

CHARVILLE LANE & GROSVENOR AVENUE, HAYES – PETITION REQUESTING TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES

Cabinet Member(s)

Councillor Keith Burrows

Cabinet Portfolio(s)

Planning, Transportation and Recycling

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Appendix A

1. HEADLINE INFORMATION

Summary

To inform the Cabinet Member that a petition of 20 signatures has been received from residents requesting traffic calming measures on Charville Lane and Grosvenor Avenue

**Contribution to our
plans and strategies**

- Transport Strategy
- Local Implementation Plan
- Community Plan

Financial Cost

There are no financial implications to this report

**Relevant Policy
Overview Committee**

Residents' & Environmental Services

Ward(s) affected

Charville

2. RECOMMENDATION

That the Cabinet Member:

1. **Meets with the petitioners and considers their request for traffic calming measures on Charville Lane and Grosvenor Avenue**
2. **Notes the ongoing works to develop proposals for traffic calming measures in Charville Lane**
3. **Subject to (1) asks officers to include this request on the Council's Road Safety Programme for further investigation and the development of possible options**
4. **Subject to (1) instructs officers to liaise with the Police and local Safer Neighbourhoods teams to investigate and if appropriate undertake some local enforcement**

Reasons for recommendation

The petition hearing will provide a valuable opportunity to hear directly from the petitioners of their concerns and suggestions

Alternative options considered / risk management

These can be discussed in greater detail with petitioners

Policy Overview Committee comments

None at this stage

3. INFORMATION

Supporting Information

1. A petition with 20 signatures has been submitted to the Council under the following heading *"We, the undersigned, are extremely fearful for the safety of pedestrians and other motorists due to the speed at which vehicles travel along Charville Lane and Grosvenor Avenue. This has created a rat-run on our estate that is unsafe for all concerned. We have submitted petitions in the past to no avail. We once again call on the Cabinet Member for Planning, Transportation [and Recycling] to take our concerns seriously and to install traffic calming measures to assist in tackling the speeding that takes place along these roads"*.
2. A plan showing the location of Charville Road and Grosvenor Avenue is attached as Appendix A to this report. These are predominately residential roads which form an indirect link between Uxbridge Road and Kingshill Avenue via Pole Hill Road.
3. As the Cabinet Member will be aware, the Council received a petition with 187 signatures from local residents in November 2008 concerning the speed and volume of vehicles using Charville Lane, Langdale Drive and Grosvenor Avenue.
4. The Cabinet Member will also recall hearing a petition at Charville Primary School in November 2011, at which school pupils and staff made suggestions for traffic calming measures in Charville Lane.
5. Following the earlier petition, the Council has undertaken surveys and is currently developing proposals to improve road safety in the area. However, it is suggested that the Cabinet Member meets with the petitioners to discuss in greater detail their continuing concerns with speeding traffic and endeavour to determine options that officers could include in their current investigations as part of the Road Safety Programme, that may have the support of residents, the emergency services and bus operators.
6. The Cabinet Member will also be aware that officers often liaise with the Safer Neighbourhood Teams (Metropolitan Police Service) and it is therefore suggested that input be sought from the Safer Neighbourhood Team responsible for the Charville Ward who have signed this petition.

Financial Implications

There are none associated with the recommendations to this report. The investigation of feasible measures can be carried out with in-house resources. However, if measures are

introduced in Charville Road and Grosvenor Avenue, a budget will need to be identified but the cost will not be known until the final details have been agreed.

4. EFFECT ON RESIDENTS, SERVICE USERS & COMMUNITIES

What will be the effect of the recommendation?

It will allow further consideration of the petitioners' concerns.

5. CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

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 and factual 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.

Accordingly, the Council must balance the concerns of the objectors with its statutory duty to secure the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of vehicular and other traffic. The decision maker must be satisfied that responses from the public are conscientiously taken into account.

Should the outcome of the informal discussions with petitioners require that Officers include the Petitioners request in a subsequent review of possible options under the Council's Road Safety Programme and a consultation be carried out when resources permit there will need to be consideration of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002, which govern road traffic orders, traffic signs and road markings. If specific advice is required in relation to the exercise of individual powers Legal Services should be instructed

Corporate Property and Construction

There are no property or construction implications at this stage.

Relevant Service Groups

None at this stage

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- Petition requesting a traffic calming scheme and parking controls on Charville Lane, Langdale Drive & Grosvenor Avenue, Hayes, received February 2008
- Petition requesting traffic calming measures on Charville Lane and Grosvenor Avenue, received October 2011