

THE GREENWAY, UXBRIDGE - PETITION REQUESTING TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES

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

1. HEADLINE INFORMATION

Summary	To inform the Cabinet Member that the Council has received a petition from residents requesting traffic calming measures for The Greenway, Uxbridge.
Contribution to our plans and strategies	The request can be considered as part of the Council's annual programme of road safety initiatives.
Financial Cost	Subject to the outcome of discussions with petitioners the Cabinet Member may be minded to commission speed and traffic surveys. The current cost of these is in the region of £80 to £85.
Relevant Policy Overview Committee	Residents' and Environmental Services.
Ward(s) affected	Uxbridge South and Brunel.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

Meeting with the Petitioners, the Cabinet Member:

1. Listens to their request for traffic calming measures in The Greenway, Uxbridge; and
2. Subject to the outcome of the above, asks officers to undertake traffic surveys, at locations agreed by the petitioners, and then report back to the Cabinet Member.

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 a total of 56 signatures has been received by the Council, signed by residents who either live on The Greenway or in roads close by.

2. In a covering statement the lead petitioner states "*I am writing to submit our petition for the Council to consider traffic calming measures for The Greenway, Uxbridge. Residents have raised safety and quality of life concerns with regards to the density, speed of traffic and the huge increase of HGV use*"

Petitioners have helpfully suggested some measures that they would like to see considered which include:

- 20 miles per hour speed limit
- Raised crossings
- "Slow" road markings
- Tree planting

3. The Greenway is predominantly a residential road that connects Cowley Road on the west to Hillingdon Road on the east, which are both major north to south routes in Hillingdon. The main entrance to Uxbridge High School and a small local shopping parade is located at the eastern section of The Greenway, between Cleveland Road and Hillingdon Road. This section of road already benefits from raised tables and a 20mph zone. There is an existing zebra crossing Close to the junction with Cleveland Road. The location of The Greenway is shown on the plan attached as Appendix A to this report.

4. As the Cabinet Member will be aware, The Greenway already benefits from a Parking Management Scheme. Experience has shown that in other areas where on-street parking has been observed to take place, it can often act as a traffic calming measure. However, it appears that petitioners are clearly concerned that this on its own is not sufficient to reduce traffic speeds, and they have helpfully suggested some measures they would like to see implemented which are detailed above.

5. It is therefore recommended that the Cabinet Member meets with petitioners and listens to their concerns. Subject to the outcome of these discussions, the Cabinet Member could agree to commission independent speed and traffic surveys in The Greenway at locations to be agreed with the petitioners, in order to help inform any possible solutions.

Financial Implications

If the Cabinet Member is minded to agree to undertake independent speed and traffic surveys the cost is usually in the region of £80 to £85 per location, which could be funded through an

allocation for the transportation and projects service. If works are subsequently required, suitable funding will need to be identified within the Road Safety 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

There are no corporate property and construction implications arising from the recommendations in this report.

Legal

There are no special legal implications for the proposal to discuss with petitioners their request for traffic calming measures in The Greenway, 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 or statutory consultation.

In considering the residents' 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 at that time.

Corporate Property and Construction

There are no corporate property and construction implications arising from the recommendations in this report.

Relevant Service Groups

Corporate Finance has reviewed this report and concurs with the financial implications noted above.

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Petition received.

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