

# LIME GROVE, EASTCOTE - PETITION ASKING THE COUNCIL TO REVIEW THE NEED FOR SPEED CALMING MEASURES AND PARKING CONTROLS IN LIME GROVE

<b>Cabinet Member(s)</b>	Councillor Keith Burrows
<b>Cabinet Portfolio(s)</b>	Cabinet Member for Planning, Transportation and Recycling
<b>Officer Contact(s)</b>	Steven Austin Residents Services Directorate
<b>Papers with report</b>	Appendix A

## **1. HEADLINE INFORMATION**

<b>Summary</b>	To inform the Cabinet Member that the Council has received a petition from residents of Lime Grove, Eastcote requesting that the Council review the need for speed limiting measures and parking controls in their road.
<b>Contribution to our plans and strategies</b>	The request can be considered as part of the Council's strategy for on-street parking and road safety.
<b>Financial Cost</b>	There are none associated with the recommendations to this report.
<b>Relevant Policy Overview Committee</b>	Residents' and Environmental Services.
<b>Ward(s) affected</b>	Cavendish, Eastcote and East Ruislip

## **2. RECOMMENDATION**

**Meeting with the Petitioners, that the Cabinet Member:**

- 1. Discusses with petitioners their concerns with vehicle speeds and parking in Lime Grove, Eastcote.**
- 2. Subject to the outcome of the above, asks officers to add the request to the Council's extensive parking programme for further informal consultation on options to manage parking in an area agreed with local Ward Councillors.**
- 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 97 signatures has been submitted to the Council from residents of Lime Grove, Eastcote under the following heading;

*"This petition is to ask the Council to urgently review the need for speed limiting and parking controls in Lime Grove*

- Regular and serious disregard of speed limits has recently led to some serious accidents. There are likely to be fatalities if something is not done urgently.*
- We further request that parking is controlled in Lime Grove by way of parking limitations to stop those leaving vehicles whilst travelling to work from Eastcote Station. Many residents are affected and unable to park outside their own houses - all day- and this is becoming worse!"*

2. Lime Grove is a residential road situated just a short walk from Eastcote town centre and London Underground Station. As many of the surrounding residential roads already benefit from a Parking Management Scheme, Lime Grove may provide an attractive place to park for non-residents using the station or local amenities.

3. Lime Grove is also one of the main access roads to and from the recently constructed residential development known as Pembroke Park on the former RAF Eastcote site. As a result there is likely to have been an increase in traffic using Lime Grove in recent years.

4. Analysis of the latest available Police recorded personal injury accident data for the three year period ending July 2016 which is the latest available information, has indicated that there has been one collision on Lime Grove. This involved an elderly gentleman who lost control of his vehicle which resulted in a slight injury and is likely to have been caused by a reaction to medication for an illness.

5. To assist with investigations concerning the speed of vehicles using Lime Grove, it is suggested that the Cabinet Member may be minded to consider asking officers to commission fresh independent 24 hour / 7 day vehicle speed and classification surveys at locations agreed by the petitioners and Ward Councillors.

6. As the Cabinet Member is aware the Council has recently extended the nearby Eastcote Parking Management Scheme in part of Deane Croft Road and The Chase following a petition from residents also concerned with all day non-residential parking. As the Cabinet Member is aware, experience has shown that when parking is implemented for one or two roads in an area, non-residential parking could transfer more widely. It is therefore suggested that subject to the outcome of the petition meeting, Ward Councillors are asked for their views on a suitable wider consultation area.

### **Financial Implications**

There are no financial implications associated with the recommendations to this report. If works are subsequently required, suitable funding will need to be identified within the parking programme.

## **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 concurs with the financial implications noted above.

### **Legal**

There are no special legal implications for the proposal to discuss with petitioners their request to review the need for speed calming measures and parking controls in Lime Grove, 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**

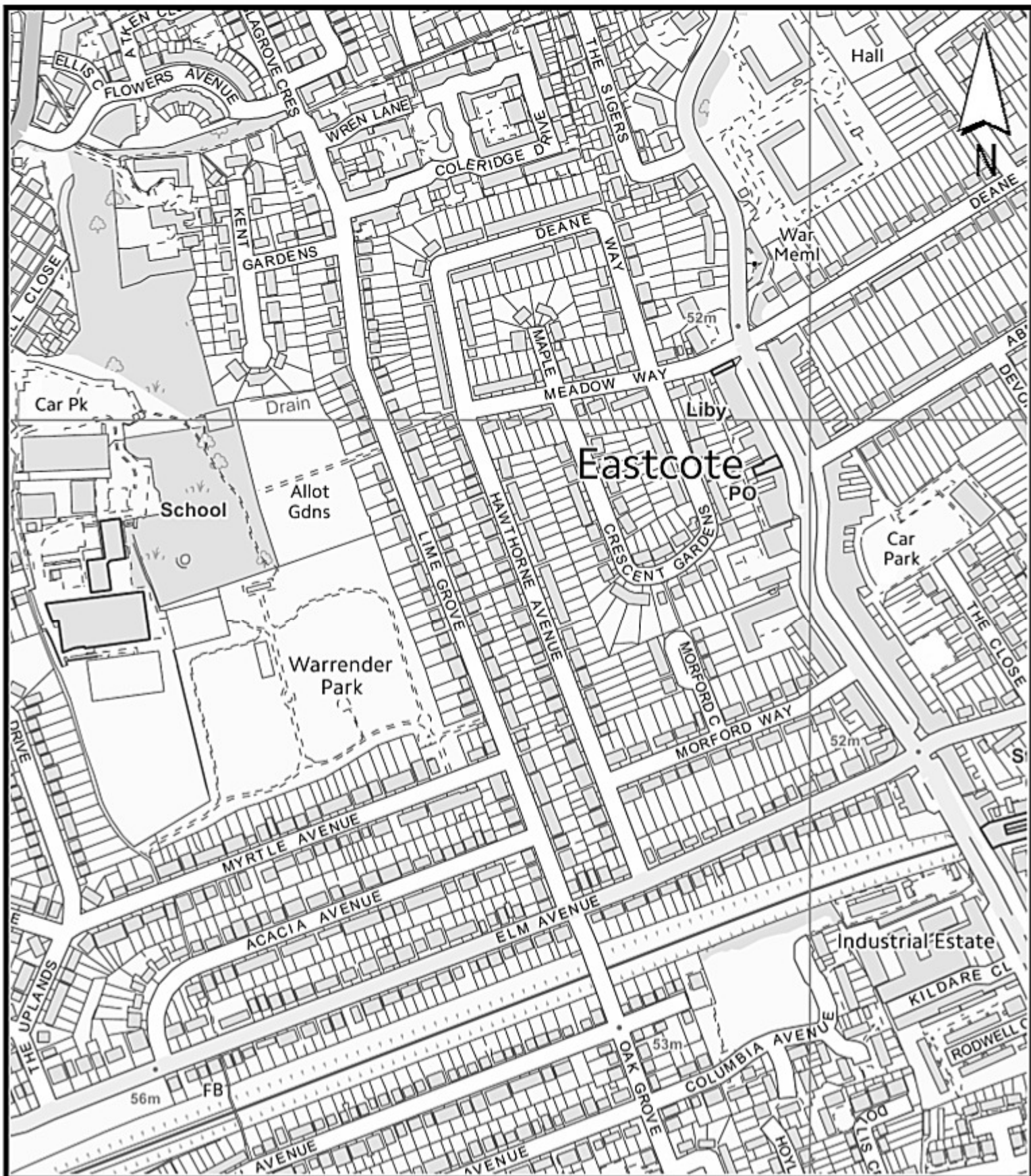
None at this stage

## **Relevant Service Groups**

None at this stage.

## **6. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Nil.



Lime Grove, Eastcote  
Location plan

Appendix A

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