

# Transport and Environment Committee

10.00am, Tuesday, 13 January 2015

## Craiglockhart Traffic Calming – Results of Consultation

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### Executive summary

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A financial contribution totally £40,000 has been secured through the planning process for the introduction of speed reducing measures in the Craiglockhart area. A consultation was undertaken to gather the views of the local residents on the provision of traffic calming on up to four priority streets in the area.

This report summarises the responses to the traffic calming consultation.

### Links

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Coalition pledges	
Council outcomes	<a href="#">CO21</a>
Single Outcome Agreement	<a href="#">SO4</a>

## Craiglockhart Traffic Calming – Results of Consultation

### Recommendations

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- 1.1 It is recommended that the Committee:
  - 1.1.1 notes the results of the consultation to introduce traffic calming in the Craiglockhart area;
  - 1.1.2 notes the extension of the proposal in accordance with the consultation results; and
  - 1.1.3 sets aside the objections to this proposal and approves the installation of road humps in the Craiglockhart area.

### Background

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- 2.1 Local residents in the Craiglockhart area have campaigned over a number of years for measures to reduce through traffic, reduce vehicle speeds, improve road safety and make the area more attractive for those walking and cycling.
- 2.2 A financial contribution totalling £40,000 has been secured through the planning process, from the Redhall House Drive development, for traffic and road safety improvements in the area.
- 2.3 Following a public meeting on 4 June 2014, it was considered that the best use of the funding would be for traffic calming in up to four streets, using full width road humps. A consultation was undertaken to determine the views of residents towards this proposal.

### Main report

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- 3.1 An agreed contribution to the value of £35,000 was secured from the developer as part of the planning application 11/02574/ful 12-14 Redhall House Drive, towards "... a combination of measures to aid traffic flow/control speed and pedestrian safety on the road network in the vicinity of the Development ...". A further £5,000 was secured from the same planning application "towards the Safer Routes to School Programme". These sums were combined and a public meeting was arranged to determine how this money could be best used in the local area.

3.2 At the public meeting, attended by ward councillors, residents and transport officers, it was acknowledged that the sum secured may not be sufficient to fund traffic calming in every street in the area. Those attending the meeting agreed that four streets would be prioritised for traffic calming:

- Craiglockhart Drive South;
- Craiglockhart Park;
- Craiglockhart Road; and
- Patie’s Road.

3.3 The Council is proposing to implement 20mph speed limits city wide in residential areas, therefore it was proposed to implement the traffic calming as soon as possible and to follow up with the 20mph speed limit as part of the roll-out.

3.4 A traffic calming scheme was designed to introduce 75mm full width speed humps in the four priority streets. A consultation was undertaken during October to gauge local views on the proposal. Almost 700 letters were delivered to local residents with details of the scheme and this was backed up with a “drop-in” session in the local Church Hall on 15 October 2014. In addition, the consultation could be accessed on line. The consultation leaflet and consultation plan are included as Appendix 1.

3.5 More than a third of the residents responded to the consultation. The table below gives details of the responses received:

Support Traffic Calming	YES	%age	NO	%age
Response by letter	129	82%	29	18%
On line response	47	65%	25	35%

3.6 In addition, a further 29 emails were received, 25 of which were from residents of Elliot Place, Park and Road who, while supportive of traffic calming in the estate, felt that the scheme should only be taken forward if traffic calming was included in these streets. Accordingly, if these streets were included in the proposal and their support added to the scheme then the final figures would be:

Support Traffic Calming	YES	%age	NO	%age
Email response	23	79%	6	21%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>77%</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>23%</b>

- 3.7 As a result of the consultation it was decided to recommend the inclusion of traffic calming features in Elliot Road, Elliot Place, Elliot Park, Craiglockhart Dell Road and Craiglockhart Loan. The extended traffic calming scheme is shown in Appendix 2.
- 3.8 The results of the consultation and corresponding expansion of the scheme have been discussed with the three ward councillors; the extended proposal has their support.
- 3.9 The results of the consultation and the subsequent inclusion of these additional streets in the traffic calming proposal were communicated to the residents on the week commencing 8 December 2014.

## **Measures of success**

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- 4.1 The results of the consultation have been collated and the proposal extended in accordance with the views of the residents as 77% of residents were in favour.

## **Financial impact**

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- 5.1 A contribution of £40,000 in total has been secured from the developers towards the traffic calming scheme. Top up funding will be provided from the South West Neighbourhood Environmental Programme budget if required.

## **Risk, policy, compliance and governance impact**

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- 6.1 The reduction in traffic speeds is in line with the Council's Local Transport Strategy 2014-2019 with its 'Vision-Zero' approach to road safety, working towards the provision of a modern road network where users are safe from the risk of being killed or seriously injured. Vehicle speed is the most important single factor in the severity of road collisions, and urban speeds need to reduce if the Council is to move towards Vision Zero.

## **Equalities impact**

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- 7.1 An Equalities and Rights Impact Assessment has been prepared and is available as background reference. There are no direct negative equalities or human rights impacts anticipated and the proposals are expected to improve the quality of the streets for all the residents in the area.

## Sustainability impact

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- 8.1 The impacts of this report have been considered in relation to the three elements of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 Public Bodies Duties and the outcomes are summarised as follows:
- 8.2 Potential for positive impact on the environment by reducing speeds, reducing the potential for collisions and reducing the amount of through traffic.

## Consultation and engagement

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- 9.1 Consultation was carried out between 1 October 2014 to 31 October 2014 with the following stakeholders:
- Residents in the area;
  - Neighbourhood Partnership;
  - Community Council;
  - Local elected members; and
  - Emergency services.
- 9.2 Letters with plans of the proposal were delivered to all residents within the Craiglockhart area in October 2014. Residents were able to respond using freepost address, email or via an on line questionnaire.
- 9.3 The results of the consultation with the recommendation to extend the scheme in accordance with the consultation results were delivered to the residents week commencing 8 December 2014.

## Background reading/external references

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Appendix 1 Craiglockhart Area Consultation Leaflet

Appendix 2 Craiglockhart Post Consultation Traffic Calming Proposal

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## Links

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<b>Coalition pledges</b>	Strengthening and supporting our communities and keeping them safe.
<b>Council outcomes</b>	<b>CO21:</b> Safe – Residents, visitors and businesses feel that Edinburgh is a safe city.
<b>Single Outcome Agreement</b>	<b>SO4:</b> Edinburgh’s communities are safer and have improved physical and social fabric.
<b>Appendices</b>	Appendix 1 Craiglockhart Area Consultation Leaflet Appendix 2 Craiglockhart Post Consultation Traffic Calming Proposal

## **Craiglockhart - Developer Funded Traffic Calming**

### **Overview**

We are asking for your views on the introduction of traffic calming on four residential streets within the Craiglockhart area.

### **Why are we consulting?**

Local residents in the Craiglockhart area have campaigned over a number of years for traffic calming in its residential streets to reduce vehicle speeds, improve road safety and to make the area more attractive for those walking and cycling.

A financial contribution has been secured through the planning process, from the Redhall House Drive development, for traffic calming in the Craiglockhart area.

The amount secured may not be sufficient to fund traffic calming in every street in the area. The following streets have therefore been chosen for treatment:-

Craiglockhart Drive South  
Craiglockhart Park  
Craiglockhart Road  
Patie's Road

It is proposed to install full width road humps at the locations shown on the enclosed plan.

### **Share Your Views**

If you wish to make comment on these proposals you can:

- complete the response form on the consultation website  
<https://edinburgh.citizenspace.com/>
- email us at [transport.roadsafety@edinburgh.gov.uk](mailto:transport.roadsafety@edinburgh.gov.uk)
- return the freepost reply sheet attached to this leaflet to Services for Communities, Transport at the following Freepost address: **Road Safety, Waverley Court C2 c/o Gary Patton, FREEPOST NAT 18051, EDINBURGH, EH1 1BR**

This consultation will end on 31 October 2014.

**A drop in consultation will be held to allow questions to be answered between 18:00 and 20:00 on Wednesday 15 October 2014. This will be held in the Centenary Hall of Craiglockhart Parish Church, Craiglockhart Dr North, Edinburgh, EH14 1HS.**

## Frequently Asked Questions

### Will car parking be lost outside my house?

It is perfectly legal to park at the kerbside on top of road humps.

### Why put a hump directly outside my house?

The traffic calming has been designed to comply with 20mph zone regulations which say that there must be a feature within 50m of the entry to a 20mph zone and another must follow within 100m. It may be possible to relocate a traffic calming feature a very small distance away from those shown on the drawing, but it will not be possible to leave one out altogether. They are also spaced to ensure speed reduction is achieved while minimising noise and vibration. Driveways are taken into account when planning features

### The constant slowing down and speeding up of vehicles will increase pollution from car exhausts!

'Stop-start' driving tends to occur where the humps or cushions are relatively widely spaced and rise to a height of 100mm over a short distance. The Craiglockhart traffic calming has features at the optimum recommended spacing of approximately 70m apart. The humps will also have a more gradual rise to 75mm. This will not only keep vehicle speeds low, but should also encourage a smooth vehicle speed along the street. This will be beneficial to collision reduction and prevention as well as reducing noise and vehicle exhaust emissions.

### Will the noise from vehicles driving over the road humps be heard from inside my property?

Studies carried out on behalf of the UK Government confirm that there is no noise increase where cars make up the main traffic flow and the humps are constructed to the recommended specifications. In fact as general speeds are lower and through traffic is discouraged from using a route, overall noise level is usually reduced.

### Will my car be damaged by driving over road humps?

Independent research on all types of traffic-calming measures has failed to find any concrete evidence of damage to vehicles when road humps are approached at the correct speed.

### What height will the road humps be?

Road humps will be 75mm high. This height has been chosen to reduce the chances of vehicles grounding, minimise noise and pollution while still effectively achieving a speed reduction consistent with a 20mph speed limit.

### Why is the speed limit not being changed to 20mph?

Following a successful pilot in South Edinburgh the Council is proposing a 20mph speed limit for the City Centre, main shopping streets and residential areas. A consultation is currently being undertaken and further information can be found by following the link:

[http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/info/20089/roads\\_and\\_pavements/1024/20mph\\_consultation](http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/info/20089/roads_and_pavements/1024/20mph_consultation)

A 20mph speed limit for the Craiglockhart residential streets are proposed as part of this roll out.



## Craiglockhart Traffic Calming

We are hoping that the introduction of traffic calming in Craiglockhart Drive South, Craiglockhart Park, Craiglockhart Road and Patie's Road will reduce traffic speeds, reduce through traffic, (ie rat-running), promote walking and cycling and have an overall positive impact.

Do you broadly support the introduction of traffic calming in the Craiglockhart area?

- Yes
- No

If you have any further comments please enter them here:

If sufficient funds are not available to install traffic calming in each of the four proposed streets, please rank the streets in order where you would consider the traffic calming to be most effective:

Craiglockhart Drive South    1 2 3 4

Craiglockhart Park            1 2 3 4

Craiglockhart Road            1 2 3 4

Patie's Road                      1 2 3 4

If you would like to expand your reasons, please use the space provided below:

Where do you live?

- Craiglockhart Drive South
- Craiglockhart Park
- Craiglockhart Road
- Patie's Road
- I don't live in the affected streets

If you do not live in one of the affected streets, do you

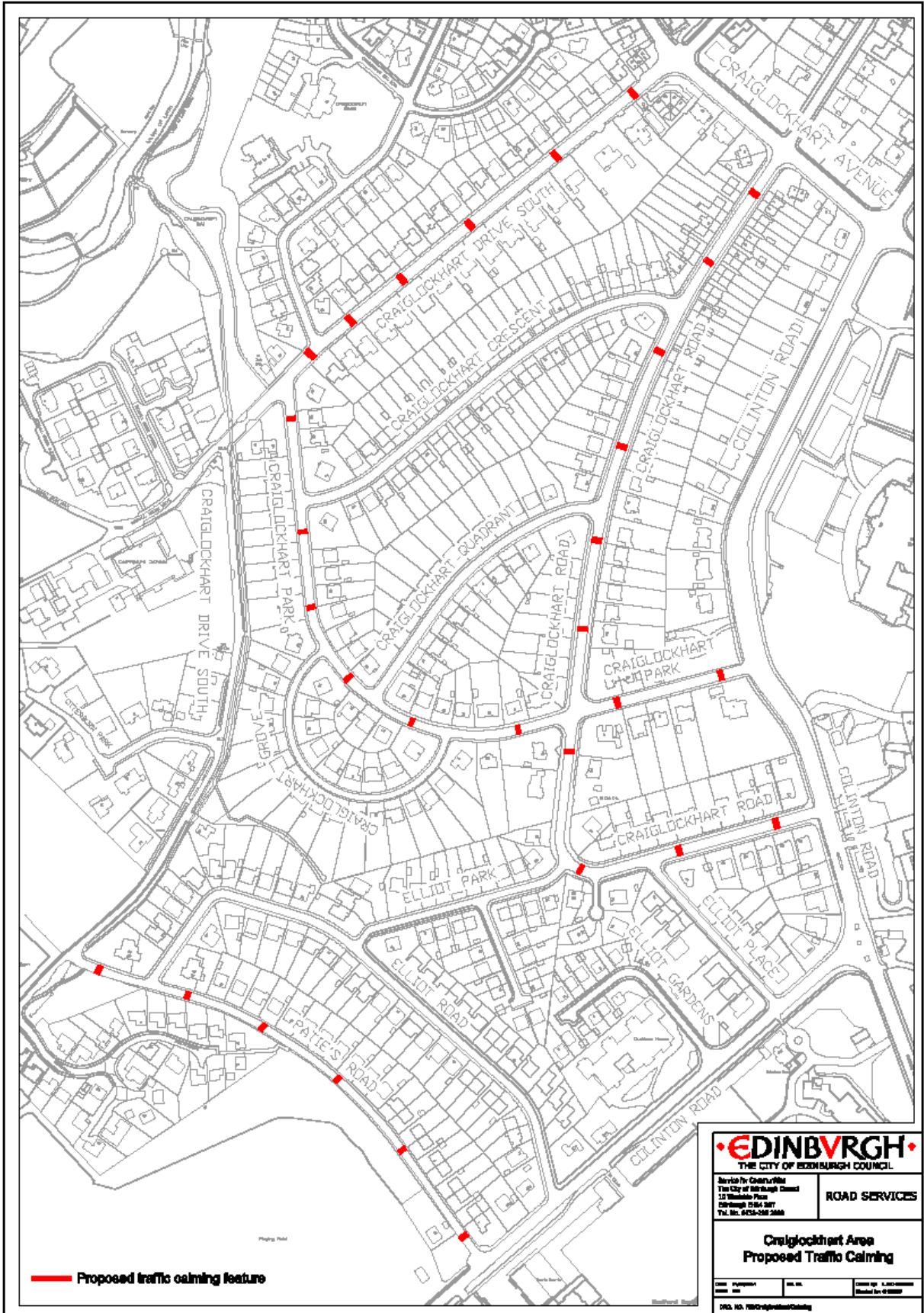
- Live within the Craiglockhart area
- Live outside the Craiglockhart area

**Postcode (optional)**


What is your home postcode:

Please return this sheet to The City of Edinburgh Council, Road Safety Team using the freepost address below.

**Road Safety, Waverley Court C2 c/o Gary Patton,  
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**\*\* All NEW speed hump locations shown as -** 

**\*\* All Existing speed hump locations shown as -** 

Construction details for speed humps shown in attached drawing



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