

TAVISTOCK ROAD, YIEWSLEY - PETITION CONCERNED WITH EXCESSIVE TRAFFIC SPEEDS AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

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 Tavistock Road concerned with excessive traffic speeds and pedestrian safety.
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 and can be funded from existing budgets within the Transportation Service.
Relevant Policy Overview Committee	Residents', Education and Environmental Services.
Ward(s) affected	Yiewsley

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

Meeting with the petitioners, the Cabinet Member:

- 1. listens to their concerns with excessive traffic speeds and pedestrian safety on Tavistock Road, Yiewsley.**
- 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.

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Policy Overview Committee comments

None at this stage.

3. INFORMATION

Supporting Information

1. A petition with 29 signatures has been received by the Council from residents of Tavistock Road, Yiewsley under the following heading:

"To prevent dangerously speeding traffic in Tavistock Road in order to protect the young families and elderly residents.

"To have a 20mph speed limit for the whole length of Tavistock Road and possibly split speed humps in the areas away from the residential properties so that speed reduction can be implemented without the noise of vehicles bumping over them and preventing residents' enjoyment of their properties."

2. Tavistock Road is a mainly residential road in the section to the north of Winnock Road. Historically, to the south of Winnock Road, there were light industrial units, office space and some retail units, although some of these business premises have now gone and the land is being developed for residential properties. The location of Tavistock Road is indicated on Appendix A of this report.

3. The carriageway in Tavistock Road is approximately 5.5 metres wide at its narrowest point and up to a maximum of 9.1 metres at its widest point and is bounded on both sides by a footway. To the north of Tavistock Road there are some industrial units on Trout Road which can only be accessed via Tavistock Road as they are prevented from doing so by the narrow canal bridge over Trout Road. Perhaps understandably, residents have indicated that the traffic calming measures they would like to see are what they describe as "split speed humps" away from residential properties over noise concerns which can be more noticeable when negotiated by commercial vehicles which may service these businesses.

4. 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 Tavistock Road, at locations to be agreed with the petitioners and Ward Councillors, in order to help inform any possible solutions and to also assist colleagues in the Police Service to identify possible resources for targeted enforcement.

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 financial implications outlined above.

Legal

There are no special legal implications for the proposal to discuss with petitioners their concerns with excessive traffic speeds in Tavistock Road, Yiewsley 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.