

GROUNSELL CRESCENT SPEED CUSHIONS

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Why are the Speed Cushions needed?

The speed cushions are needed to improve safety for residents and all road users. Residents of the Grounsell Crescent area have raised concerns regarding excessive speed and anti-social driving behaviours on the road. Council has investigated speed and historical crash data confirming that traffic calming measures are required.

Waka Kotahi NZTA crash data shows that a total of 8 crashes have occurred on Grounsell Crescent, including crashes at the intersections with Park Road and Hill Road, over the past 10 years (2012 – 2022). There are also a large number of crashes (90) recorded at the intersection with SH2 / Western Hutt Road and Grounsell Crescent over the same time period.

Hutt City Council has received 6 speed hump requests for Grounsell Crescent between Jan 2020 – June 2022.

How have the proposed locations been determined?

A substantial amount of engineering expertise, analysis and planning has gone into the development of the plan and the proposed locations of the speed cushions. Council engineers have completed a study of the area and collected traffic and speed data for the road. This has been used to determine the optimal distance between the speed cushions and the best points for them to be installed on each road.

What community consultation has taken place already?

Council has had previous engagement with the Belmont Residents Association regarding their safety concerns for the road. This group is very supportive of traffic calming measures.

Where are the speed cushions going to be installed?

The proposed locations are shown on this map. There are 2 installations proposed.



Proposed Speed Cushion locations:

- Outside 258 Grounsell Crescent
- Outside 280A Grounsell Crescent

More detail on the proposed installations is available from the Council's website:

Shortlink hutt.city/grounsellcres

When will the Speed Cushions be installed?

The public consultation will be open until 10 July 2022. Following the consultation and decision-making processes by Council, the plan is for the speed cushions to be installed in late 2022.

What does this mean for Public Transport?

Speed cushions have been specifically chosen for this area because they do not impede buses. Bus axles and wheel tracks are wide enough to straddle the speed cushions meaning they can continue to travel smoothly along these roads.

Will this affect Emergency Services?

Similar to buses, larger emergency vehicles such as Fire Engines and Ambulances have axles and wheel tracks that are wide enough to straddle the speed cushions, meaning they can continue to travel smoothly along the road.

Council is discussing the speed treatment plan with stakeholders in emergency services, street cleaning, rubbish collection, buses and local schools to gather their feedback as part of this consultation.

What does this mean for Parking?

The impact on on-street parking in Grounsell Crescent will be minimal. The installation of speed cushions does not remove any on-street car parks. Residents who will be directly affected by the controls put in place will have a greater opportunity for dialogue with council to ask questions.

What will the speed cushions look like?

The proposed speed cushions are the same as this example (Waddington Drive, Lower Hutt). One speed cushion will be installed on each side of the road.





What can I do if I object to the proposed location of the speed cushions?

You can provide feedback in this engagement and also contact Council directly

How will speed cushions affect my vehicle when driving over them on a regular basis?

The proposed style of speed cushions are a newer variety which do not extend across the entire width of the road and are less likely to cause wear and tear on vehicles.

Further information on speed cushions:

SPEED CUSHION PADS

Speed Cushion pads are used to slow vehicle traffic on local roads. Unlike speed humps, the speed cushion pad does not extend across the entire width of the road so has minimal impact for buses, emergency vehicles and cyclists. Rubber Speed Cushion Pads are made from recycled rubber which is lighter and easier to work with than asphalt and concrete, and significantly reduces installation time.

BENEFITS:

- Slows traffic with minimal impact to buses, emergency vehicles and cyclists
- Cost Effective - quick and easy installation and will not warp, chip, crack, crumble or corrode
- Embedded reflective material increases visibility and safety, day or night
- Extremely durable
- Flexible - conforms to road curvature



What are the next steps?

Public feedback will be collected during this consultation and will be considered by Council as the decision is made on where the speed cushions will be installed.