

OFFICER DECISION REPORT - TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER (TRO)

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APPROVAL TO PUBLICLY ADVERTISE THE TRO

PREPARED BY: Traffic Management Team, Highways and Traffic Group

TITLE OF REPORT: Sion Road, Bath
PROPOSAL: Raised Table Speed Hump
SCHEME REF No: 26-018
REPORT AUTHOR: Thomas Slane / Gina West

1. DELEGATION

The delegation to be exercised in this report is contained within **Part 2 Section 2.35** of the Constitution under the **Delegations of Functions to Officers**, as follows:

Section A	The Chief Executive, Executive Director - Chief Operating Officer, Directors and Heads of Service have delegated power to take any decision falling within their area of responsibility...."
Section B	Without prejudice to the generality of this, Officers are authorised to: serve any notices and make, amend or revoke any orders falling within their area of responsibility.
Section D	An Officer to whom a power, duty or function is delegated may nominate or authorise another Officer to exercise that power, duty or function, provided that Officer reports to or is responsible to the delegator.

For the purposes of this report, the Director of Place Management and the Head of Highways Delivery hold the delegated power to make, amend or revoke any Orders.

2. LEGAL AUTHORITY

This proposal is made in accordance with The Highways Act 1980 Section 90A which permits a highway authority to both construct and remove road humps in a public road, for which they are the highway authority, if the highway is subject to a legal speed limit for motor vehicles of 30 miles per hour or less or the road humps are specially authorised by the Secretary of State.

3. PROPOSAL

To introduce a raised table speed hump on Sion Road, Bath, centred at a point approximately 10 metres east of its northern junction with Sion Hill Place.

The proposals are shown on the attached drawing TCL0060.01_PC.

4. REASON

Please refer to the Statement of Reasons.

The Council has had in mind and discharged the duty (as set out in section 122(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984) to secure the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of vehicular and other traffic (including pedestrians) so far as practicable. It has also had regard to the factors which point in favour of imposing the new raised table speed hump. It has balanced the various considerations and concluded that it is appropriate to promote this measure. The Council has also considered and discharged its network management duty under section 16 of the Traffic Management Act 2004. It has concluded that the proposed raised table speed hump is consistent with that duty, having regard to its other policies and objectives.

5. IMPACT ON EQUALITIES

An Equality Impact Assessment has been undertaken in relation to the introduction of traffic management measures, which is available upon request. The Council has had due regard to the needs set out in section 149(1) of the Equality Act 2010. It considers that the proposal is consistent with the section 149 public sector equality duty, which it has discharged.

6. IMPACT ON HUMAN RIGHTS

The proposals are considered to have a minimal impact on human rights (such as the right to respect for private and family life and the right to peaceful enjoyment of property). However, the Council is entitled to affect these rights where it is in accordance with the law, necessary (in the interests of public safety or economic well-being, to prevent disorder and crime, to protect health, or to protect the rights and freedoms of others), in pursuit of a legitimate aim and proportionate to do so. The proposal(s) within this report are considered to be in accordance with the law, necessary, in pursuit of a legitimate aim and proportionate.

7. SOURCE OF FINANCE

This proposal is being funded through the 2026/27 Local Active Travel and Safety Programme.

8. **CONSULTATION REQUIREMENT**

The proposal requires consultation with the Chief Constable, Emergency Services, Road Haulage Association, Freight Transport Association (Logistics UK), Parking Services, Waste Services, Ward Members and the Cabinet Member for Sustainable Transport Delivery.

9. **COMMENTS RECEIVED TO DATE**

Chief Constable – It is understood from the Statement of Reasons that “*Pedestrian activity in this area can be relatively high due to adjacent residential properties, and the proximity of various schools and the Bath Spa University building. However, the footways in Sion Road are not continuous along both sides of the road, so pedestrians are required to cross the road in the location of the proposed raised table speed hump.*

It is considered that the proposed speed hump would help to reduce vehicle speeds and also increase inter-visibility and the interaction between pedestrians and motorists in this location.”

The proposal should meet the aspirations behind its introduction.

Emergency Services – No comment.

Road Haulage Association – No comment.

Freight Transport Association – No comment.

Parking Services – No comment.

Waste Services – No comment.

Ward Members

Councillor Lucy Hodge – I am very supportive of the proposal for a raised table speed hump set out in this report which will reduce speed of traffic moving through this residential area in a key location for children walking to several nearby schools.

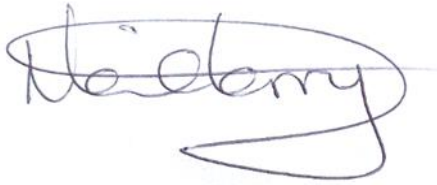
Councillor Mark Elliott – No comment.

Cabinet Member for Sustainable Transport Delivery:

Councillor Lucy Hodge - Please proceed to public consultation.

10. RECOMMENDATION

As no significant objections and/or comments have been received following the preliminary consultation described above, the public advertisement of the Traffic Regulation Order should progress.

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Neil Terry
Traffic Management and Network Manager

Date: 05/08/2026

11. DECISION

As the officer holding the above delegation, I approve the progression of this Traffic Regulation Order.

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Chris Major
Director of Place Management

Date: 05/08/2026