

Doseley and Horsehay Area Traffic Calming Public Consultation
Consultation on speed humps and proposed 20mph zone
March/April 2023.

Submission by Dawley Hamlets Parish Council.

The Parish Council supports the proposals as an effective and proven way of lowering traffic speed and reducing the likelihood and severity of accidents. They consider the guidance from the 2020 ROSPA factsheet (Jan 2020) is important for ensuring the success of the 20mph zone:

'20mph zones use traffic calming measures to reduce the adverse impact of motor vehicles on built up areas. The principle is that the traffic calming slows vehicles down to speeds below the limit, and in this way the zone becomes 'self-enforcing'. Speed humps, chicanes, road narrowing, planting and other measures can be introduced to both physically and visually reinforce the nature of the road.'

The Parish Council does not support the proposal to delay the installation of the traffic humps on Woodhouse Lane, Frame Lane and Doseley Road until the building projects at Doseley Industrial Estate and Pool Hill Road are completed. That could mean a delay of about two years. They have read the comments that state:

'The humps proposed to be postponed are such because they will likely be damaged by the intense construction traffic as well as the noise such cushions will create for residents by the large vehicles passing over them repeatedly – bearing in mind these are full width humps and not cushions.'

The feel it is more important to protect children, pedestrians and other vulnerable groups from 'intense construction traffic and large vehicles' rather than protecting the speed humps from being damaged. They are concerned that the 20mph zone would not be effective or enforceable with a significant amount of the traffic calming delayed or missing.

They are aware of the concern of residents on Wellington Road and believe the 20mph zone and the installation of speed humps should be extended up to the junction with the feeder road to the Lightmoor development to ensure that the Wellington Road is not used as a short cut by commuter traffic.

The Parish Council would like to know if there are any proposals for improved lighting on any of the roads involved. They believe some of the roads might not meet the necessary standards for a 20mph zone. This was referenced in a previous consultation for Woodhouse Lane/Frame Lane.

The Parish Council would have liked to see the traffic calming proposals that were shown to them in November 2022 being mentioned in the consultation. They believe it is essential that the junction by the bridge and St Luke's Road should be made much safer for pedestrians and other vulnerable groups. They have been told that they are still under consideration and feel that there is a degree of urgency with these proposals.