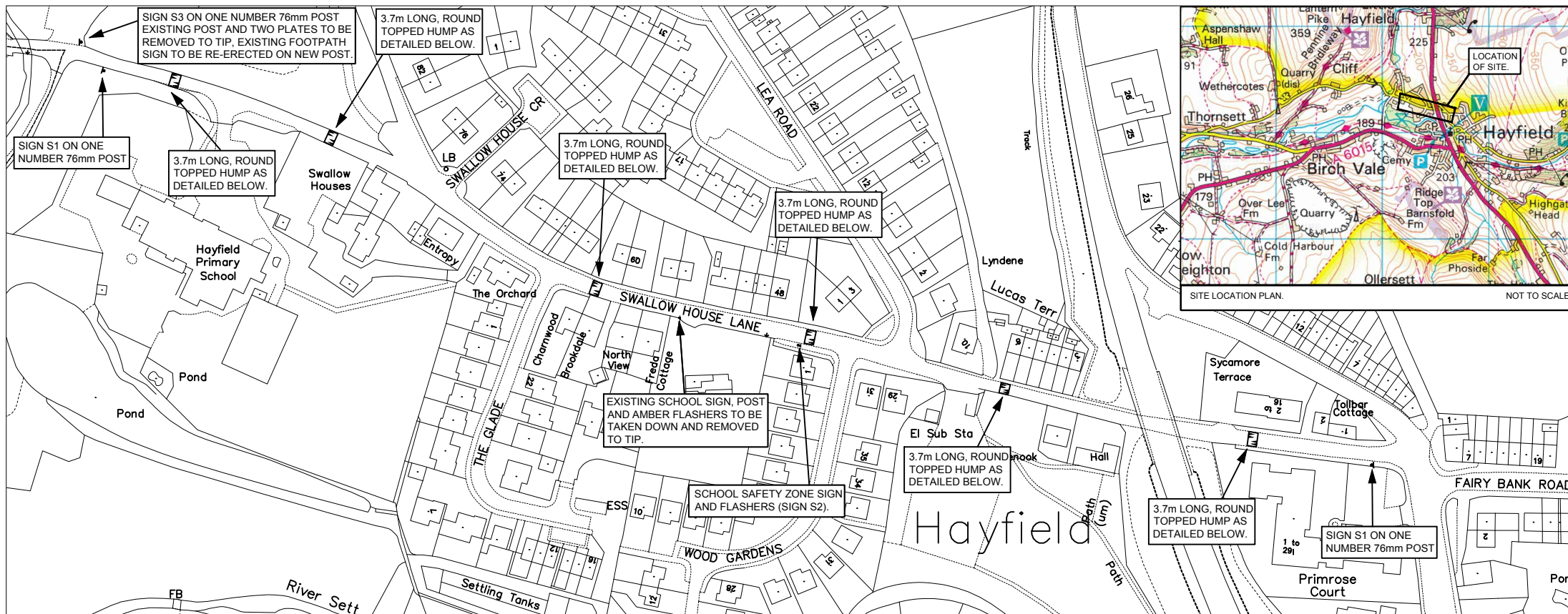
(7) **Background Papers** Held on file within the Place Department.

(8) **OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATIONS** That:

8.1 The Cabinet Member approves the introduction of the traffic calming scheme and associated signing on Swallow House Lane, Hayfield.

8.2 The Local Member and objectors be notified accordingly.

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Executive Director – Place



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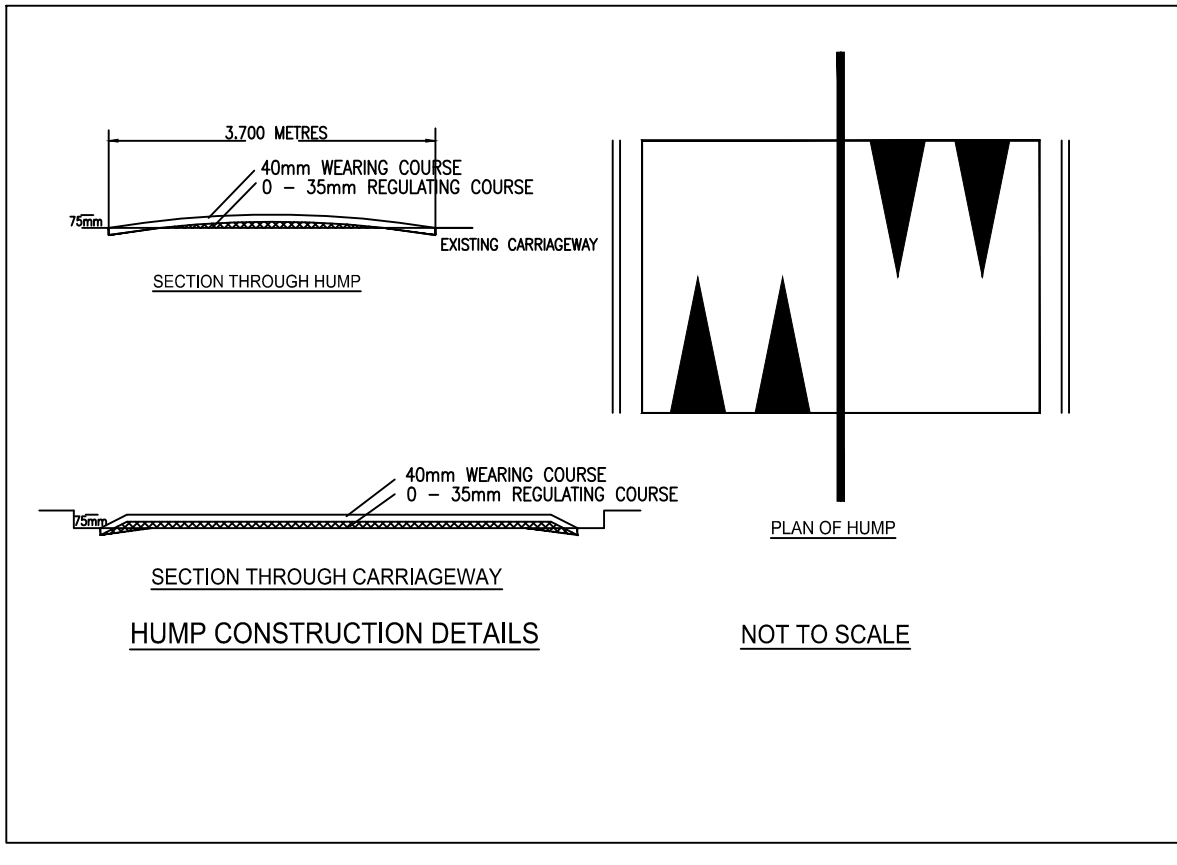
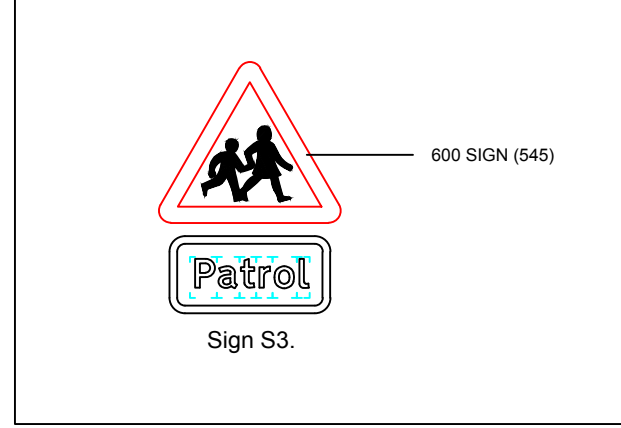
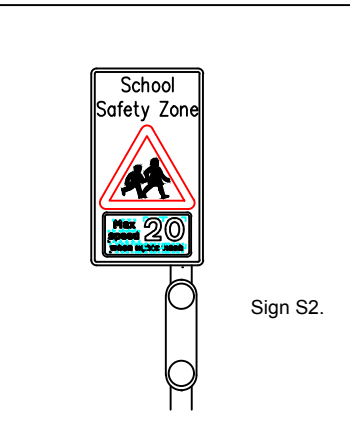
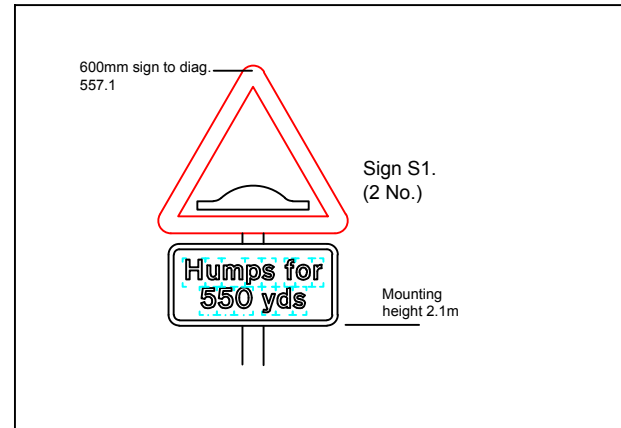
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TRAFFIC CALMING AND
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