

VICTORIA ROAD, RUISLIP - PETITION REQUESTING A PEDESTRIAN CROSSING

Cabinet Member(s)	Councillor Keith Burrows
Cabinet Portfolio(s)	Planning, Transportation and Recycling
Officer Contact(s)	Catherine Freeman, Residents Services
Papers with report	Appendix A - Location Plan

1. HEADLINE INFORMATION

Summary	To inform the Cabinet Member that the Council has received a petition asking for a pedestrian crossing on Victoria 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 direct costs associated with the recommendations to this report.
Relevant Policy Overview Committee	Residents' & Environmental Services
Ward(s) affected	Manor, Cavendish and South Ruislip Wards

2. RECOMMENDATION

That the Cabinet Member:

- 1. Meets with petitioners and considers their request for a new pedestrian crossing on Victoria Road, Ruislip.**
- 2. Subject to the above asks officers to add the petitioners' request to the Council's Road Safety Programme for further investigation.**
- 3. Subject to the above, asks officers to undertake classified traffic volume and speed survey(s) at location(s) to be agreed with the petitioners and the relevant Ward Members.**

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

None at this stage.

Policy Overview Committee comments

None at this stage.

3. INFORMATION

Supporting Information

1. A petition with 50 signatures has been submitted to the Council under the following heading:

"We, the undersigned, request a meeting with the Cabinet Member [for Planning, Transportation and Recycling] to discuss the introduction of a zebra crossing on Victoria Road, South Ruislip, between Spider Park and the open space opposite for the safety of children crossing from the open space to the park".

2. Victoria Road is classified as a Borough Secondary Distributor Road and is served by Bus Route 114. There is an open green space on both sides of Victoria Road between its junctions with Torcross Road and Dartmouth Road / Whitby Road which is intersected by the Yeading Brook. Pedestrians can access Spider Park from a footpath on the south western side of Victoria Road approximately 50 metres northwest of its junction with Torcross Road. A location plan is attached as Appendix A to this report.
3. The petition has been signed by residents of the South Ruislip area including five residents who live on Victoria Road. The petitioners appear to be requesting a zebra crossing on Victoria Road in the vicinity of the footpath leading to Spider Park. Initial investigations have indicated that there is an existing pedestrian refuge island and as well as an existing north-westbound bus stop and bus cage on this section of Victoria Road. In addition, a letter supporting the petitioners' request has been received from the South Ruislip Residents' Association.
4. Analysis of the latest available Police recorded personal injury accident data for the three year period ending May 2014 has indicated that there have been no accidents on Victoria Road between its junctions with Torcross Road and Dartmouth Road / Whitby Road.
5. It is recommended that the Cabinet Member meets the petitioners and listens to their concerns and decides if this report should be added to the Council's Road Safety Programme for further investigation.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications associated with the recommendations to this report. If after further investigation any measures are subsequently approved by the Council, funding would need to be identified from a suitable source.

4. EFFECT ON RESIDENTS, SERVICE USERS & COMMUNITIES

What will be the effect of the recommendation?

To allow the Cabinet Member an opportunity to discuss in detail with petitioners their concerns.

Consultation Carried Out or Required

None at this.

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 with the Cabinet Member to meet and discuss with petitioners their request for a pedestrian crossing on the Victoria Road in Ruislip, which amounts to an informal consultation. A meeting with the petitioners is perfectly legitimate as part of a listening exercise. Fairness and natural justice requires that there must be no predetermination of a decision in advance of any wider non-statutory 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 there be a decision that further measures are to be considered, including the possible provision of the pedestrian crossing, then the relevant statutory provisions will have to be identified and considered.

Corporate Property and Construction

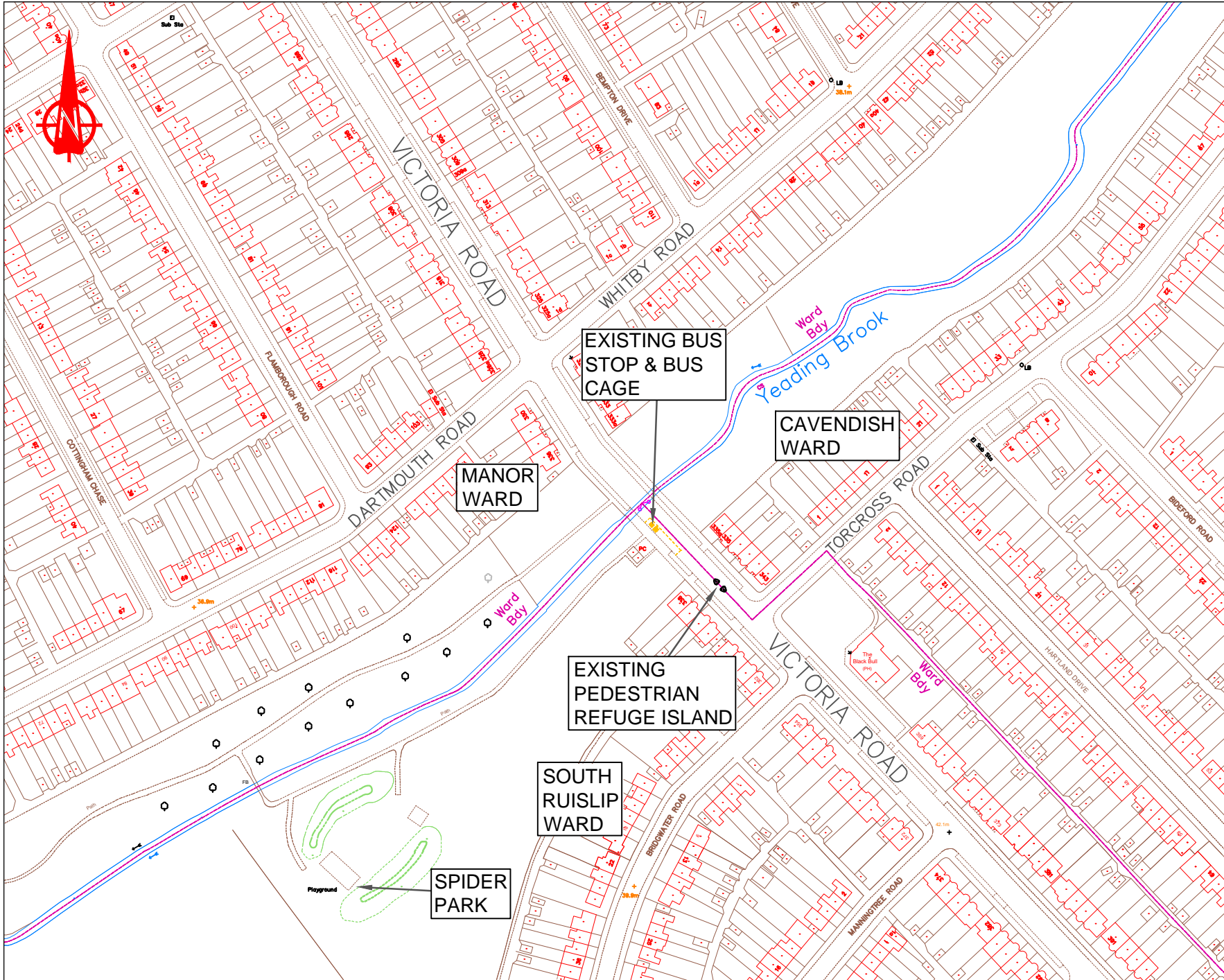
There are no property implications resulting from the recommendations set out in this report.

Relevant Service Groups

None at this stage.

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Petition received.



KEY

----- Ward Boundary

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Project

**VICTORIA ROAD,
RUISLIP**

Description
LOCATION PLAN

Scale	Drawn	(Initials/Date)	Checked	(Initials/Date)
NTS	CF	10/14		

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