

Northstowe Town Council

Report to: **Full Council**
Meeting date: **19th January 2022**

Report for agenda item:

180/21-22 SPEEDWATCH AND TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER

- 1) To receive a report with a verbal summary from Cllr. Susarla, setting out options for setting up a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO), to implement speed restrictions and traffic regulations in Northstowe.**
- 2) To discuss the proposals.**
- 3) For Councillors to come forward to assist Cllr Susarla in taking these plans forward, to discuss the TRO options identified with all relevant bodies.**

Motion from: Councillor Susarla.

This report: information compiled by the Clerk; last updated: 14th January 2021.

Problem statement

- Northstowe has many young families with children and there are recent reports from local residents about speeding and concerns about accidents waiting to happen.

Current condition and blockers

- As the roads in Northstowe are un-adopted, we cannot join the Speedwatch program or associate any legal order to the any regulatory signage currently in place.

Proposal for solutions

- Speedwatch was considered one of the options to implement speed restrictions around Northstowe and Cllr Pradeep Susarla put forward this proposal in the last Town Council meeting after he had attended a Cambridgeshire PCC meeting last year.

Discussions for moving forward

- Cllr Pradeep Susarla had a chat with Derek, TMO for Cambridgeshire.
- For Northstowe to implement any sort of traffic management, we would need to work with the landowners, Highways + TMO and with the Council to apply via PFHI (privately Funded Highway Improvements program) – which is to say with the consent of the developer as land owner.
 - [Privately Funding Highway Improvements - Cambridgeshire County Council](#)
 - [PFHI Application form \(Highway Projects\) v1 \(cambridgeshire.gov.uk\)](#)
- Applications and deadlines
 - An initial application for TRO along with £250 non-refundable fee.
 - The fee includes
 - Site visit
 - Approval of TRO
 - Drawing up of schedule
 - Notification to statutory and interested parties
 - Preparation of street notices
 - Breakdown of estimated construction costs and incorporated officer fees.

- Additional charges may be levied up to £1000 (to be confirmed)

Budget considerations

- £250 for application for TRO
- PFHI design application - £500 non-refundable
- TBD for any additional charges

Point of Contact from Town Council

- Cllr Pradeep Susarla can lead this.
- Will need to work with local communities and also Cllrs if needed.

Risks

- It's not clear at this point how long will this take. But it will definitely take beyond May.
- Future costs – if successful, what are the items that Town Council is responsible for and any on-going costs associated.
- Town Clerk's involvement taking up his time.

Recommendations:

- **To discuss the proposals.**
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