

Report to: **Lead Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment**

Date: **27 June 2005**

Report By: **Director of Transport and Environment**

Title of Report: **A271 North Trade Road, Battle – Traffic Calming Proposals**

Purpose of Report: **To advise the Lead Cabinet Member of the results of traffic calming investigations and to seek approval to progress the proposed scheme through detailed design and construction.**

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1. To approve the proposals to construct a traffic calming scheme in North Trade Road, Battle, as shown on drawing nos. 260020/03 & 04, subject to any minor modifications that may be found necessary at the detailed design stage.**
 - 2. To authorise the progression of the scheme through detailed design, for construction in 2006/7 or earlier if funding becomes available.**
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1. Financial Appraisal

1.1 The total scheme cost, which includes an allowance for detailed design and site supervision fees, is estimated at £131,000.

1.2 Funding for this scheme will be sought from the 2006/7 Local Transport Plan Capital Programme allocation for Local Safety Schemes and Minor Works. The programme of schemes is subject to Lead Member approval probably in December 2005.

2. Supporting Information

2.1 Investigations were commenced at this site following its inclusion in the 2003/2004 traffic calming priority list, approved by the Lead Cabinet Member for Transport & Environment on 3 March 2003.

2.2 A preliminary scheme has been developed and initial consultation undertaken with the Town and District Councils, the Local Member, emergency services, bus operators and the local college. There is general support for the scheme and appropriate comments have been incorporated into the scheme. Autopoint Buses have commented that the additional measures may cause some extra delay during peak times. This is possible, as the puffin crossing in particular will control vehicle flow. However it is not anticipated that any additional delay will be significant and this 'cost' is fully justified by the improvements for pedestrians.

2.3 A planning application has also been lodged with Rother District Council for additional development on the Claverham Community College site. If this proceeds it will intensify the need for improved pedestrian facilities and highway works to ensure the access on North Trade Road can operate safely. Negotiations will therefore be undertaken with the developer to co-ordinate any works with our scheme, and where appropriate, to secure a financial contribution.

3. Comments / Appraisal

