

RAYNTON DRIVE, HAYES – PETITION REQUESTING A ZEBRA CROSSING

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 the Council has received an ePetition with 38 signatures requesting a zebra crossing outside Hayes Park School in Raynton Drive.
Contribution to our plans and strategies	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Transport Strategy• Local Implementation 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 a zebra crossing outside Hayes Park Primary School in Raynton Drive.**
2. **Notes the current proposals to improve road safety in the vicinity of Hayes Park Primary School.**
3. **Subject to (1) asks officers to place this request on the Council's Road Safety Programme for subsequent investigation and the development of possible options.**

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. An ePetition with 38 signatures has been submitted to the Council under the following heading *"We the undersigned petition the council to place a zebra crossing outside Hayes Park School in Raynton Drive. In the last 2 weeks 3 children have nearly been knocked over outside the school. It is far too dangerous!"*
2. Hayes Park Primary School is located in Raynton Drive, as shown on the location plan attached as Appendix A to this report. Raynton Drive is within a 20mph zone and benefits from existing traffic calming measures including speed cushions as well as a raised table outside the school entrance. This site has previously been included in the Council's School Crossing Patrol service and it is hoped that this service will be maintained in the near future.
3. The Cabinet Member will be aware of the Transport for London (TfL) funded 'School Travel Plan' programme which is a road safety based initiative that draws upon school concerns to develop measures of benefit to pupils in their journey to and from school. Participating schools generate their own Action Plans with support from the Council, which are then used as the basis for bids to TfL in order to secure funding for appropriate traffic schemes and their associated works.
4. The Cabinet Member will also recall that the Council has recently installed a zebra pedestrian crossing in Kingshill Avenue near the junction with Frogmore Avenue to help improve pedestrian safety in the vicinity of Hayes Park School. Current proposals which are at the implementation stage include junction improvements and new pedestrian refuge islands at the junctions of Raynton Drive with Lansbury Drive and Balmoral Drive.
5. It is therefore recommended that the Cabinet Member meets with petitioners to discuss their concerns in more detail and subject to the outcome asks officers to add the request to the Council's road safety programme so subsequent detailed investigations can be undertaken.

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.

4. EFFECT ON RESIDENTS, SERVICE USERS & COMMUNITIES

What will be the effect of the recommendation?

It will allow further consideration of the petitioners' concerns.

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 arising from the recommendations set out above.

Legal

In relation to a zebra crossing the following should be noted:

- Any zebra crossing should be introduced in accordance with the Council's powers contained in The Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 ("the Act");
- Any zebra crossing should be indicated in the manner prescribed in The Zebra, Pelican and Puffin Pedestrian Crossing Regulations and General Directions 1997("the Regulations").

Section 23(2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 provides that before establishing a crossing the local traffic authority shall: -

- I. Consult with the chief officer of police about their proposal to do so;
- II. Give public notice of that proposal to do so; and
- III. Inform the Secretary of State in writing.

When exercising their functions conferred by or under the Act, the Council are under a duty imposed by section 122 of the Act to secure the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of vehicular and other traffic and the provision of suitable and adequate parking facilities on and off the highway. The Council must, so far as practicable, have regard to a number of matters set out in Section 122 (2), which are as follows: -

- I. The desirability of securing and maintaining reasonable access to premises.
- II. The effect on the amenities of any locality affected, including the importance of regulating and restricting the use of roads by heavy commercial vehicles so as to preserve or to improve the amenities of the areas through which the roads run.
- III. The National Air Quality strategy prepared under Section 80 of the Environmental Act 1995.
- IV. The importance of facilitating the passage of public service vehicles and of securing the safety and convenience of persons using or wishing to use such vehicles.
- V. Any other matter appearing to the Local Authority to be relevant.

As stated above before establishing a crossing the Council must, inter alia, give public notice of the proposal. That duty encompasses a duty to consider representations received in response to such a notice.

The Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002 govern road traffic orders, traffic signs and road markings in general and there are no special circumstances drawn to our attention that would prevent the scheme proceeding provided that the appropriate statutory procedures are followed.

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

EPetition, which ran from 04/10/2012 to 15/11/2012.