

## TITLE: PERTH AVENUE, HAYES – PETITION REQUESTING TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES

<b>Cabinet Portfolio</b>	Planning and Transportation
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<b>Papers with report</b>	Appendix A

### HEADLINE INFORMATION

<b>Purpose of report</b>	To inform the Cabinet Member that a petition organised by the Chair of Governors of Brookside Primary School has been submitted to the Council requesting the introduction of Traffic Calming measures in Perth Avenue, Hayes
<b>Contribution to our plans and strategies</b>	This request can be considered within the Council's strategy for road safety and implementation of School Travel Plans.
<b>Financial Cost</b>	There are none associated with the recommendations to this report.
<b>Relevant Policy Overview Committee</b>	Residents and Environmental Services
<b>Ward(s) affected</b>	Yeading

### RECOMMENDATION

That the Cabinet Member

- (1) **Notes the petition request and the Brookside Primary School, Travel Plan proposals for safety measures in Perth Avenue and Dunedin Way**
- (2) **Includes the School Travel Plan proposals in future bids to Transport for London for funding.**

### INFORMATION

#### Reasons for recommendation

The school has studied the traffic situation in the vicinity including detailed surveys with pupils and residents. Proposals have been drawn up to make the area safer which can be funded from a Transport for London budget for the introduction of School Travel Plans.

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PART 1 – MEMBERS, PUBLIC AND PRESS

Cabinet Member meeting with Petitioners – 18 November 2009

## Alternative options considered

These were considered during the investigation of proposals for inclusion within the School's Travel Plan

## Comments of Policy Overview Committee(s)

None at this stage

## Supporting Information

- (1) A petition with 181 signatures has been submitted to the Council under the following terms:

*We, the undersigned, call on the cabinet member for planning and transportation to install traffic calming measures in Perth Avenue, Hayes. We are concerned about the safety of the children attending Brookside Primary School due to several factors, they are:*

- The road is used as a rat run to traffic trying to avoid the build up of traffic on the Hayes Bypass and Yeading Lane*
- There is a very high amount of on street parking as the school is on the border of a high density housing estate*
- The inconsiderate parking by a small minority of parents while dropping off their children, which is a danger in most schools.*

- (2) The signatures to the petition included 38 from the school with the remainder from local residents. The petition was organised by the Chair of Governors.
- (3) Perth Avenue is parallel to Yeading Lane and has junctions at its northern and southern extremities with Maple Road and Dunedin Way respectively. The road is shown on Appendix A and Brookside Primary School has its entrance onto Perth Avenue. There are both pedestrian and vehicular accesses to the school.
- (4) The petition request is acknowledged and for the Cabinet Member's information, a school can develop its own Travel Plan with one of the principle aims to make routes to the school safer and attractive for modes other than by car. To achieve this, the school has produced an action plan with proposals in Perth Avenue for widened footways, raised crossings, kerb buildout at the main school car park entrance and a 20 mph zone in Dunedin Way.
- (5) The Cabinet Member will be aware the School Travel Plan action plans are supported by Transport for London but unfortunately, the proposals for Brookside Primary School have not yet attracted the necessary funding. It is clear, the pupils and local residents are concerned with the traffic situation in the vicinity of the school and it is recommended to the Cabinet Member that the Council continue to submit bids to Transport for London for the necessary funds.

## **Financial Implications**

There are none associated with the recommendations to this report.

## **EFFECT ON RESIDENTS, SERVICE USERS & COMMUNITIES**

### **What will be the effect of the recommendation?**

To continue to bid for Transport for London funding to install measures requested by Brookside Primary School in its Travel Plan.

### **Consultation Carried Out or Required**

The school have carried out extensive consultation with their pupils, staff and local residents before proposing traffic improvement measures.

## **CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS**

### **Corporate Finance**

### **Legal**

Section 122 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 means that the Council as traffic authority has a statutory duty to secure the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of vehicular and other traffic. The recommendations referred to in this report in response to the petition can properly be considered by the Cabinet Member as one of the range of potential measures available to the Council to ensure its discharge of that duty.

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Petition received 17<sup>th</sup> July 2009