

WINDSOR AVENUE, HILLINGDON EAST – PETITION REQUESTING ROAD SAFETY MEASURES

Cabinet Portfolio

Planning and Transportation

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Papers with report

Appendix A

HEADLINE INFORMATION

Purpose of report

To inform the Cabinet Member that a petition has been submitted to the Council asking for traffic measures to address problems in Windsor Avenue which occur during school drop off and pick up times.

Contribution to our plans and strategies

The request can be considered as part of the Council's strategy for road safety.

Financial Cost

There are none associated with the recommendations to this report.

Relevant Policy Overview Committee

Residents and Environmental Services

Ward(s) affected

Hillingdon East

RECOMMENDATION

That the Cabinet Member

- 1. Notes the petition and discusses with petitioners in detail their concerns with traffic on Windsor Avenue.**
- 2. Subject to the above asks Officers to submit a bid to Transport for London for funding to install Oak Farm School's Travel Plan.**
- 3. Asks Officers to investigate other measures that residents have requested in Windsor Avenue that are outside Oak Farm School's Travel Plan.**

INFORMATION

Reasons for recommendation

It is clear there are concerns with traffic on Windsor Avenue particularly during school starting and finishing times. The school has produced a Travel Plan which is eligible to be funded by Transport for London. Outside of this plan petitioners also raise issues which can be considered for funding for inclusion in the Council's Road Safety programme.

Alternative options considered

This will form part of the discussion with petitioners.

Comments of Policy Overview Committee(s)

None at this stage

Supporting Information

1. A petition with 253 signatures has been received from residents living in the vicinity of Oak Farm Primary School with the following heading:

“Windsor Avenue Road Safety. To stop the problems which occur on Windsor Avenue during school drop off/pick up times”.
2. In a covering note to the petitions, the problems identified by petitioners were outlined as follows:
 - (i) Drivers parking over drop kerbs and peoples drives
 - (ii) Drivers driving on the pavement in order to park
 - (iii) Drivers turning in the middle of the road and mounting the kerb
 - (iv) Drivers turning in the drive of the school and reversing on to a main road
 - (v) Drivers parking on the zig-zags outside of the school
 - (vi) Speeding
 - (vii) Cars causing an obstruction for pedestrians and other road users
3. Windsor Avenue is a residential road with a junction at its southern end on Long Lane. It acts a local distributor providing access to several other residential roads in the area. The alignment is shown on appendix A and apart from Oak Farm Schools close to Long Lane, the road is wholly residential.
4. Oak Farm School has produced a Travel Plan following surveys undertaken by the school to establish routes used by pupils and the identification of measures which will make these safer and encourage less use of private cars. The main elements of the School Travel Plan on Windsor Avenue are:
 - “Drop and Go” facility
 - Pedestrian crossing near school gates with 20 mph zone
 - Re-design of school entrance and installation of barriers
5. Transport for London provides funds for the introduction of School Travel Plans but unfortunately to-date, the Council has not managed to secure funding for Oak Farm Schools. Nevertheless bids will continue to be made and hopefully, a budget will be secured in the very near future.
6. The Cabinet Member will be aware the Council is proposing the introduction of a zebra crossing outside the school entrance which is one aspect of the Schools’ Travel Plan. The intention is to install the scheme as quickly as possible but the petitioners whilst supporting the crossing will no doubt have suggestions for other measures that could address their concerns.

Financial Implications

There are none associated with the recommendations to this report, however the introduction of traffic measures would require funding from an appropriate budget and Transport for London (TfL) have in the past provided funding for School Travel Plans. If the Cabinet member decides to proceed with this scheme it would be necessary to make a bid to TfL for funding within the School Travel Plan Programme.

EFFECT ON RESIDENTS, SERVICE USERS & COMMUNITIES

What will be the effect of the recommendation?

To pursue the funding of measures requested by the school as part of their travel plan and to investigate other measures that the petitioners may suggest.

Consultation Carried Out or Required

Following identification of appropriate schemes residents of Windsor Avenue and the environs will be consulted prior to the Council making a final decision.

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Corporate Finance

Legal

There are no special legal implications for this informal consultation.

Should there be a decision that further measures are to be considered then the relevant statutory provisions will have to be identified and considered.

In considering the 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.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Petition received 26th May 2009