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Petition Hearing - Cabinet Member for Property, Highways & Transport

Cabinet Member hearing the petition(s):

Councillor Jonathan Bianco, Cabinet Member for Property, Highways & Transport

How the hearing works:

The petition organiser (or his/her nominee) can address the Cabinet Member for a short time and in turn the Cabinet Member may also ask questions.

Local ward councillors are invited to these hearings and may also be in attendance.

After hearing all the views expressed, the Cabinet Member will make a formal decision. This decision will be published and sent to the petition organisers shortly after the meeting confirming the action to be taken by the Council.

Date: TUESDAY, 6 FEBRUARY 2024

Time: 7.00 PM (see agenda for specific petition start times)

Venue: COMMITTEE ROOM 5 - CIVIC CENTRE

Meeting Details: Members of the Public and Media are welcome to attend.

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Agenda

- 1 Declarations of Interest in matters coming before this meeting
- 2 To confirm that the business of the meeting will take place in public
- 3 To consider the report of the officers on the following petitions received:

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| 4 | 7PM | HUNTERS GROVE, HAYES - PETITION REQUESTING A PARKING MANAGEMENT SCHEME | Hayes Town | 1 - 6 |
| 5 | 7:10PM | SIPSON ROAD, WEST DRAYTON – PETITION ASKING FOR TRAFFIC SPEED MITIGATION MEASURES | Heathrow Villages and West Drayton | 7 - 12 |

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HUNTERS GROVE, HAYES - PETITION REQUESTING A PARKING MANAGEMENT SCHEME

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| Cabinet Member(s) | Councillor Jonathan Bianco |
| Cabinet Portfolio(s) | Cabinet Member for Property, Highways and Transport |
| Officer Contact(s) | Steve Austin – Place Directorate |
| Papers with report | Appendix A – Location Plan |

HEADLINES

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| Summary | To inform the Cabinet Member that a petition has been received from residents who live in Hunters Grove, Hayes requesting a “ <i>residential parking zone</i> ”. |
| 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 for on-street parking controls. |
| Financial Cost | There are no direct financial implications associated with the recommendations to this report. |
| Relevant Select Committee | Property, Highways and Transport Select Committee |
| Relevant Ward(s) | Hayes Town |

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Cabinet Member for Property, Highways and Transport:

- 1) Meets with petitioners and listens to their request for a Parking Management Scheme to be implemented in Hunters Grove.
- 2) Subject to the outcome of the above, asks officers to add this request to the Council’s extensive Parking Scheme Programme for further investigation and possible informal consultation in an area agreed with Ward Councillors.
- 3) Asks officers in the relevant department to investigate any possible cases in Hunters Grove where it appears that off-street parking is taking place, but the proper installation of the necessary dropped kerbs and reinforcements to the adjacent paving have not been undertaken.

Reasons for recommendations

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

Alternative options considered / risk management

None at this stage.

Select Committee comments

None at this stage.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 1) A petition with 40 signatures has been submitted to the Council by residents who live on Hunters Grove, Hayes, signed under the following heading:

“Due to [the] high volume of businesses on Coldharbour Lane, shop owners and their employees park their vehicles from early morning till late night.

People [who] live in the flats at the top of the road park their vehicles.

People come for shopping in Hayes Town and leave their vehicles for longer hours.

Those people, who commute to work by train from the Hayes and Harlington station, park their vehicles from early morning till late.

People go for holidays, park their vehicles by occupying two parking spaces for days and weeks,

People block our driveways and reverse their vehicles into it, as a result breaking our lamp post, lamp poles and front driveway walls.”

Additionally, the petitioners have helpfully provided the following additional information on what measures they would like to see in their road:

“Residential Permit Zone only.

This will avoid congestion on our street and noise free.

Residents and their guests should be able to park free on the road.

This will stop blocking our driveways or breaking our lamp post/lamp poles or walls.”

- 2) Hunters Grove is a mainly residential road close to Hayes Town centre’s extensive shops, places of worship and other local amenities. Hayes and Harlington Station and local bus services are all conveniently located nearby. A plan of the area is attached as Appendix A.

- 3) Hunters Grove largely comprises semi-detached or terraced type properties which mostly appear to benefit from off-street parking, although several appear not to have a formally constructed driveway across the footway. In such cases, if the kerbs and footways have not been properly modified and reinforced to accommodate vehicles driving over them, then driving across them to and from private frontages is an offence, and any residents who may have been in the habit of doing so need to understand this. This may, therefore, be a matter the Cabinet Member may wish officers to refer to the relevant Council departments.
- 4) Within the petition, residents have suggested that one of their desired outcomes was for *“residents and their guests should be able to park free on the road.”* It will be useful at the outset to advise petitioners that the Council operates a Virtual Permit System where parking sessions are registered against the registration number without a physical permit being required. The current annual cost of the 1st permit is £75. Additional permits are charged at £110 for the 2nd permit, £145 for the 3rd permit, £180 for the 4th permit, and the 5th and any subsequent permit will cost £215. The first the visitor permits/sessions per year are free, and subsequent permits are £1.30 per day.
- 5) These prices are subject to change on a yearly basis as agreed by the Council’s Cabinet so the request for *“free”* parking cannot be agreed by the Cabinet Member.
- 6) In view of the submission of this petition, it is recommended that the Cabinet Member discusses with petitioners their request for the introduction of a ‘resident permit only’ parking scheme, and if appropriate asks officers to add the request to the future extensive parking scheme programme for further investigation and informal consultation. It is also suggested that subject to the outcome of the petition hearing, Ward Councillors are asked for their views on a suitable consultation area because, as the Cabinet Member is aware, experience has shown that it is likely parking could easily transfer to unrestricted roads close by, and in such cases the local knowledge and guidance of Ward Councillors can be invaluable.

Financial Implications

There are no direct financial implications associated with the recommendations to this report. However, if the Council was to consider the introduction of managed parking in the area around Hunters Grove, 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

Legal Services confirm that there are no specific legal implications arising from this report.

Infrastructure / Asset Management

None at this stage.

Comments from other relevant service areas

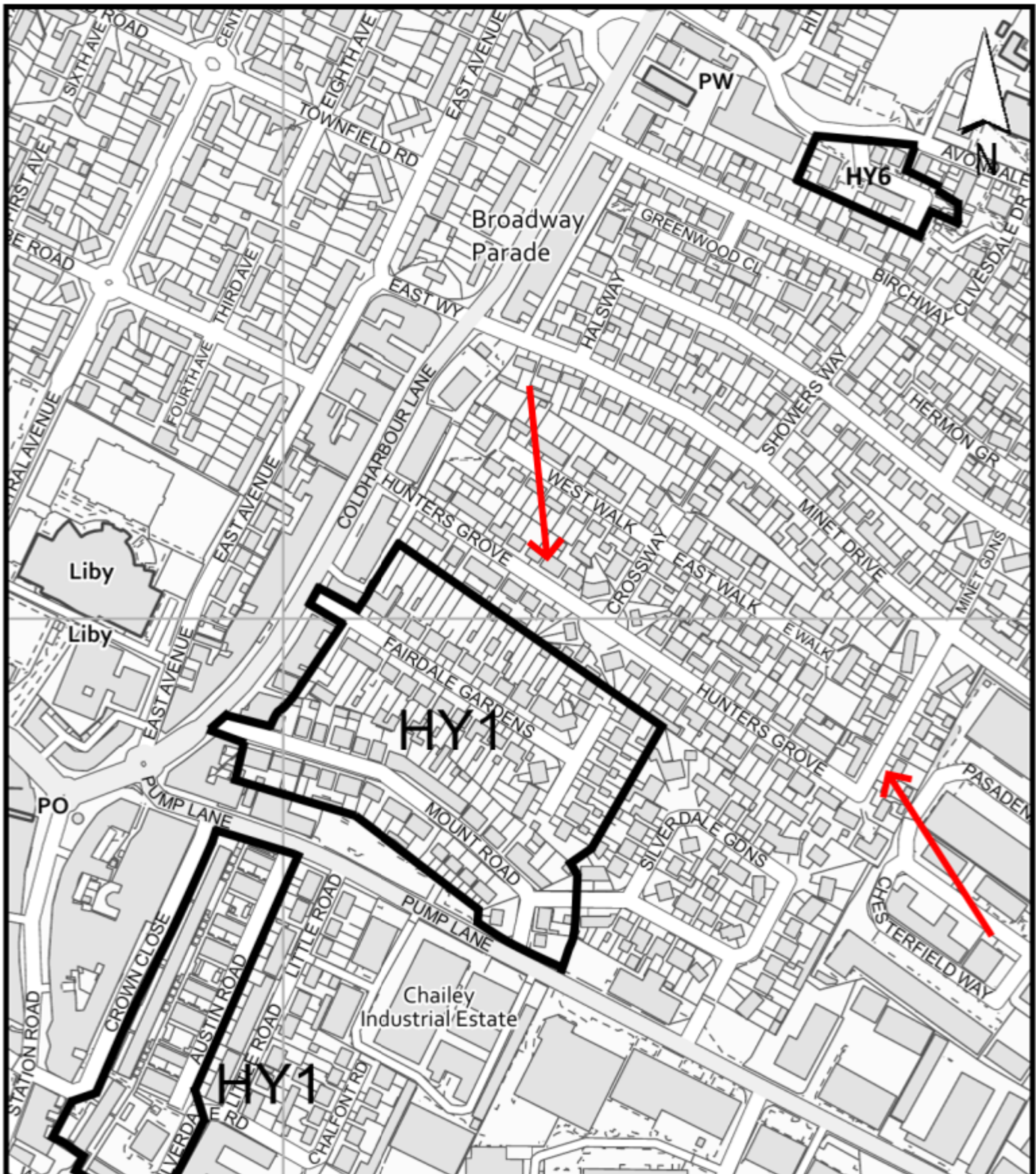
None at this stage.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Petition received.

TITLE OF ANY APPENDICES

Appendix A – Location plan



Hunters Grove, Hayes Location plan

Appendix A

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Nearby extent of the existing Hayes Parking Management Scheme

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SIPSON ROAD, WEST DRAYTON - PETITION ASKING FOR TRAFFIC SPEED MITIGATION MEASURES.

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| Cabinet Member(s) | Councillor Jonathan Bianco |
| Cabinet Portfolio(s) | Cabinet Member for Property, Highways and Transport |
| Officer Contact(s) | Steve Austin – Place Directorate |
| Papers with report | Appendix A – Location Plan |

HEADLINES

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| Summary | To inform the Cabinet Member that a petition has been received asking that the Council undertake speed surveys with a view to implement speed mitigation measures for Sipson Road, West Drayton. |
| 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. |
| Financial Cost | If, subject to the outcome of discussions with petitioners, speed and traffic surveys are commissioned, the £90 cost per location will be funded via Transportation Service revenue budgets. |
| Relevant Select Committee | Property, Highways and Transport Select Committee. |
| Relevant Ward(s) | Heathrow Villages and West Drayton. |

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Cabinet Member for Planning and Transportation:

1. Meets with petitioners and listens to their request for speed reduction measures.
2. Subject to the outcome of the above, asks officers to commission independent 24/7 traffic and speed surveys on Sipson Road at locations agreed with petitioners and ward councillors, and to report back to the Cabinet Member on the outcome.
3. Instructs officers to investigate possible improvements to the junction where the service road meets the main carriageway adjacent to No.64 Sipson Road, West Drayton.

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.

Select Committee comments

None at this stage.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1. A petition with 60 valid signatures signed mainly by residents of Sipson Road has been submitted to the Council under the following heading:

"Very serious accident on 18th May 2023.

Slow down Speed."

2. In an accompanying statement later submitted by the lead petitioner, they helpfully provided the following additional information:

"Want traffic calming measures installed from where Cheery Lane becomes Sipson Road up to where Sipson Road becomes Station Road."

3. The section of Sipson Road referred to by the lead petitioner is a mainly residential road. For the most part, running parallel with the main carriageway, there are service roads that provide access to the residential properties. According to the Transport for London website, the road serves the 222 and 698 bus routes. A location plan is attached as Appendix A.
4. During a recent site visit, cars were observed to be parked in both of the service roads and at the northern end of Sipson Road on the main carriageway opposite to the local shopping parade where the houses here do not appear to benefit from off-street parking provision at the front of the properties. The rest of the main carriageway was relatively clear of parked vehicles.
5. It is clear from this well supported petition that residents are concerned with vehicle speeds. In light of the testimony made by residents, not only through the petition, but also during the meeting, the Cabinet Member may be minded to instruct officers to commission independent 24/7 speed and traffic surveys in both roads at locations agreed with petitioners and ward councillors.
6. As the Cabinet Member will be aware, independent traffic surveys are a reliable and well-established means to understand the real situation on the ground. The surveys generally use specialist equipment, including pneumatic tubes which are mounted temporarily on the road surface, fitted transversely across the whole width of the carriageway. These devices are installed for a period of at least a week to ten days and monitor traffic movements on

a '24/7' basis. The equipment is sufficiently sophisticated that not only can it record traffic speeds at any given time, but it also records the size and type of vehicle, from motorcycles to large multi-axled lorries.

7. The Cabinet Member will be aware that the Council has a range of possible traffic calming measures it is prepared to consider when developing traffic speed mitigation measures but where appropriate these will need to be supported by the local community. Should measures become a future recommendation, arising from any survey work that the Cabinet Member may instruct officers to undertake, they would be subject to an appropriate public consultation.
8. In the meantime, as the Cabinet Member will be aware, it is vitally important for residents concerned about speeding in their road to approach the Metropolitan Police, which remains the only body able to actually enforce against excess speeds. This is because the offences concerned are enforceable, with possible penalty charges and points on a driver's licence; whilst the Council can explore the potential for physical measures on street as the petitioners have suggested, the Police are potential allies in the battle against inconsiderate driving.
9. In the meantime, officers have spoken to colleagues in the Police with regards to the incident, mentioned in the petition, that occurred on 18th May 2023 at 12:43. As this is an on-going Police investigation, at the time of writing, there is little information that can be made publicly available but what can be shared is that the collision occurred between a van and motorcycle.
10. Colleagues in the Police have helpfully provided the recorded collision data for Sipson Road for the last three years up to 31st January 2023, the latest data available at the time, and there have been a further five collisions. Of these, four were recorded as slight and one resulted in serious injury, although none specifically mention vehicle speeds as a contributory factor. One of the previous collisions occurred close to the incident mentioned by the petitioners so as a result, the Cabinet Member may want to ask officers to investigate this specific junction further in addition to any other possible measures for the wider area.
11. It should be noted, however, that the service road mentioned above can only be accessed from either Sipson Road or Harmondsworth Road and not only provides access to residential properties but also to local shops and businesses. Any possible measures to improve safety at these locations would be subject to local consultation.
12. In conclusion, therefore, the Cabinet Member may wish to meet the petitioners and hear their testimony, supported as appropriate by their local ward councillors, and to then consider the technical advice and recommendations set out in this report.

Financial Implications

If the Cabinet Member agrees to undertake independent speed and traffic surveys, the cost is usually £90 per location, which would be managed within existing Transportation service revenue budgets. Should works be required subsequently, 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 report and concurs with the financial implications set out above.

Legal

Legal Services confirm that there are no specific legal implications arising from this report.

Infrastructure / Asset Management

None at this stage.

Comments from other relevant service areas

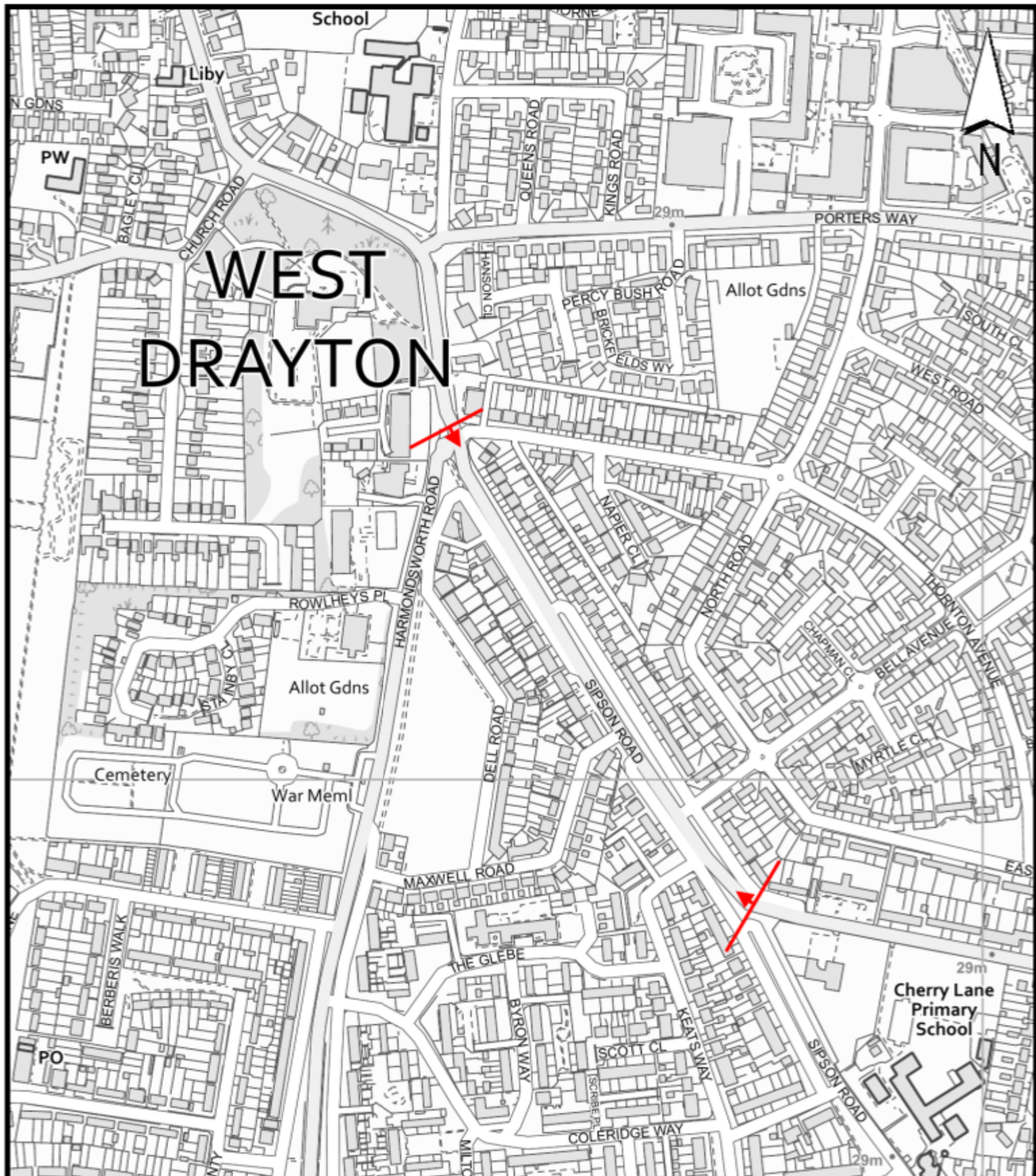
None at this stage.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Petition received.

TITLE OF ANY APPENDICES

Appendix A – Location plan



Sipson Road, West Drayton Location plan

Appendix A

January 2024

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Section of Sipson Road between the junctions
of Cherry Lane and Station Road

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