

PIELD HEATH ROAD, HILLINGDON - PETITION REQUESTING THE NAMING OF A CROSSING AND ROAD SAFETY MEASURES

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

1. HEADLINE INFORMATION

Summary	To inform the Cabinet Member that a petition of 32 signatures has been received from residents requesting the naming of a pedestrian crossing and road safety measures on Pield Heath Road.
Contribution to our plans and strategies	The request can be considered as part of the Council's Road Safety Programme.
Financial Cost	There are no financial implications to this report
Relevant Policy Overview Committee	Residents' & Environmental Services
Ward(s) affected	Brunel

2. RECOMMENDATION

That the Cabinet Member:

- 1. Meets with petitioners and discusses in detail their request for road safety measures on Pield Heath Road and their request to name the crossing after Margaret Josephine Larkin.**
- 2. Considers the request for naming the controlled crossing on Pield Heath Road, which could take the form of a suitable plaque dedicated to the memory of Margaret Josephine Larkin.**
- 3. Subject to (1) asks officers to investigate any feasible measures identified as part of the Council's Road Safety Programme.**
- 4. Instructs officers to investigate the feasibility of adding Pield Heath Road to future Phases of the Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS) Programme.**

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 32 valid signatures has been submitted to the Council under the following heading *"We the undersigned petition the Council to name the crossing at Pield Heath Road (outside Hillingdon Hospital) after our much loved Mum, Granny, sister and friend, Margaret Josephine Larkin (known as Jo) who was tragically knocked over on 15th November 2010. We are asking for a reduction in the speed limit from 30mph to 20mph on approach to the traffic lights, as well as the installation of CCTV cameras at the traffic lights, due to the fact that this is an extremely busy area on a very small roadway."*
2. Pield Heath Road is a Borough Secondary Distributor road which links Church Road and Harlington Road. The main entrance to Hillingdon Hospital is on Pield Heath Road and therefore forms part of the emergency route network. Pield Heath Road also forms part of bus routes U1, U2, U3, U4, U5 and U7. There are existing signalised pedestrian crossings outside Hillingdon Hospital on each arm of the junction of Pield Heath Road and Crispin Way. A plan showing the location of Pield Heath Road is attached as Appendix A to this report.
3. On 15 November 2010, a 72 year old local resident, Margaret Josephine Larkin, was involved in a fatal accident on Pield Heath Road at the junction with Crispin Way. The petitioners have made a request to name the crossing outside Hillingdon Hospital after Mrs Larkin in her memory. The crossing itself is used daily by visitors to Hillingdon Hospital. It is therefore recommended that the Cabinet Member considers the request which, subject to his approval, could take the form of a plaque to be installed in the memory of Mrs Larkin at the crossing located on Pield Heath Road.
4. The Cabinet Member will note the petitioners' request for the installation of CCTV cameras and will be aware that red light cameras are generally installed at traffic lights. Safety cameras, including red light cameras, are outside the jurisdiction of the Council, being the responsibility within Greater London of the 'London Safety Camera Partnership' (LSCP) which is a body jointly managed by TfL, the Metropolitan Police, London Councils and Her Majesty's Courts. In the past year, there has been a moratorium on the installation of any safety cameras in Greater London, although existing cameras are still maintained and operated. Whilst the Council can make representations to the LSCP for new cameras and furthermore may make financial contributions towards funding them, the LSCP have strict criteria which they apply before considering any new sites. The Cabinet Member will be aware that the criteria relates to a history of fatal and serious injury caused by speed or red light running. The collision history for the junction of Pield Heath Road and Crispin Way does not currently meet LSCP's criteria; however, the

Council will continue to monitor the accident records for this road and liaise with the LSCP if the circumstances change.

5. The Council has invested in a number of Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS), which flash a warning message to motorists exceeding the speed limit. These signs have been found to be more effective when in place for a period of three months. Therefore, the Council has developed a programme whereby VAS are installed at key sites, left in place for at least three months and then moved to another site. Pield Heath Road is currently included in the Council's VAS Programme. It is suggested that officers investigate the feasibility of installing VAS at alternative locations on Pield Heath Road as part of future Phases of the programme.
6. The Cabinet Member will be aware that officers are developing options to mitigate traffic congestion on Pield Heath Road as the area around Hillingdon Hospital is subject to high levels of traffic during the morning and afternoon peaks.
7. It is recommended that the Cabinet Member discusses with petitioners their concerns with vehicle speeds which may help determine options that officers could investigate further as part of the Road Safety Programme.

Financial Implications

There are none associated with the recommendations in this report. Any measures that are subsequently approved by the Council would require funding from a suitable funding source.

At this stage, the estimated cost for these measures is unknown.

4. 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 regarding vehicle speeds and road safety on Pield Heath Road.

Consultation Carried Out or Required

None at this stage.

5. CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Corporate Finance

Corporate Finance has reviewed this report and confirms that there are no direct financial implications.

Legal

There are no special legal implications for the proposal, which amounts to an informal consultation.

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.

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 implications resulting from the recommendations set out in this report.

Relevant Service Groups

None at this stage.

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- Petition requesting the naming of a pedestrian crossing and traffic calming measures on Field Heath Road, received March 2012.