

Traffic calming in Grange:

Consultation early May 2023; Results

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1 Background

This consultation forms part of the Carse of Gowrie Group’s Errol Grange Shared Path project.

The purpose was to consult with residents of Grange about the sort of traffic calming measures that they would like to see.

2 Methods

A face to face drop-in consultation was set up in a gazebo at the entrance of Muirhouses in Grange between 3pm and 6pm on Friday 5th May 2023. We were supported at the event by Daryl McKeown, PKC Transportation, Cllr Angus Forbes and Susannah Rea, Sustrans.

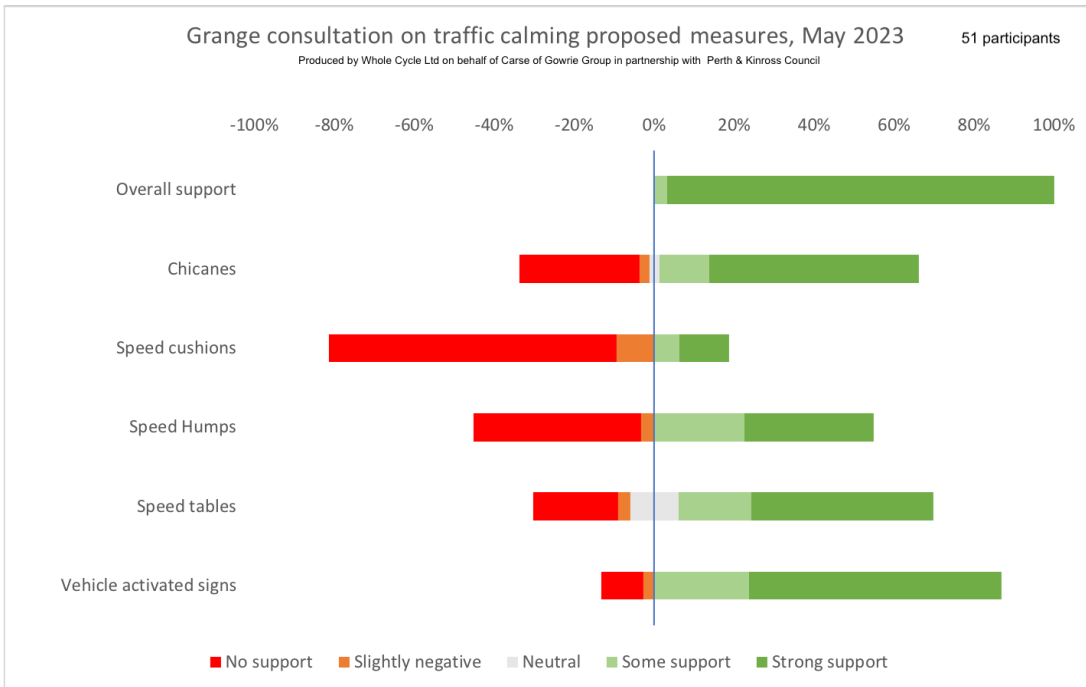
A flyer advertising the consultation was put through most doors in Grange (approx. 150 houses) on the preceding weekend. The flyer also had a link to an online consultation for those not able to make the in-person consultation.

The consultation was intentionally not advertised elsewhere.

3 Results for Traffic Calming Measures

51 participants came to the face to face drop-in consultation, and a further 11 responded online.

The outcome to the main questions is shown below



The graph show unanimous overall support for traffic calming measures on the top row.

Subsequent row show the score for different traffic calming measures as follows:

- Chicanes = on balance positive
- Speed cushions = on balance strongly negative
- Speed humps = on balance positive
- Speed tables = on balance positive
- Vehicle activated speed signs = on balance strongly positive

Speed cushions were the only measure that were on balance negative. Discussion with participants indicated that they didn't like the rubber speed cushions in Errol, and they had three further common negative issues: they don't slow down large vehicles, and they can create noise with large vehicles (i.e. empty lorries), and they can create vibrations in homes if they are situated near those homes.

Comments made on sticky notes at the face to face consultation

"Can consideration be given to a gateway feature at either end of Grange – a feature that signals to drivers they are entering a residential area

"Speed camera (+7 ticks added)

"Spend money elsewhere

"Can consideration be given to the noise that some of the speed calming measures can create. Lots of people living along the road wouldn't want more noise.

"Speed cushions are less effective for larger vehicles that can straddle them

"Speed camera

"Speed hump + cushions generated more noise which is intrusive for residents who stay on the road through Grange.

Comments made via online webform

"I believe a combination of chicanes and speed humps would help to keep the traffic at a safe speed. I live in Grange and often see vehicles travelling well above the speed limit.

"Vehicle activation signs at both ends of the village - at the east end the start of the 20 zone probably needs extended a bit for the new houses under construction. Speed cushions soon after those (both ends) and maybe one extra on the straight towards Errol.

"How about just one instead of them all which is the mess we see in Errol.

"With a pavement and 40 mph limits is there actually a need for further measures as there is no evidence that there needs to be further restrictions or that the various temporary 20mph limits have reduced incidents.

"I note the fake police person is not an option which is actually very efficient."

"Vehicle-activated signs as too many people are speeding. These include cars, vans and articulated vehicles.

"A walkable path is also needed as there is nothing meantime, this is causing significant danger to pedestrians due to drivers ignoring current speed restrictions."

“Road narrowing

“Chicanes please

“Road narrowing and chicanes may be the most effective of the above options as trucks , buses and SUVs constantly go through Grange at double the speed limit and more. Speed bumps would likely have little effect. A speed camera at each end of village would make people slow down every single time they drove through the village. I am amazed there hasn't been a serious accident in Grange given the very poor driving I witness everyday especially by buses, car transporters and HGVs and people overtaking others going through the village who actually do stick to the speed limit.

“I would recommend speed bumps

“Chicanes

”Chicane please

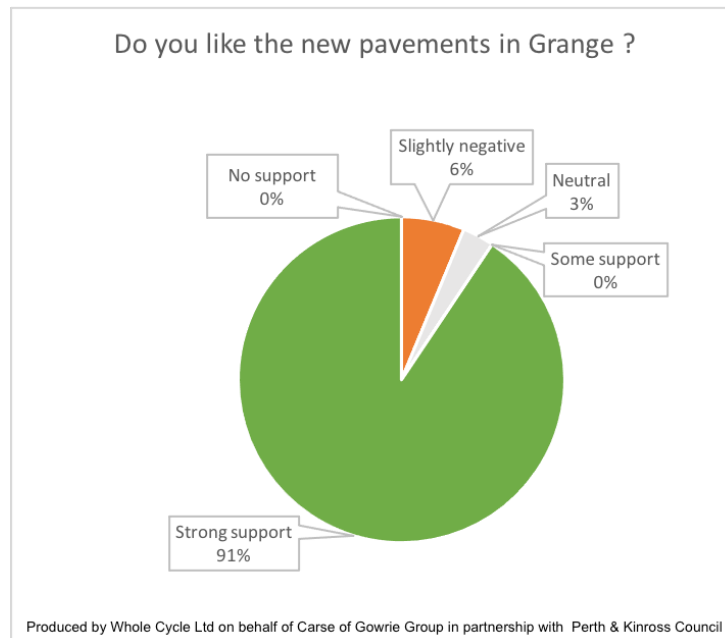
“Not speed humps or cushions as awful on a bike. Road really can't be narrowed any more as buses, tractors and lorries struggle already.

“Please don't reduce the speed between grange and errol any more.”

“Chicanes would be our preference around the Errol boot sale entrance

4 Results for new pavements in Grange

A further question was asked regarding the new pavements that have been installed in the west end of Grange



The graph shows that overwhelming support for the new pavements in Grange.

Comments were received online regarding this:

"As a keen walker I am glad the pavement connecting Grange to Errol has been started. I look forward to a complete pavement which will make walking and cycling safer for us all on what is currently a busy and fast road.

"Not used it as at other end of village. Looks OK. Would of course be great to have something like that right the way through (and beyond) - then I might be tempted to walk more. When I did have a dog (sadly no more) I was up and down the village a lot and drivers would glare or swerve (or both) as if you had a choice not to walk on the road itself.

"Why is it taking so long to get the full pavement all the way to Errol

"Very overdue especially with the Market so busy on Sundays"

"There isn't a pavement near my home as the path wasn't extended far enough. It is our area that is most in need.

"We reside at Eildon and most residents in our area including ourselves are pensioners thus more in need of a pavement."

"Was very pleased to see it start. We have a young family in the garage and think it will be a great link to Errol.

"Excellent pavement, just more required 👍

"No opinion

"No

"So short it's neither use nor ornament. Never seen anyone using it. I would not take my bike on it either.

"It's safer and an improvement

5 Conclusion

Traffic calming measures are supported by local people in Grange, though not every type of measure.

Speed cushions were not supported.

Chicanes, Speed humps and tables were supported on balance, and vehicle activated signs were strongly supported.

The recent new pavements in Grange were strongly supported.

6 Appendix: Consultation scoring poster

