

THE FAIRWAY, SOUTH RUISLIP - 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 of The Fairway, South Ruislip requesting traffic calming measures to alleviate speeding vehicles.
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', Education and Environmental Services.
Ward(s) affected	South Ruislip

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

Meeting with the petitioners, the Cabinet Member:

- 1. listens to their concerns with excessive traffic speeds in The Fairway.**
- 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 88 signatures from residents of The Fairway and nearby local roads has been received by the Council under the following heading: *"The undersigned residents request a proposal to be considered to install speed bumps as a traffic calming measure to alleviate speeding of cars and motor bikes that cause a potential hazard to other road users and pedestrians in The Fairway between Long Drove and Queen's Walk "*.

2. The Fairway is a mainly residential road and is in some way split into two sections. The first section connects Long Drive and Queens Walk and this part of the road benefits from a Parking Management Scheme. The second section continues from Queens Walk through to Field End Road and is a straight section of road with a carriageway width of approximately 7.5 metres bounded on both sides by a grass verge and footway of approximately 3.9 metres. A plan of the area is attached as Appendix A to this report.

3. The petition is asking for traffic calming measures in the section of The Fairway between Long Drive and Queen's Walk. Police recorded collision data for the three years to the end of December 2017 (the latest information available) provides details of two incidents in the area. The first occurred at the junction of the Fairway and Long Drive in June 2015 in which only one vehicle was involved. The second collision occurred at the junction of The Fairway and Queens Walk and involved two vehicles and this resulted in a slight injury to one of the drivers.

4. It is clear from the petition that residents are concerned about vehicle speeds and have taken the opportunity to put these in a petition. It is therefore suggested that the Cabinet Member meets with petitioners and listens to their concerns in greater detail. Subject to the outcome of these discussions, the Cabinet Member could recommend undertaking independent speed and traffic surveys on The Fairway, 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 will be funded through an allocation from within the Transportation Service. If works are subsequently required, suitable funding will also be identified from within the Transportation Service.

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 Finance comments above.

Legal

There are no special legal implications for the proposal to discuss with petitioners their concerns with excessive traffic speeds in The Fairway, Ruislip 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 corporate property and construction implications arising from the recommendations in this report.

Relevant Service Groups

None at this stage.

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Petition received.