

KEATS WAY, WEST DRAYTON - PETITION REQUESTING TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES

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 requesting traffic calming measures in Keats Way, West Drayton.
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	Heathrow Villages

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

Meeting with the Petitioners, the Cabinet Member:

1. **Considers their concerns regarding vehicle speeds in Keats Way, West Drayton.**
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 outcome of the above, if appropriate, considers adding Keats Way to future phases of the Council's Vehicle Activated Signs programme and adds the petitioners' request to the Council's Road Safety Programme for further investigation.**

Reasons for recommendations

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 under the following heading *"We the residents of Keats Way would like to see the introduction of speed humps because the road is being used more and more as a cut through and speed is a problem. Also it's in close proximity to Cherry Lane School"*.
2. Keats Way is a residential road located in the Heathrow Villages ward. A location plan is attached as Appendix A to this report.
3. Analysis of the latest available Police recorded personal injury accident data for the three year period ending June 2015 has indicated that there has been one accident involving slight injuries on Keats Way. This accident involved two vehicles travelling in opposite directions which collided on the northernmost bend in Keats Way.
4. To assist with investigations concerning the speed of vehicles using Keats Way, 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.
5. 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 Keats Way to a future phase of the programme. This could be coupled with further investigations under the Road Safety Programme to establish the case for additional measures.
6. 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.

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Consultation Carried Out or Required

None at this stage.

5. CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Corporate Finance

Corporate Finance has reviewed this report and concurs with the financial implications above, noting that there are no direct financial implications associated with the recommendations outlined above.

Legal

There are no special legal implications with the Cabinet Member meeting and discussing with petitioners their request concerning the speed of vehicles in Keats Way and to consider recommendations 1 to 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

None at this stage.

Relevant Service Groups

None at this stage.

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Petition received.