



## Report of Director of Development

## Report to Outer West Area Committee

Date: December 18<sup>th</sup> 2009

## Subject: PROPOSED TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT MEASURES CEMETERY RD AND OWLCOTES RD

### Electoral Wards Affected:

Calverley & Farsley  
Pudsey

Ward Members consulted  
(referred to in report)

### Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

Council  
Function

Delegated Executive  
Function available  
for Call In

Delegated Executive  
Function not available for  
Call in Details set out in the  
report

### Executive Summary

**Members are requested to consider whether funding could be made available for the provision of Traffic Management measures on Cemetery Rd and Owlcotes Rd.**

#### 1.0 Purpose Of This Report

1.1 The committee is asked to consider whether funds could be made available for the provision of some traffic calming measures along Cemetery Rd and Owlcotes Rd in Pudsey.

#### 2.0 Background Information

2.1 Cemetery Road and Owlcotes Road run between Lidget Hill and Galloway Lane, the full length being just over 1Km.

2.2 The roads run parallel to Church Lane the main road through Pudsey Town Centre, consequently the roads attract a significant level of traffic avoiding the town centre.

2.3 The length was the subject of a 278 Agreement (Highways Act) for the provision of traffic calming measures but unfortunately due to the present downturn in development, the site which would have generated this funding has not been pursued.

2.4 Attached is a summary of the accident record for both roads:-

Accident stats 2004 - 2008 (5 year): 2 fatal, 1 serious, 5 slight. There is also one slight within the junction of Victoria Road (vehicle turning in is dazzled by sunlight). There have been no accidents this year to date.

2.5 Speed surveys have been carried out and the results are as follows:-

Speeds on Owlcotes Road at the junction with Owlcotes Garth (2009):

	Mean	85th	Total flow
Westbound	30.6	38	2241
Eastbound	29.2	36	2226

Speeds on Cemetery Road at the junction with Prospect Avenue (2004)

	Mean	85th	Total flow
Westbound	31.9	39	3022
Eastbound	30.7	37	2834

2.6 The recorded 85%ile traffic speeds are relatively high. The 85%ile speed is the speed at which 85 % of traffic is travelling at or below.

### 3.0 Main Issues

3.1 It is proposed to introduce a system of traffic calming between Lidget Hill and Galloway Lane comprising a combination of cushions and road humps. In addition, it may be appropriate to install some VAS signing (vehicular activated signing). A location plan is attached at Appendix 1.

3.2 It is also proposed to improve the traffic signing and road markings along the road.

3.3 A draft scheme was prepared previously but no detailed design was carried out.

3.4 The previous draft scheme was estimated at £60,000 for the full 1Km length.

3.5 Given the large scale and cost of this scheme, it may be possible to undertake it in two equal phases. A further report will be brought back to the next Area Committee, including more detailed proposals and costs.

### 4.0 Implications for Council Policy and Governance

4.1 The proposed scheme supports the Local Improvement Priority of 'improve road safety for all our users, especially motor cyclists, pedal cyclists and pedestrians.' The scheme would also target performance indicator NI 47 'People killed or seriously injured in road traffic accidents'.

- 5.0** Reducing congestion and improving pedestrian safety within Pudsey town centre is an action within the Outer West Area Delivery Plan.

Ward Member Consultation

- 5.1** Calverley and Farsley and Pudsey ward Members were consulted as part of the 278 Agreement , and fully supported the scheme.

**6.0 Legal and Resource Implications**

- 6.1** The scheme costs are £60,000. It may be possible to fund part or all of the scheme through the Area Committee's Well-being budget. However, only limited funds remain for 2009/10. Therefore a further report will be brought to the next Area Committee outlining detailed costs and potential phasing proposals.

**7.0 Conclusions**

- 7.1** The provision of traffic calming along these two roads will greatly improve road safety by reducing traffic speeds along Cemetery Rd and Owlcotes Rd. However, further work is required to identify how the scheme could be phased and funded.

**8.0 Recommendations**

- 8.1** Members are requested to note the report and request a further report back to the next Area Committee outlining detailed phasing proposals and costs.

**Background Papers: none**