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Dear Sir/Madam,

### **CLEVEGATE, NUNTHORPE: PROPOSED TRAFFIC CALMING SCHEME**

In line with its statutory duties to ensure, as far as is practicable, the safe and expeditious movement of traffic on the Borough's road network, Middlesbrough Council is proposing to introduce physical traffic calming measures on Clevegate in Nunthorpe in order to maximise compliance with the 20 mph speed limit.

Numerous complaints have been received regarding excessive vehicle speeds on this section of Clevegate since the 20 mph speed limit was introduced in 2013. Whilst targeted camera enforcement has previously been carried out in partnership with Cleveland Police, the limited resources available mean that this is not a sustainable solution. Consequently, the most effective way of ensuring that drivers comply with the speed limit on a long-term basis will be to introduce physical traffic calming measures.

The attached, schematic plan shows the proposed scheme, which comprises a total of seven sets of speed cushions, spaced at approximately 70 metre intervals along the section of Clevegate between its junctions with Guisborough Road to the south and Allerton Park to the north. Speed cushions work in the same way as road humps, but they are designed to restrict the speed of smaller wheelbase vehicles (such as cars) whilst allowing wider wheelbase vehicles (such as buses, fire engines and ambulances) to pass unhindered. Evidence both elsewhere within Middlesbrough and across the UK demonstrates that such measures are extremely effective in reducing vehicle speeds – and, by doing so, reducing the potential for collisions to occur.

The maximum and minimum dimensions of all of the physical traffic calming measures (including speed cushions) approved for use on the adopted highway are set out in The Highways (Road Humps) Regulations 1999 (Statutory Instrument 1999 No. 1025). This ensures that such measures are effective in reducing vehicle speeds whilst, at the same time, any potential side effects such as noise and vibration are reduced to a minimum.

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The cost of the proposed scheme will be met from the Members' Small Schemes Allocation, using funding secured as the result of a successful bid by Councillor Mieka Smiles. Subject to the outcome of the public consultation exercise, the intention is to implement the scheme early in the 2023/24 financial year (i.e. the year commencing 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023). If approved, the scheme will be monitored closely following its introduction to ensure that it operates as intended.

As with all potential improvements to the Borough's highway network, a public consultation exercise is being undertaken to inform key stakeholders about the proposed scheme and to seek their views on it. As you are the occupier of one of the properties directly affected by the proposal, I would welcome any comments that you may have. Please submit all comments via e-mail to [transportconsultation@middlesbrough.gov.uk](mailto:transportconsultation@middlesbrough.gov.uk), being careful to include the following information:

- **Your Name;**
- **Your address;**
- **Whether you are in favour of the proposed scheme;** and
- **Any additional comments.**

I look forward to hearing from you. All responses received by **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April** will be taken fully into account before a decision is made on whether to progress the proposed scheme to the implementation stage.

Yours faithfully,



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Copies to: **Councillor Mieka Smiles**  
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