



## Village Action Plan- Road Safety Team

### The “strategy” – how to get to a proposal to reduce speeding and improve safety in the village

Stage 1: Information gathering

Stage 2: Develop several options

Stage 3: Present options to the village community

Stage 4: Develop recommendation / proposal for favourite option

#### **Stage 1: Information gathering**

an unbiased collection of all the facts.

##### 1a Traffic calming measures

*Purpose:* to collect all the relevant facts regarding Traffic Calming Measures (TCM) both physical and non-physical.

*Method:* to research key facts about each measure, including any available comparisons of the various methods, any evidence of success or failure in other places, lessons learned etc..

Must include legal requirements and whether the measure needs street lighting or not.

Ideally should include a rough cost (include cost of street lighting if required).

##### *Sources of information:*

- Internet,
- Printed literature, (which must include Department of Transport guidance and Traffic Advisory Leaflets as this sets out the national policy and legal framework)
- Plumpton Parish Council and Highways committee – work done so far,
- Meet with other parish councils,
- Meet with Highways representatives/ Lewes District Council.

##### *Outcome:*

A ring-binder “fact-file” containing one [TCM fact sheet](#) per measure (see appendix 1), plus any other useful information obtained, plus “minutes” of any meetings with other councils.

##### 1b: Understand the problem

*Purpose:* to define the areas where speeding is a problem in the village, and prioritise them.



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### *Method / sources*

- Develop a “map” of the village to show accidents and near misses.
- Use SID to collect speeding statistics
- Identify problem areas
  - Real – with evidence
  - Perceived – anecdotes, stories, VAP questionnaire
- Also identify gaps in the evidence base and options for addressing this

### *Outcome:*

A list of problem areas, prioritised.

## **Stage 2: Develop several options**

*Purpose:* to develop several options, for calming the traffic.

### *Sources/method*

This needs to be discussed as a whole group, by looking at all the information. This would need to be done by one or several “workshop” style meetings.

Must take into account any non-physical methods such as education and “voluntary slow down scheme”, and any progress made on reducing speed limit on outskirts of village.

Must also consider the items from P1 (parking outside the shop) and E6 (pavement from shop to village green).

### *Outcome*

Several written options, each with a cost/benefit analysis.

One option would be the ideal solution based on funds being available, then there would be several alternative, cheaper options and/or a phased approach (possibly trying cheap alternatives first to see how they work).

Plus, some idea of the likely [funding options](#)\* required for each.

## **Stage 3: Present options to the village community**

*Purpose:* present the options to the village residents to gauge feelings about the various methods.

*Method:* To be agreed; some ideas

- Mailing to each house (questionnaire)
- Presentation in village hall (vote afterwards)
- Article in Village magazine



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### *Outcome*

The preferred solution(s) as chosen by the village

### **Stage 4: Develop recommendation / proposal for favourite option**

Formal Proposal to Steering group/ Parish Council, probably backed up with a more substantial document (Business-Case style)

Likely headings in report

- Summary of problem
- Options available (with cost, benefit, risk)
- Chosen solution/recommendation
- Cost and how it will be funded.
- Timescale
- People-power and other resources required

### \*Parallel activity: Investigate Funding options

#### *Purpose:*

We should understand and investigate *all* funding options which might be available to us

#### *Sources/method*

Look at mechanisms for obtaining funds, and likely amounts from:-

- Fundraising activities
- Asking every household for a contribution
- Grants from Highways Agency or other bodies
- Raising the council tax
- Etc.

#### *Outcome*

A summary of findings, likely maximum amount obtainable and what's required to get it.



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### APPENDIX 1: TCM FACT SHEET

<b>NAME OF TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURE:</b>
<b>DESCRIPTION:</b>
<b>AN EXAMPLE FOUND LOCALLY:</b>
<b>IMPLEMENTATION REQUIREMENTS:</b> (STREET LIGHTS?)
<b>ADVANTAGES:</b>
<b>DISADVANTAGES:</b>
<b>EVIDENCE OF EFFECTIVENESS:</b>
<b>APPROX COST:</b>
<b>PROCESS REQUIRED TO INSTALL:</b>