

Report to: **Lead Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment**
Date: **4 April 2005**
Report By **Director of Transport and Environment**
Title of report: **Traffic Calming : Priority Assessment of Requests**
Purpose of report: **To report the results of the priority assessment of traffic calming requests and the current position on schemes being developed**

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1. To note the results of the priority assessment procedure and the current position on schemes being developed; and**
 - 2. To authorise the Director of Transport and Environment to initiate new preliminary investigations, in priority order, as set out in Appendix A according to the funds available.**
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1. Financial Appraisal

1.1 Traffic calming schemes are funded from the County Council's Capital Programme. The allocation for 2005/06 is £400,000. Schemes are investigated and constructed in priority order within the available budget.

2. Supporting Information

2.1 In accordance with the approved policy, an updated priority list of traffic calming requests has now been produced and the results are attached as Appendix A. 24 new requests which meet the pre-qualification criterion have been added to the list and 21 existing sites, which no longer satisfy this criterion or where works or investigations have been undertaken, have been deleted. The pre-qualification criterion is that requests for traffic calming will only be investigated further if either the number of personal injury accidents in the most recent three-year period is equivalent to a score of 4 or more in the assessment procedure or at least one of the casualties over the same period was a vulnerable road user. For this purpose slight accidents score 1, serious 2 and fatal 3. This level is more likely to be indicative of an underlying problem at the site for which a solution can be identified.

2.2 The current position for schemes on which work has commenced is shown at Appendix B.

2.3 It is proposed that the list at Appendix A should form the basis of any future investigations during 2005/2006. These will be started as funds are available, following an initial review to determine whether there is a problem that might be solved by engineering measures and if so, whether a general lowering of speeds associated with traffic calming is the best solution. It should not be assumed that because the initial request was for traffic calming, that traffic calming is the solution. An appropriate scheme will only be progressed where there are likely to be identifiable benefits. The listing will be reviewed on an annual basis, taking into account up-dated crash records, qualifying new requests, and sites where investigations are underway.

2.4 Authority to proceed beyond the preliminary design and consultation for schemes that are progressing would be sought on an individual basis as at present.

3. Environmental Issues

3.1 Traffic calming is consistent with the County Council's Integrated Transport and Environment Strategy and should result in an improved environment for the residents and visitors of the areas concerned.

4. Conclusion and Reasons for Recommendations

4.1 The assessment procedure has been approved as the method of selecting and prioritising traffic calming schemes. Investigating sites in the assessed priority order gives the greatest opportunity to develop worthwhile schemes that are appropriate and cost-effective and where the greatest benefit can be achieved.

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Local Member(s): All

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Correspondence and assessment results held in Traffic and Safety Section.

2005/2006 PRIORITY LISTING

Priority		Location
2005/2006	Last year (2004/2005)	
1	13	Brodrick Road, Eastbourne
2	*	South Rd, Hailsham
3	*	High St, Polegate
4	4	Westham High Street
5	17	Pevensey Bay - A259 Eastbourne Road
6	11	B2203, Horam
7	6	A272, Newick (Allington Rd to Goldbridge Rd)
8	5	Nutley - A22 High Street
9	8	UC6589, Gunters Lane, Bexhill
10	19	Hastings, Amherst Rd, Amherst Gdns to Braybrooke Ave
11	16	Mayfield, A267
12	15	Ninfield, A269
13	3	Heathfield - A265 High Street, Town Centre
14	*	A267, Five Ashes
15	35	Hailsham - A275 (Nr WDC Amberstone Depot)
16	*	A267, Five Ashes - 1 km core of village
17	18	Powdermill Lane (Centre)
18	32	Hailsham - Western Road(E) / Summerheath Road
19	26	Eastbourne - Ramsay Way
20	56	Cooden Drive, Bexhill
21	20	Offham Rd near Wallands Sch (40mph), Lewes
22	24	Seaford - Alfriston Road
23	*	Devonshire Place, Eastbourne
24	*	Broad Oak, Heathfield
25	*	Cooksbridge
26	31	Fairlight Rd, Hastings
27	25	B2104, Lion Hill, Stone Cross
28	9	Elphinstone Road, Hastings
29	*	Church Rd, Rotherfield
30	7	Hastings, Gillsman's Hill
31	*	West Parade, Bexhill
32	*	North Chailey
33	*	Station Rd, Heathfield
34	*	Stone Cross, Westham
35	*	Lower Horsebridge
36	12	Birkdale, Bexhill
37	37	Camber - New Lydd Road
38	28	Goldbridge Road, Newick
39	30	Hastings, St Margaret's Road
40	*	The Green, Ninfield
41	*	Boreham Hill, Boreham Street
42	*	A2100, Battle
43	22	Wadhurst - Station Road
44	39	A268, Main Street, Peasmarsh
45	23	B2099, High Street, Ticehurst
46	36	The Street, Catsfield
47	34	A26, Malling Hill, Malling Street, Lewes
48	33	Upper Park Road, Hastings

49	*	C7, Rodmell
50	*	Stone Cross - 1 km section
51	38	A267, Horam
52	29	Hailsham - Station Road
53	*	Broad Oak, Brede
54	*	Ditchling, C203 Beacon Road
55	44	Priory Road, Forest Row
56	14	Cross in Hand, B2102
57	41	Bexhill, Little Common - Peartree Lane
58	53	Hastings - Park View
59	*	Bayham Rd, East of Bartley Mill Lane
60	*	Waldron Thorns, Heathfield
61	48	Beckley
62	43	Danehill - London Road
63	42	Seven Sisters Road, Willingdon
64	55	Seaford - Vale Road
65	52	Church Road, Hastings
66	54	Battle, Marley Lane – North
67	57	Seaford - Walmer Road / Hillside Avenue
68	61	Denton Road, Denton, Newhaven
69	67	Eastbourne - Carew Road
70	59	Newhaven - Northdown Road/Southdown Road
71	*	Sidley St, Bexhill
72	64	Quebec Rd, Hastings
73	*	B2087 Ticehurst
74	60	Barcombe Mills Road, Barcombe
75	62	Hastings - Malvern Way
76	71	Eastbourne - Southern Road
77	74	Horam, C208 Marle Green
78	75	Gun Hill, Gun Hill

* - new site for 2005/2006, not assessed last year

Position on Current Sites

B2033, Maynards Green
- completed April 2004

Adur Drive, Stone Cross
- completed April 2004

Priory Road, Eastbourne
- completed September 2004

Coppice Avenue, Willingdon
- currently under construction. Due for completion by April 2005.

Sedlescombe Road, South, Hastings
- currently under construction. Due for completion by April 2005.

Hartfield Road, Forest Row
- final details under discussion with Parish Council prior to detailed design. Programmed for construction to start in September 2005.

A26, Beacon Road, Crowborough
- lining scheme introduced in conjunction with local safety scheme in 2004. To be extended further north during 2005/6.

A28, Main Road/Church Lane, Westfield
- scheme incorporating lower speed limit, zebra crossing and revised signs and lines being progressed for implementation in 2005/6.

A271, North Trade Road, Battle;
- preliminary scheme incorporating puffin crossing, speed reactive signing, islands, signing and lining under development. Finance for construction unlikely to be available before 2006/2007 financial year.

A271, Herstmonceux, and Filsham Road, Hastings
- new sites from 2004/2005 priority list. Preliminary investigations commenced but funding for construction unlikely to be available before 2006/2007 financial year.