

JUNCTION OF CHARVILLE LANE AND POLE HILL ROAD, HAYES - 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 at the junction of Charville Lane and Pole Hill 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	Charville and Hillingdon East Wards

2. RECOMMENDATION

That the Cabinet Member:

- 1. Meets with petitioners and considers their request for a new pedestrian crossing.**
- 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 159 signatures has been submitted to the Council requesting a zebra crossing at the junction of Charville Lane and Pole Hill Road. The petition includes letters in support of a pedestrian crossing at this location from both Abbotsfield School and Swakeleys School.
2. Charville Lane and Pole Hill Road are both predominately residential roads served by the U7 bus route. At the junction of Charville Lane where it meets Pole Hill Road there is a relatively sharp bend in the carriageway. A location plan showing this junction is attached as Appendix A to this report.
3. In recent years and in response to earlier petition requests, the Council has installed a series of raised tables at locations along Charville Lane including a raised zebra crossing near its junction with Romney Road.
4. The Cabinet Member will be aware that Charville Lane and Pole Hill Road have both been added to the Council's Vehicle Activated Signs programme. A Vehicle Activated Sign flashes a warning sign to motorists exceeding the speed limit. These signs have been found to be most effective if they are installed at key sites, left in place for three months and then moved to another site.
5. Analysis of the latest available Police recorded personal injury accident data for the three year period ending July 2014 has indicated that there have been two accidents involving slight injuries within a 50 metre radius of the junction of Charville Lane and Pole Hill Road. One accident involved a car performing a u-turn on Pole Hill Road which collided with another car. The second accident involved a car colliding with a bus / coach at the junction of Charville Lane and Pole Hill Road.
6. The Council has also been made aware of a recent collision involving a pedestrian and a bus which occurred near the junction of Charville Lane and Pole Hill Road in September 2014.
7. The Cabinet Member will be aware that a potential zebra crossing site needs to meet forward visibility requirements to ensure that pedestrians waiting to cross the road can be seen by motorists and to minimise shunt type accidents involving vehicles suddenly braking on the approaches to the crossing.
8. It is therefore 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.

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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 stage.

5. CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Corporate Finance

Corporate finance has reviewed the report and the financial implications, concurring that there are no cost implications associated with the recommendations to this report.

Legal

There are no special legal implications with the Cabinet Member to meet and discuss with petitioners their request for a pedestrian crossing at the junction of Charville Lane and Pole Hill Road and to consider recommendations 2-3 above.

A meeting with the petitioners is perfectly legitimate as part of a listening exercise, especially where consideration of the policy, factual and engineering 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.

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 then the relevant statutory provisions will have to be identified and considered.

Corporate Property and Construction

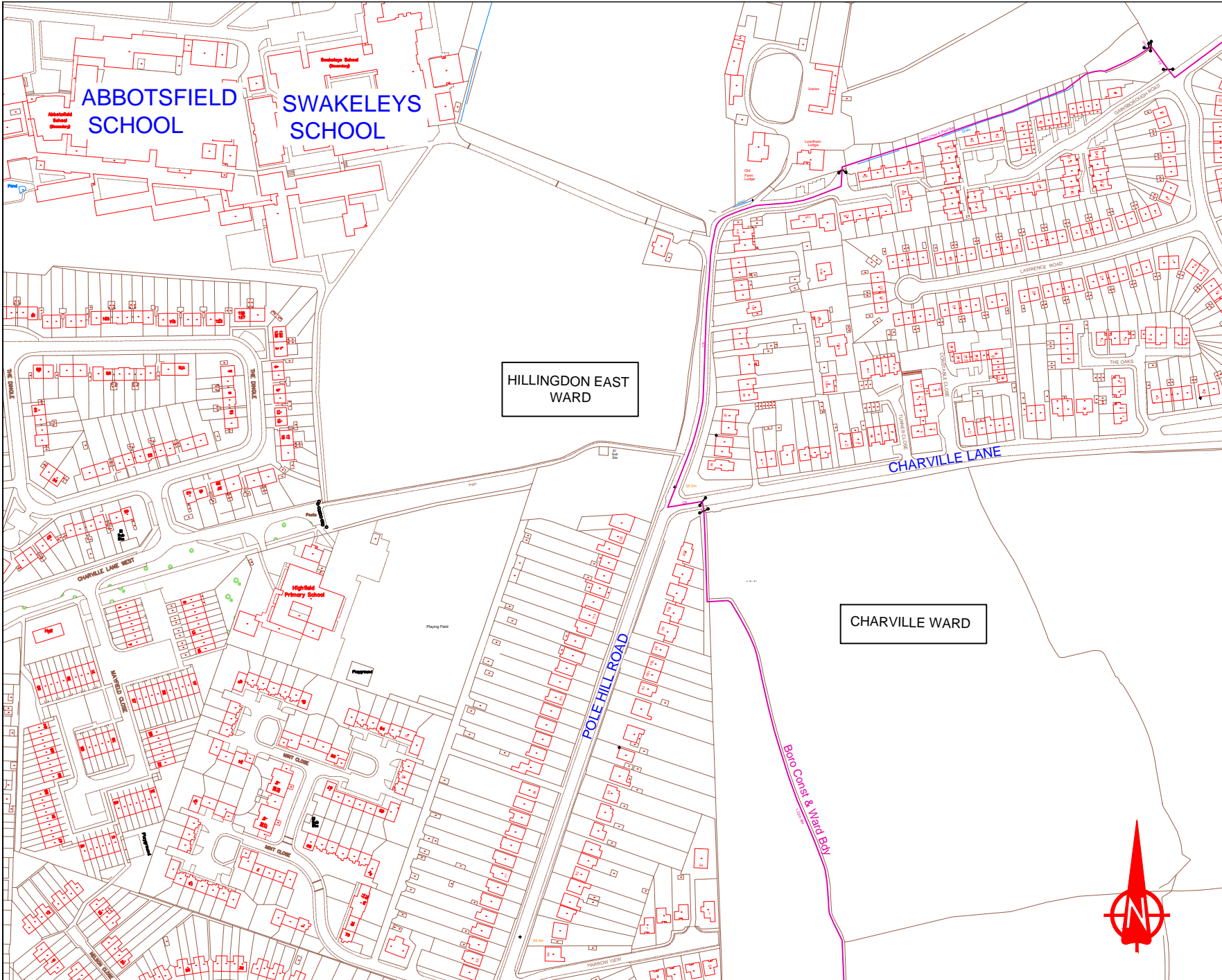
There are no Corporate Property and Construction implications arising from the recommendations set out in this report.

Relevant Service Groups

None at this stage.

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Nil.



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Project
**CHARVILLE LANE /
 POLE HILL ROAD,
 HAYES**

Description
LOCATION PLAN

Scale	Drawn	(Initials/Date)	Checked	(Initials/Date)
NTS	CF	11/14		
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APPENDIX A