

MELBOURN PARISH COUNCIL

District of South Cambridgeshire

Meeting: 11 January 2021 (Full Council)

Date of Report: 5 January 2021

Agenda Item: PC094/20b) Street lights : Speed cushions New Road

Dear Ms Keppey

County Cllr van de Ven suggested that I write to you to raise concern over the proposed removal of existing speed bumps on New Road, Melbourn and installation of cushions in their place.

I understand that the speed bumps on New Road (from the traffic calming near the new housing development down to the junction with Mortlock Street), are to be removed and replaced with 'cushions'. The Futures Working Party is very concerned that this will lead to increased traffic speeds along that stretch of road, particularly as vehicles enter the residential area. It is worth noting that the intersection of New Road and Mortlock Street is directly adjacent to Melbourn Primary School and the area is extremely busy with traffic at school drop off and pick up times.

We would welcome the opportunity to discuss the justification for the proposed works and to ask that this decision be revisited and alternative traffic calming options for this area be explored.

I look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Kind regards

Claire Littlewood
Parish Clerk
Melbourn Parish Council

Dear Melbourn Parish Council,

I am writing further to our conversation with regards to the potential for Hopkins Homes not to install speed cushions on New Road.

I have had a look in the file and the rationale for replacing the speed humps with cushions seems to be to make the route more cycle friendly. The need to install speed cushions was agreed at the appeal stage and was included in condition 33 of the appeal decision which I have copied below.

Prior to the first occupation of the development, the existing speed humps along New Road, between the proposed site vehicular entrance and north up to the New Road/High Street junction, shall be replaced with speed cushions as generally shown on drawing 44687/Figure 7A in accordance with a scheme which has first been submitted to and agreed in writing by the local planning authority.

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I think that the Parish would have been aware of this at the planning appeal, and therefore this should not be a surprise to the Parish Council. However, if the Parish was not aware of this, or would not wish to see the cushions installed then the following actions would need to take place.

1. Can you confirm following this email that the Parish Council would like the cushions not to be installed.
2. Myself and Vikki would then require our senior manager to agree to this.
3. Either myself, Vikki or yourselves would need to write to Hopkins Homes asking them if they would consider not installing the speed cushions as per the condition. They may or may not agree to this. I do not have any current contact details for Hopkins Homes.
4. They would then need to undertake some work with the planning authority at SCDC to agree to not completing this condition. This would then need to be agreed in planning formally. The Parish would need to respond to this at the time when SCDC notify you and ask for comments.

This email isn't promising that it can happen, as there may be very good reasons that make it not possible. However, hopefully the above helps you to understand the process to ascertain if it is possible or not.

Regards
Tam

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