

ADDISON WAY AND ACRE WAY, NORTHWOOD – PETITION CONCERNING DANGEROUS DRIVING AND SPEEDING VEHICLES

Cabinet Member

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Cabinet Portfolio

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HEADLINE INFORMATION

Purpose of report

To inform the Cabinet Member that two petitions have been received from residents of Acre Way and Addison Way, Northwood asking for speed calming measures. As both petitions are asking for broadly the same thing and are adjacent roads it is suggested that the Cabinet Member consider both petitions at the same time.

Contribution to our plans and strategies

The proposals form part of the Council's strategy for road safety

Financial Cost

There are none associated with the recommendations in this report.

Relevant Policy Overview Committee

Residents and Environment Services.

Ward(s) affected

Northwood Hills

RECOMMENDATION

That the Cabinet Member

- 1. Meets and discusses with the petitioners their concerns with speeding and dangerous driving.**
- 2. Subject to the outcome of 1 above asks Officers to investigate the feasible measures identified as part of the Council's Road Safety programme.**
- 3. Instructs officers to liaise with the local Police Safer Neighbourhood Team on monitoring and enforcement options.**

INFORMATION

Reasons for recommendation

The success of traffic measures, which address speeding, are largely beneficial if they are acceptable to local residents. Officers can identify the most practical options with petitioners for further detailed investigation within the Road Safety programme.

Alternative options considered / risk management

These may arise from the Cabinet Members discussions with petitioners.

Supporting Information

1. Two petitions have been received from residents of adjacent roads in Northwood. The first petition is signed by 20 residents of Addison Way and the second is signed by 20 residents of Acre Way under the same heading
“Local residents petition for speed calming measures”
2. The roads are in close proximity of two parade of shops located on High Street and Pinner Road. Hillside Infant & Junior School, Emmanuel Church and Northwood Health Centre are also nearby.
3. In a covering letter to the Addison Way petition the organiser suggests that as well as the issue of speeding, residents are also concerned with dangerous driving and anti-social behaviour by motorists. As it is not clear from the petition what the specific issues are it is suggested that the Cabinet Member discusses in detail with petitioners their concerns and asks officers to identify any feasible measures that could be included in the Council’s Road Safety programme. Whilst it may be possible to address some concerns with physical measures, it is suggested that after discussions with petitioners and if, appropriate, the Cabinet Member asks officers to liaise with other agencies such as the local Safer Neighbourhood Team to address concerns over dangerous and anti-social driving.
4. The petition signed by residents of Acre Way specifically asks for “speed calming measures”. Again it is suggested that the Cabinet Member listens to the petitioners concerns with speeding traffic and seek options that Officers could investigate in detail as part of the Road Safety programme.
5. Whatever measures can be developed would require that support of local residents who would be most affected and will only be successful if they are accepted by them.

Financial Implications

There are none associated with the recommendations in this report. The investigation of feasible measures can be carried out in-house when resources permit. However, if measures were introduced in Acre Way and Addison Way a suitable budget would need to be identified.

EFFECT ON RESIDENTS, SERVICE USERS & COMMUNITIES

What will be the effect of the recommendation?

To allow the Cabinet Member to discuss in detail, residents concerns and the potential solutions that could be considered.

Consultation Carried Out or Required

If the Council subsequently approves the introduction of traffic measures in Addison Way and Acre Way, all residents will be consulted prior to the Cabinet Member arriving at a final decision on a proposed scheme.

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Corporate Landlord

The report has no direct impact on the Council's Property holdings; the Interim Corporate Landlord has no comments.

Legal

There are no special legal implications for the proposal, which amounts to an informal consultation.

Should there be a decision that further measures are to be considered, then the relevant statutory provisions will have to be identified and considered.

In considering any informal consultation responses, decision makers must ensure there is a full consideration of all representations arising including those which do not accord with the officer recommendation. The decision maker must be satisfied that responses from the public are conscientiously taken into account.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Petition received for Addison Way 7th July 2010
Petition received for Acre Way 1st September 2010

APPENDIX A



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