

QUEENS WALK, RUISLIP – PETITION REQUESTING A PEDESTRIAN CROSSING.

Cabinet Member	Councillor Keith Burrows
Cabinet Portfolio	Cabinet Member for Planning, Transportation and Recycling
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Papers with report	Appendix A

HEADLINE INFORMATION

Purpose of report	To advise the Cabinet Member that a petition has been received from local residents requesting the installation of a pedestrian crossing on Queens Walk, near the junction of West Mead.
Contribution to our plans and strategies	The request can be considered as part of the Council's Road Safety Programme.
Financial Cost	There are none associated with the recommendations to this report.
Relevant Policy Overview Committee	Residents' and Environmental Services
Ward(s) affected	Cavendish

RECOMMENDATION

That the Cabinet Member;

1. Meets and discusses with petitioners their request for the installation of a pedestrian crossing on Queens Walk, near the junction of West Mead.
2. Subject to the outcome of the discussions with petitioners, asks officers to undertake a feasibility study for the possible installation of a pedestrian crossing under the Road Safety Programme and report back to the Cabinet Member.

INFORMATION

Reasons for recommendation

To allow the Cabinet Member to discuss in detail with petitioners their concerns.

Cabinet Member meeting with Petitioners – 15 June 2011

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Alternative options considered

These can be identified from the discussions with the petitioners.

Comments of Policy Overview Committee(s)

None at this stage

Supporting Information

1. A petition with 78 signatures has been received from residents in the local area requesting the installation of pedestrian crossing on Queens Walk, near the junction of West Mead under the following heading:

“Petition for Pedestrian Crossing on Queens Walk, Ruislip”

2. The petition organiser points out in an accompanying letter with the petition that her children attend St Swithun Wells RC Primary School, Hunters Hill and the route to school means they have to cross on Queens Walk, near the junction of West Mead which is an extremely busy junction as there are vehicles approaching from four different directions. It is also suggested that a crossing will not only improve road safety at the junction but also slow down the traffic on Queens Walk as vehicles travel at high speeds.

3. Queens Walk is a residential road aligned north-south extending between Whitby Road and Victoria Road. There are four schools within local proximity of Queens Walk, Ruislip, St Swithun Wells RC Primary School, Deanesfield Primary School, Queensmead Comprehensive School and Field End School.

4. The Cabinet Member may recall a similar petition received in June 2009 requesting the installation of a pedestrian crossing on Queens Walk, north of the junction of Torcross Road. Consultation and detailed design was carried out on a suitable location and subsequently a zebra crossing was installed in the location indicated on Appendix A.

5. It is therefore recommended that the Cabinet Member discusses with petitioners their concerns, and subject to the outcome of above, asks officers to undertake a feasibility study for the possible installation of a pedestrian crossing under the Road Safety Programme.

Financial Implications

There are none associated with the recommendations to this report, as feasibility studies can be undertaken in-house when resources permit. However, if the Cabinet Member subsequently considers and approves the introduction of a pedestrian crossing, suitable funding will 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 with petitioners their concerns.

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Consultation Carried Out or Required

None at this stage

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Corporate Landlord

The Corporate Landlord has no comments in respect of this proposal

Legal

There are no special legal implications for the proposal, which amounts to an informal consultation. A meeting with the petitioners is perfectly legitimate as part of a listening exercise, especially where consideration of the policy, factual and engineering issues are still at a formative stage. Fairness and natural justice requires that there must be no predetermination of a decision in advance of any wider non-statutory 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 – 22nd November 2010

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PART 1 – MEMBERS, PUBLIC AND PRESS

New Zebra Crossing
Installed in November
2010



St. Swithun Wells
RC Primary School

Location suggested by petitioners for
a new Zebra Crossing

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180m

Queens Walk, Ruislip - Petition requesting a Zebra
Crossing

Appendix A

Date June 2011

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