

SKIPTON DRIVE, HAYES – PETITION REQUESTING TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES**ITEM #****Cabinet Member**

Councillor Keith Burrows

Cabinet Portfolio

Cabinet Member for Planning, Transportation and Recycling

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Planning, Environment, Education and Community Services**Papers with report**

Appendix A

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

This report contains confidential or exempt information

N / A

HEADLINE INFORMATION**Purpose of report**

To inform the Cabinet Member that a petition has been received from residents living in Skipton Drive, Hayes requesting traffic calming measures.

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

Pinkwell

RECOMMENDATION

That the Cabinet Member;

1. **Meets and discusses with petitioners their concerns with speeding traffic in detail and the possible options to address issues that would be acceptable to residents.**
2. **Subject to the outcome of the discussions with petitioners, asks officers to include the request and possible options in the Road Safety Programme.**
3. **Considers whether, in light of any fresh evidence from the petitioners, he wishes to commission a second traffic volume and speed survey in Skipton Drive, Hayes and report back to the Cabinet Member.**

4. Asks Officers to liaise with the Pinkwell Safer Neighbourhood Team as part of further investigations and to identify any appropriate enforcement actions.

INFORMATION

Reasons for recommendation

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

Alternative options considered

These can be identified from the discussions with the petitioners.

Policy Overview Committee Comments

None at this stage

Supporting Information

1. A petition with 59 signatures has been received from residents living in Skipton Drive, Hayes which represents 65% of the households in this road, under the following heading:

“We, the undersigned, are extremely concerned for the safety of pedestrians and other motorists due to the speed at which vehicles travel along Skipton Drive. We call upon the Cabinet Member for Planning and Transportation to look at traffic calming measures to assist in tackling the speeding that takes place along this road.”

2. Skipton Drive is a residential road linking Bourne Avenue and Pinkwell Lane. The location is shown on the plan attached as Appendix A to this report.

3. The Council has previously received concerns regarding vehicle speeds in Skipton Drive from a local resident; however, these concerns have been investigated through speed surveys by Council Officers which showed the majority of vehicles were travelling at or below the 30mph speed limit. Following further concerns regarding vehicle speeds from the same resident the Council then undertook an independent 24 hour 7 day speed survey and again the results showed that 85% of the vehicles were travelling below the 30mph speed limit. There are no police reported personal injury accidents in the past 36 months up to 31st August 2011.

4. It is therefore recommended that the Cabinet Member discusses with petitioners their concerns, and subject to the outcome of above, asks officers to include the request and possible options in the Road Safety Programme and considers whether, in light of any fresh evidence from the petitioners, he wishes to commission a second 24/7 traffic volume and speed survey. It is also suggested that officers liaise with the Pinkwell Safer Neighbourhood Team as part of further investigations and to identify any appropriate enforcement actions.

Financial Implications

Any measures that are subsequently approved by the Council would require funding from the Road Safety Programme. At this stage, the estimated cost for these measures is unknown and will only be determined following investigation and consultation with residents.

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 and possible measures to address the issues.

Consultation Carried Out or Required

None at this stage

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Corporate Construction and Property

There are no property or construction implications at this stage.

Legal

In relation to recommendations 1 to 4, at this stage there are no special legal implications for the proposed actions outlined above. However, should there be a decision that formal parking and traffic controls are to be considered then the relevant statutory provisions will have to be identified and followed.

In all cases, there must be 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 – 16th August 2011