

Questions and answers

Q: What is this leaflet about?

A: We are undertaking a public consultation exercise to inform the community about revised traffic calming proposals on the B7015 Sheephousehill. As part of this consultation we are seeking your views and have enclosed a questionnaire which you can complete and return in the freepost envelope provided. **Completed forms should be returned no later than Friday 23 October 2009.**

Q: Why is traffic calming necessary?

A: Community concerns raised regarding excessive vehicle speeds on Sheephousehill were supported by speed survey information. Further investigation into road casualty accidents also established that the accident rate on Sheephousehill was 35% higher than the national average accident rate for a B class road.

Q: What are we proposing?

A: We are proposing to introduce traffic calming on Sheephousehill in the form of full width speed tables on B7015 Sheephousehill. The location of the tables are shown on the plan (see over).

Q: Why are speed tables being proposed?

A: Due to road width, traffic volume and parking along Sheephousehill, measures such as chicanes or priority systems would not be appropriate. The most effective measures are therefore road humps. Speed tables have been proposed as they have less impact on people with disabilities.

Q: What is a speed table?

A: A speed table is a road hump that covers the width of the road. The speed tables being proposed are 8m long and will have approach gradients which allows buses to travel over them without grounding.

Q: What is the proposed height of the speed tables?

A: To minimise discomfort to road users while still reducing vehicle speeds, the features will be installed at a height of 70mm.

Q: How effective will the proposed speed tables be?

A: Transport research suggests that speeds can be reduced by 5mph if the speed tables are spaced 100m apart.

Q: Why are other main routes in Fauldhouse not included in the proposals?

A: Eastfield Road and Lanrigg Road were investigated for traffic calming but as they fall below the national average accident rate for roads of similar character, neither route justifies further consideration.

Q: Will I have an opportunity to object to the proposals?

A: Yes. The proposals will be formally advertised in the West Lothian Courier. Details of the objection period and the address for submission will be provided.

Q: Where can I get further information regarding these proposals?

A drop-in evening has been arranged at Fauldhouse Library on 13 October 2009 between 5:00pm and 7:30pm. Members of the community will have an opportunity to discuss the proposals and provide comments.

For further information or clarification regarding the proposals, you can also contact:

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Tel **01506 775311**

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Alternatively, further information can be found on West Lothian Council Transportation web page:

<http://www.westlothian.gov.uk/1523/1284/1302>

Customers with special requirements

Information is available in **Braille, tape, large print and community languages**. Please contact the **interpretation and translation service** on **01506 775000**

Text phones offer the opportunity for people with a hearing impairment to access the council. The text phone number is **18001 01506 464427**. A loop system is also available in all offices.

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Introduction

Following community concerns regarding speed, the Council Executive approved the development of a traffic calming scheme for Sheephousehill. The plans we are now seeking your views on use speed tables to reduce speed. **We encourage you to attend our drop-in evening at Fauldhouse library on 13 October between 5.00pm and 7.30pm.**

Key

- A** Speed table across full width of carriageway
- B** Village gateway feature: 30mph speed limit sign incorporated with village name sign, red surfacing and associated road markings (see front cover).

NOTE: All speed tables will be 8m in length and 70mm high

