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Subject  
Traffic Calming Measures (Speed Humps)

Brief for 
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At the Strategy Committee meeting on 6 March 2014, I presented a paper on a proposed Road Safety Strategy, where I set out the Brigade’s strategy for working with partners to promote road safety. During discussion, Cllr Knight asked for some information on traffic calming measures i.e. speed humps, and whether borough commanders are in consultation with the local authorities; this briefing note addresses that question.

Twenty two of the Brigade’s 33 borough commanders have been consulted on speed humps that their local authority have proposed to introduce. This consultation has been achieved through a range of meetings with stakeholders and local borough co-ordinators, Traffic Management Liaison Officers, community engagement forums, general partnerships and the Highways Department.

The Brigade’s approach to speed humps is that borough commanders make it clear to the local authority that the Brigade’s primary consideration is the impact on appliance attendance times. In responding to consultation, borough commanders will also give guidance on the size, location and distance between speed humps. There is no evidence to suggest how much note is taken of the Brigade’s advice, however in the main, local authorities appear very receptive to the advice and guidance that the Borough Commanders offer.

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