

TORCROSS ROAD, SOUTH RUISLIP - PETITION REQUESTING A REVIEW OF TRAFFIC CONDITIONS

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 Torcross Road, South Ruislip concerned with vehicle speeds and volumes.
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	There are no financial implications associated with the recommendations to this report.
Relevant Policy Overview Committee	Residents', Education and Environmental Services
Relevant Ward(s)	Cavendish and South Ruislip

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Cabinet Member for Planning and Transportation:

- 1. meets with petitioners and listens to their road safety concerns and suggestions.**
- 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 101 signatures has been submitted to the Council from residents of Torcross Road, South Ruislip under the following heading:

"Petition asking the London Borough of Hillingdon to review traffic conditions in Torcross Road."

In an separate email sent by the lead petitioner some additional information and suggestions were submitted and can be seen below:

- *"Something has to be done to curtail speeding"*
- *"3 or 4 said they were against speed humps because of noise levels if they were outside their homes. This is because of vehicles accelerating and braking and the bumping up and down of goods in vans and lorries"*
- *"Lower the speed limit"*
- *"Another interesting suggestion was to use a traffic light system as used in a couple of European countries. Correct speed stays green but speed it goes to red until you are at the correct speed. This person is very happy to explain it to you."*
- *"Chicanes at strategic points. This would probably reduce parking but this is already a problem because of the number of dropped kerbs in the street with the number of cars owned."*
- *"The size of vehicles using the road as a shortcut between Victoria Road and Field End Road. The lorries are very big".*

2. Torcross Road is a mainly residential road comprising a mixture of mainly terraced and semi-detached properties many of which appear to benefit from off-street parking provision. However, from site visits undertaken by officers, the on-street parking provision appears to be widely used. A plan of the area is attached as Appendix A.

3. There are three main concerns that residents have highlighted in their petition. The first two concerns are over the speed at which vehicles are travelling and the volumes of traffic. In an accompanying letter attached to the petition, the lead petitioner states that *"over the last few years, the volume, speed and size of vehicles using Torcross Road has increased dramatically."*

4. The third concern, and something which the lead petitioner mentions in the additional information they provided, is the size of good vehicles that are using Torcross Road as a shortcut. As the Cabinet Member will be aware, there is currently a prohibition on vehicles exceeding a maximum of 7.5 tonnes maximum gross weight from using Torcross Road between Victoria Road and Hartland Drive. This restriction was introduced in 1986 and is supported by the necessary Traffic Management Order and appropriate road signs.

5. However, in view of the concerns raised by residents, the Cabinet Member may be minded to instruct officers to commission independent 24/7 speed and traffic surveys on Torcross Road at locations agreed with petitioners and Ward Councillors. It is recommended that the Cabinet Member discusses this suggestion put forward with residents in greater detail and, if appropriate, asks officers to undertake further detailed investigations.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications associated with the recommendations to this report. However, if the Council was to consider the introduction of managed parking in the area, funding would need to be identified from a suitable source

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

Corporate Finance has reviewed the recommendations to this report and concurs with the financial implications as set out above.

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

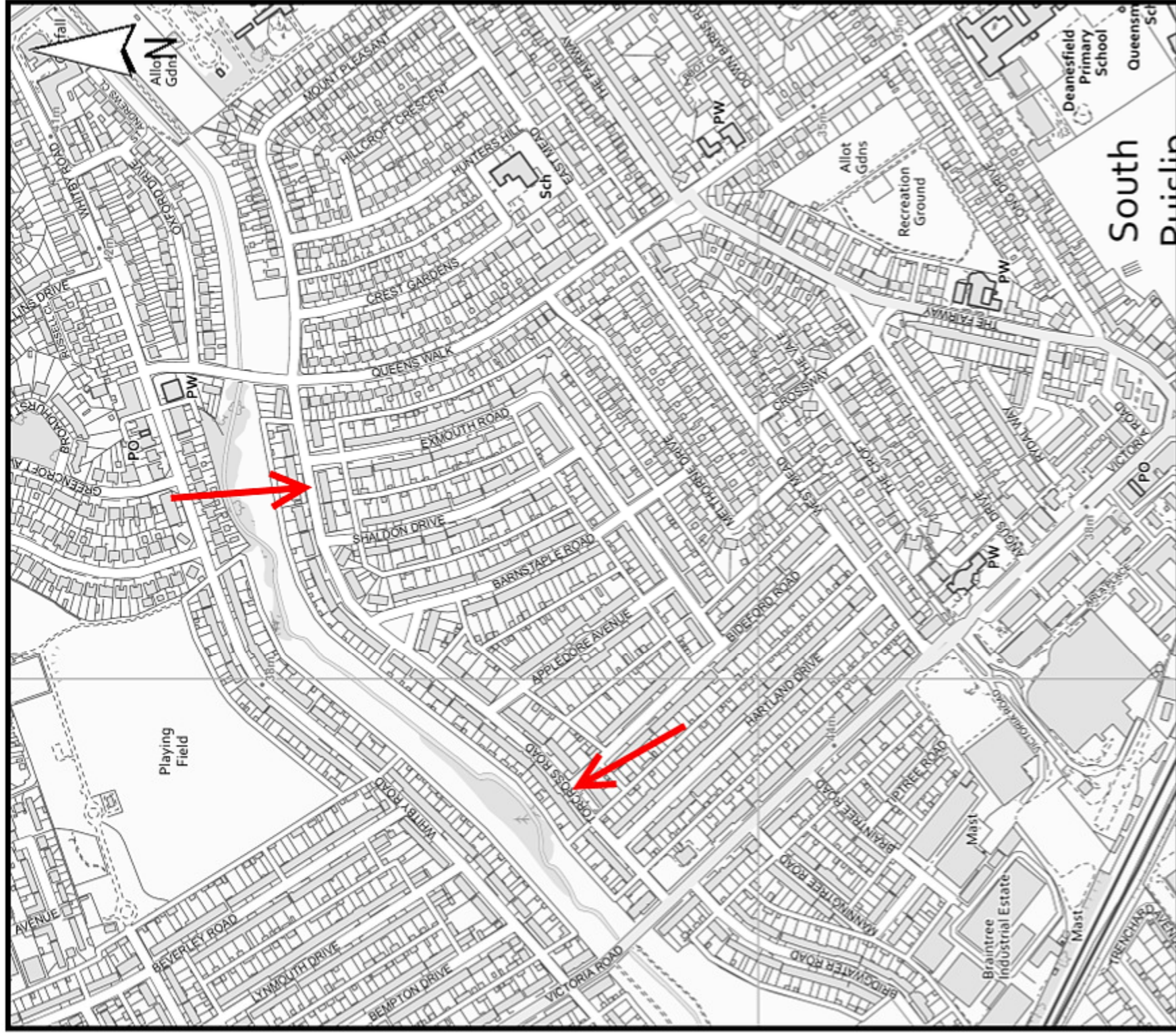
None at this stage.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Petition received.

TITLE OF ANY APPENDICES

Appendix A - Location plan



Torcross Road, Ruislip Location plan

Appendix A

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