

GROSVENOR AVENUE, HAYES - TWO PETITIONS REQUESTING TRAFFIC CALMING 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 the Council has received two petitions, one of 30 signatures and a separate one of 59 signatures from residents requesting traffic calming measures in Grosvenor Avenue, Hayes
Contribution to our plans and strategies	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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 Ward

2. RECOMMENDATION

That the Cabinet Member:

- 1. Meets with both petitioners and considers their requests for traffic calming measures on Grosvenor Avenue, Hayes;**
- 2. Notes the outcome of previous traffic surveys in Grosvenor Avenue in 2009 and 2012;**
- 3. Subject to the above asks officers to place these requests on the Council's Road Safety Programme for subsequent investigation and the development of possible options;**
- 4. Subject to the above asks officers to investigate the feasibility of adding Grosvenor Avenue to the Council's Vehicle Activated Signs Programme.**

Reasons for recommendation

The petition hearing will provide a valuable opportunity to hear directly from both 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. Grosvenor Avenue is a residential road which links with Kingshill Avenue and Raynton Drive at its southern end. A location plan is attached as Appendix A to this report.
2. In April 2013 the Council received two petitions, one of 30 signatures and one of 59 signatures from residents requesting traffic calming measures in Grosvenor Avenue.
3. The Cabinet Member will recall hearing an earlier petition in March 2012 from residents requesting traffic calming measures in Charville Lane and Grosvenor Avenue. In response to this petition the Council arranged a 24 hour / 7 day speed survey in both roads. The speed survey results for Grosvenor Avenue indicated that the majority of northbound vehicles were travelling at 32 mph or below and the majority of southbound vehicles were travelling at 33 mph or below. This survey indicated that vehicle speeds had not changed considerably in three years since a previous survey was undertaken. The results were subsequently shared with the Cabinet Member, local Ward Councillors and lead petitioner for that petition. Although the results did not support the installation of physical measures at that time, officers liaised with the Metropolitan Police's local Safer Neighbourhoods team regarding vehicle speeds in Grosvenor Avenue.
4. The Cabinet Member will also recall hearing another separate petition at Charville Primary School, at which school pupils and staff put forward suggestions for traffic calming measures in Charville Lane. Subsequent investigations and traffic surveys were undertaken by the Council which justified the installation of a zebra crossing in this road as well as the development of proposals for traffic calming measures.
5. Analysis of the latest available Police recorded personal injury accident data for the three year period ending December 2012 has shown that there has been one shunt type accident on Grosvenor Avenue at the junction with Weymouth Road. There have also been two accidents involving turning manoeuvres, one of which took place at the junction of Grosvenor Avenue and Lansbury Drive and the second took place at the junction of Grosvenor Avenue and Kingshill Avenue. Officers are currently liaising with the Metropolitan Police regarding a recent report of a collision in Grosvenor Avenue.

6. It is recommended that the Cabinet Member meets with both petitioners to discuss their concerns in more detail and subject to the outcome asks officers to add these requests to the Council's road safety programme so subsequent detailed investigations can be undertaken.

7. The Council has also invested in a number of Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS), which flash a warning sign to motorists exceeding the speed limit. These signs have been found to be effective if they are installed at key sites, left in place for three months and then moved to another site. It is suggested that officers investigate the feasibility of adding Grosvenor Avenue to future phases of the VAS 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.

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

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 overall parking programme, the Council's power to carry out the works are comprised in the Highways Act 1980 and the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. The crux is that exercising these powers with the object of improving highway safety is lawful, as are other relevant considerations such as the expeditious movement of traffic and the effect on amenity. If specific advice is required in relation to the exercise of individual powers, Legal Services should be instructed.

The Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002 govern road traffic orders, traffic signs and road markings 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

Petition requesting traffic calming measures in Grosvenor Avenue, Hayes, dated 18/4/13

Petition requesting traffic calming measures in Grosvenor Avenue, Hayes, dated 29/4/13