

NORTH VIEW, EASTCOTE - PETITION REGARDING PARKING ISSUES AND VEHICLE SPEEDS

Cabinet Member(s)	Councillor Keith Burrows
Cabinet Portfolio(s)	Planning, Transportation and Recycling
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Papers with report	Appendix A - Location plan

1. HEADLINE INFORMATION

Summary	To inform the Cabinet Member that the Council has received a petition regarding parking issues and vehicle speeds on North View, Eastcote.
Contribution to our plans and strategies	The request can be considered as part of the Council's Road Safety Programme and Parking Management 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	Eastcote and East Ruislip Ward

2. RECOMMENDATION

Meeting with the Petitioners, the Cabinet Member:

- 1. Consider the petitioners' concerns regarding parking issues and vehicle speeds on North View .**
- 2. 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.**
- 3. Subject to the above, considers adding North View to future phases of the Council's Vehicle Activated Signs programme.**
- 4. Subject to the above asks officers to add the petitioners' request to the Council's Road Safety Programme and Parking Management Programme for further investigation**

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 32 valid signatures has been submitted to the Council from residents of roads in the Eastcote area concerned with parking issues and vehicle speeds on North View, Eastcote.
2. North View is located in the Eastcote and East Ruislip Ward. The western end of North View is controlled by traffic signals at the cross-road junction with Field End Road and Elm Avenue. Eastcote London Underground Station is located on Field End Road, approximately 90 metres south of its junction with North View. The eastern end of North View forms the boundary with the London Borough of Harrow where the road becomes Eastern Avenue. A location plan is attached as Appendix A to this report.
3. In a covering letter to the petition, the lead petitioner states that the parking issues take place on the unrestricted section of Field End Road between Ivy Close and the Borough boundary. The lead petitioner has put forward a helpful suggestion for a limited parking restriction scheme to remove all day parking on this section of North View. The lead petitioner has also raised concerns regarding vehicle speeds on North View between Field End Road and the Borough boundary. The petitioners have suggested the following:
"..installing some form of speeding camera to reduce the speeding vehicles and also as children cross North View twice a day to walk up Boundary Road to attend Cannon Lane School and adults cross the road, with the speeding cars travelling well in excess of 30mph it is an accident waiting to happen, before someone is knocked down by a speeding vehicle and possible leading to a death"
4. The Cabinet Member will be aware that the Council is not responsible for the introduction, management or maintenance of safety cameras and they are overseen by Transport for London, working in partnership with the Metropolitan Police, London Councils and Her Majesty's Courts. The criteria for a safety camera requires there to be a history of serious or fatal accidents. Guidance specifies that safety cameras should be installed at locations where there has been a history of collisions which have resulted in death or serious injury. For a safety camera installation to be recommended there must have been four or more killed or seriously injured casualties in a three year period, of which two must have been as a result of speeding.
5. Analysis of the latest available Police recorded personal injury accident data for the three year period ending April 2015 has shown that there have been two accidents involving slight

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injuries on North View. One of these accidents took place approximately 40m north of the junction with Field End Road and involved a pedestrian running into the road after a young child and was hit by a south-eastbound vehicle. The second accident took place between the junctions with Boldmere Road and Ivy Close and involved an eastbound vehicle which lost control and hit a north-westbound vehicle.

6. The Council has invested in a number of Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS), which flash 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. It is recommended that the Cabinet Member considers adding North View to a future phase of the programme.

7. To assist with investigations concerning the speed of vehicles using North View, it is recommended that the Cabinet Member considers asking officers to commission independent 24 hour / 7 day vehicle speed and classification surveys at locations agreed by the petitioners and relevant Ward Councillors. This could be coupled with further investigations under the Road Safety Programme and Parking Management Programme to establish the case for and viability of speed reducing measures and additional parking restrictions.

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.

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 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 concerns regarding parking issues and vehicle speed on North View, Eastcote, 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.

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.