

# Speed humps

## What you need to know

A speed hump is a raised area constructed into the road surface. It is used to slow traffic and ensure their speed is appropriate to the road environment, keeping all road users safe. It is one of a number of methods for traffic calming.

### What does Council consider when it gets a request for a speed hump?

While speed humps can be effective in slowing traffic down, there are also some disadvantages. They can:

- > create more noise and pollution
- > create problems for emergency vehicles, buses and heavy traffic
- > cause a nuisance to road users and sometimes even damage vehicles
- > cause slight travel time delay encouraging motorists to use alternative routes and
- > in some cases, present a traffic hazard if vehicles don't slow down.



### How is the decision made to install speed humps or not?

Council receives requests from time to time to install speed humps in response to concerns about cases of excessive speed in a certain area or street.

The current process that has assessed the requests taking into account a number of factors has been put on hold pending release of Council's first *Speed Management Plan* which is scheduled to be consulted upon between 24 April and 9 June 2023.

The new process checks whether the request for speed humps aligns with the high benefit areas identified in the *Speed Management Plan*.

#### If there is:

- alignment with the high benefit areas, then the request will be considered as part of the three year implementation plan.
- no alignment with the three year implementation plan, then the request will be deferred until the Plan is reviewed.

### Where won't Council install speed humps?

- > On busy urban through roads and rural roads
- > On emergency vehicle access routes and roads used frequently by heavy vehicles.
- > In any other situation where using speed humps is considered to be inappropriate having looked at all the factors explained above.

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