

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

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The Residents
Waddington Drive and adjoining Streets
Naenae
Lower Hutt 5019

PROPOSED LOCAL AREA TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SCHEME:

WADDINGTON DRIVE

Several recent accidents have highlighted a problem with motorists exceeding the posted speed limit in Waddington Drive. This has resulted in an unacceptable number of loss-of-control crashes in the street.

Council is proposing to introduce a Local Area Traffic Management (LATM) scheme to reduce operating speeds on Waddington Drive. This would include:

- Installation of speed cushions and speed humps to slow traffic
- Installation of curve warning and speed advisory signs at the intersection of Waddington Drive and Cole Street
- Installation of a zebra pedestrian crossing on a raised table island outside Naenae primary school
- New edge-line markings to narrow the carriageway and define kerbside parking bays
- Upgrading the streetlights to LED lanterns to better delineate the street at night.

Speed cushions are similar to speed humps except they are not continuous across the street. This means buses can pass them without significantly slowing down. The artist's impression below shows what a set of the speed cushions would look like.



In order to slow motorists along the length of the street, we are proposing up to ten sets of speed cushions spaced at around 100m to 130m apart.

To improve safety for local children, Council is also proposing a pedestrian crossing outside Naenae Primary School which would be installed on a raised pedestrian island. This location has been determined in consultation with the school. On both approaches to the crossing there would be a speed hump across the full width of the road to ensure buses also slow for the crossing.

Potential benefits of the scheme include:

- Reduced vehicle operating speeds
- Less accidents
- Improved safety for pedestrians and cyclists.

Potential dis-benefits include:

- Inconvenience to motorists who already obey the speed restriction
- Additional noise from braking/ acceleration around the speed cushions.

We are asking the local community to give us feedback on the proposed traffic management scheme by Friday 23 March. You can do this by:

- Filling out your comments at the bottom of this form and sending it back in the postage paid envelope
- Contacting the Council Officer responsible for the project using the details at the bottom of this letter (phone or email)
- Coming to the information session to discuss the proposal :

4.30pm to 6pm

Thursday 15th March 2018

Naenae Primary School Staff Room

Waddington Drive

To see more information on the scheme, including the proposed locations for the speed cushions, please go to www.huttcity.govt.nz/waddingtonconsult

Over the page we've added some answers to the most frequently asked questions that have arisen through social media. Please consider these when compiling your feedback.

If you have any further enquiries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Why aren't you installing a crash barrier on the corner near Cole Street?

Crash barriers need to be provided over a minimum length to act as they are designed. This length depends on the type of barrier, but generally exceeds 30m.

A barrier couldn't be installed on this corner without blocking the private driveway and pedestrian access across Cole Street.

Crash barriers are typically designed to be struck at an acute angle (<20°). In this location, a barrier would be struck at an angle exceeding 20° and would not act as designed (i.e. vehicles could pass under or through the barrier).

Why don't you install bollards to stop vehicles that lose control and leave the road?

Bollards are typically designed to prohibit vehicle access at lower speeds. At higher speeds the vehicles would either pass through the bollards, or result in serious injuries to the vehicle's occupants.

If we can slow motorists down, barriers and bollards shouldn't be needed.

Why don't you install a speed camera?

Speed cameras can only be installed by the Police. They are installed on a prioritised basis dependent on a number of factors including crash frequency and traffic volume.

The crash rates and traffic volumes on Waddington Drive are not sufficient to warrant a speed camera installation.

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Feedback or Comments

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