

# RUISLIP GARDENS ESTATE, RUISLIP – PETITION REQUESTING A 20MPH SPEED LIMIT

<b>Cabinet Member(s)</b>	Cllr Keith Burrows
<b>Cabinet Portfolio(s)</b>	Planning, Transportation & Recycling
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<b>Papers with report</b>	Appendix A

## 1. HEADLINE INFORMATION

<b>Summary</b>	To inform the Cabinet Member that a petition has been received asking for a 20mph speed limit on the Ruislip Gardens Estate, Ruislip.
<b>Contribution to our plans and strategies</b>	The request can be considered as part of the Council's annual programme of road safety initiatives.
<b>Financial Cost</b>	There are no financial implications in relation to the recommendations to this report.
<b>Relevant Policy Overview Committee</b>	Residents' and Environmental Services
<b>Ward(s) affected</b>	South Ruislip

## 2. RECOMMENDATION

**That the Cabinet Member meets with the petitioners and agrees to:**

- 1. Discuss their request for a 20mph speed limit.**
- 2. Subject to the outcome of the discussion, asks officers to arrange a speed and vehicle survey at locations suggested by the petitioners, for the results to be reported back to the Cabinet Member and local Ward Councillors.**
- 3. Subject to 1 and 2, asks officers to undertake further investigations under the Road Safety Programme and report back to him.**

### **Reasons for recommendation**

The petition hearing will provide a valuable opportunity to hear directly from the petitioners about their concerns and suggestions.

## **Alternative options considered / risk management**

These can be identified from the proposed detailed discussions with the petitioners.

## **Policy Overview Committee comments**

None at this stage.

## **4. INFORMATION**

### **Supporting Information**

1. A petition with 79 signatures has been submitted to the Council from residents within and outside the Ruislip Gardens Estate under the following heading '*We the undersigned request 20mph on the roads on our estate*'.
2. The Ruislip Gardens Estate consists of eight roads. These are Bedford Road, Clyfford Road, Trevor Crescent, Lea Crescent, Stafford Road, Bromley Crescent, Acorn Grove and Hathaway Close. These roads are mainly residential, with Ruislip Gardens Primary School being located on Stafford Road. All roads fall within South Ruislip Ward. Bedford Road is the only access road in and out of the estate. The estate is within easy walking distance of Ruislip Gardens underground train station. A plan of the area is shown on Appendix A.
3. Analysis of the latest available Police recorded personal injury data for the three year period ending April 2015 has shown that there has been one incident within the estate. This occurred on Bedford Road, 110m north east of its junction with Trevor Crescent and the cause was recorded as the driver being distracted, subsequently losing control and hitting two parked cars.
4. It is not clear from the petition whether the petitioners are concerned with vehicle speeds across the whole estate or just at certain locations. However, in order to assist with investigations concerning the speed of vehicles, it is suggested that the Cabinet Member may be minded to ask officers to commission independent 24 hour / 7 day vehicle speed and classification surveys at locations agreed by the petitioners and relevant Ward Councillors.
5. These surveys could take the form of Automatic Traffic Counters (ATCs). These are pairs of rubber tubes laid across the carriageway and attached to a road-side data recorder. This type of survey is the most reliable means of measuring traffic volumes, types and speeds on a 24-hour, seven day a week basis. The data captured would inform any possible options to address vehicle speeds, if this is found to be a problem.
6. It is therefore, recommended that the Cabinet Member meets the petitioners to listen to their concerns and decide if this request should be added to the Council's Road Safety Programme for further investigation.

## **Financial Implications**

There are no financial implications associated with the recommendations in 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 with petitioners their concerns in detail.

### **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 above.

### **Legal**

There are no special legal implications for the proposal to discuss with petitioners their request for a 20mph speed limit on the Ruislip Garden Estate, 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, 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.

## **6. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Nil.