

QUEENS WALK, SOUTH RUISLIP - PETITION REQUESTING TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES BETWEEN LONG DRIVE AND THE FAIRWAY

Cabinet Member(s)	Councillor Keith Burrows
Cabinet Portfolio(s)	Cabinet Member for Planning and Transportation
Officer Contact(s)	Steven Austin, Residents Services Directorate
Papers with report	Appendix A

HEADLINES

Summary	To inform the Cabinet Member that a petition has been submitted by residents asking for traffic calming measures in Queens Walk, South Ruislip between Long Drive and The Fairway.
Putting our Residents First	This report supports the Council objective of Our People. The request can be considered as part of the Council's annual programme of road safety initiatives and for on-street parking controls.
Financial Cost	Subject to the outcome of discussions with petitioners, the Cabinet Member may be minded to commission speed and traffic surveys. The current cost of these is in the region of £85 per location.
Relevant Policy Overview Committee	Residents, Education and Environmental Services
Relevant Ward(s)	South Ruislip

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Cabinet Member for Planning and Transportation:

1. meets with petitioners and listens to their road safety concerns and suggestions; and
2. subject to the outcome of the above, considers asking officers to undertake traffic surveys, at locations agreed by the petitioners and then to report back to the Cabinet Member.

Reasons for recommendations

The Petition Hearing will provide a valuable opportunity to hear directly from the petitioners of their concerns and suggestions.

Alternative options considered / risk management

None at this stage.

Policy Overview Committee comments

None at this stage.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1. A petition with 32 signatures has been submitted to the Council from residents who live in or close to Queens Walk, South Ruislip under the following heading:

"We, the local residents, would like traffic calming measures to be put in place on Queens Walk, between Long Drive and The Fairway. It is wide and straight therefore motorists constantly speed up excessively along this section of the road.

"Queens Walk is a residential street but it is also the main thoroughfare for motorists, cyclists and pedestrians accessing the three schools, children's centre and medical centre, that are all within a half mile radius.

"This route needs measures put in place such as speed bumps, to force motorists to adhere to the speed limits of a residential area and prevent any serious accidents occurring".

2. Queens Walk is a mainly residential road but at the southern end of the road between Long Drive and Victoria Road there is access to Queensmead School, Deansfield Primary School and the South Ruislip Early Years and Children's Centre. This section of Queens Walk outside the school entrances is subject to a 20mph zone and traffic calming measures so it appears petitioners may wish for this to be extended north of Long Drive. A plan of the area is attached as Appendix A.

3. The police recorded collision data for the three years to the end of December 2018 (the latest available) revealed there have been two incidents close to Queens Walk both of which took place in 2016. The first was at the junction of Queens Walk and Long Drive and the second was close to the junction of Queens Walk and The Fairway and both resulted in slight injuries.

4. As previously mentioned, some traffic calming measures have been understandably implemented in the southern section of Queens Walk closest to entrances to the schools. However, as a result of the petition submitted by residents, the Cabinet Member may be minded to instruct officers to commission independent 24/7 Automated Traffic Counts on the section of Queens Walk between Long Drive and The Fairway at locations agreed with residents and local Ward Councillors.

Financial Implications

If the Cabinet Member is minded to agree to undertake independent speed and traffic surveys, the cost is usually in the region of £80 to £85 per location, which could be funded through an allocation for the Transportation and Projects service. If works are subsequently required, suitable funding will be identified from Revenue Budgets within the Road Safety Budget

RESIDENT BENEFIT & CONSULTATION

The benefit or impact upon Hillingdon residents, service users and communities?

To allow the Cabinet Member to consider the petitioners' request.

Consultation carried out or required

None at this stage.

CORPORATE CONSIDERATIONS

Corporate Finance

If the Cabinet Member is minded to agree to undertake independent speed and traffic surveys, the cost is usually in the region of £80 to £85 per location, which is expected to be managed through existing revenue budgets. If works are subsequently required, funding would need to be identified from a suitable source.

Legal

The Borough Solicitor confirms that there are no specific legal implications arising from this report.

Infrastructure / Asset Management

None at this stage.

Comments from other relevant service areas

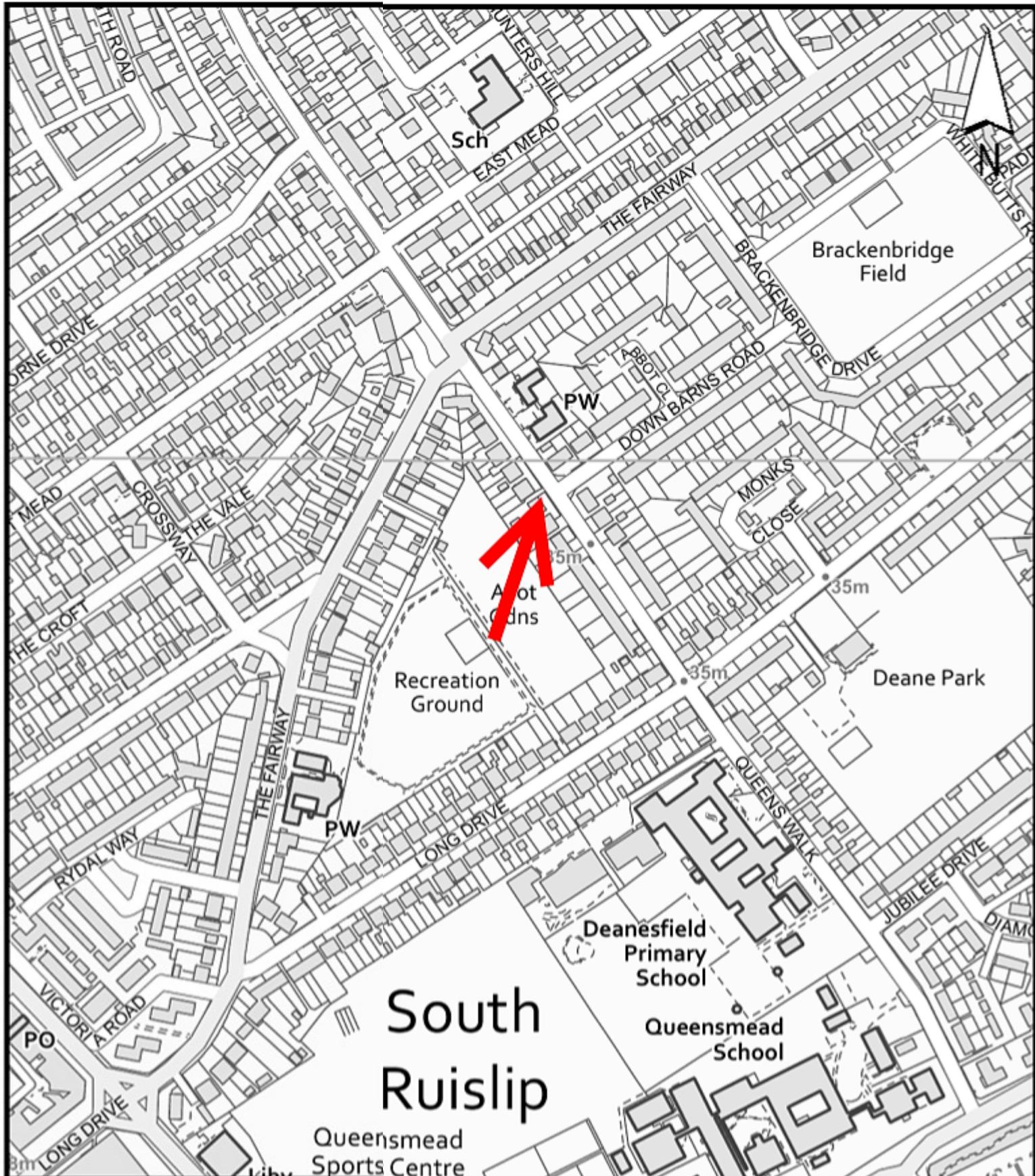
None at this stage.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Petition received.

TITLE OF ANY APPENDICES

Appendix A - Location plan.



Queens Walk, Ruislip - Petition requesting traffic calming measures between Long Drive and Queens Walk

Appendix A

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