

HARLINGTON ROAD, HILLINGDON - PETITION REQUESTING A ZEBRA CROSSING

Cabinet Member(s)	Councillor Keith Burrows
Cabinet Portfolio(s)	Planning, Transportation and Recycling
Officer Contact(s)	Steven Austin, 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 a zebra crossing on Harlington Road, Hillingdon close to Turks Close.
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, Education & Environmental Services
Ward(s) affected	Brunel

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

Meeting with the Petitioners, the Cabinet Member for Planning, Transportation & Recycling:

- 1. Considers their request for a Zebra Crossing on Harlington Road, Hillingdon close to Turks Close;**
- 2. Subject to the above asks officers to add the petitioners' request to the Council's Road Safety Programme for further detailed investigation; and,**
- 3. Asks officers to commission independent speed and traffic surveys at locations agreed by the petitioners and local ward councillors and then to report back to the Cabinet Member.**

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 49 signatures has been submitted to the Council, 39 of which are from local residents and ten from teaching staff from Hillingdon Primary School, under the following heading:

"To have a zebra crossing on the Harlington Road to enable safe crossing for local residents/children to local amenities and school."

The lead petitioner helpfully suggests that they would like the location of the crossing to be *"linking Harlington Road and the alley way near Turks Close"*.

2. Harlington Road (A437) is a major route that links Hillingdon/Uxbridge in the north to Hayes in the south and is classified as a borough main distributor road. Harlington Road also forms part of the A10 bus route. The location of Harlington Road is indicated on Appendix A of this report.
3. Approximately 250 metres to the north of the location where the petitioner have requested a zebra crossing there is an existing two stage staggered signal controlled crossing. Approximately 325 metres to the south, a zebra crossing was installed at this location in 2011, following discussions with the Council's Road Safety Engineer and Hillingdon Primary School.
4. At the point where petitioners have indicated their preferred location for a zebra crossing, the width of the footway on the east side of the road is approximately 1.5 metres wide and on the opposite side, the footway width is approximately 1.6 metres.
5. As the Cabinet Member will be aware, the feasibility of installing a pedestrian crossing depends on a number of design requirements including visibility distances, the lay-out of existing driveways, existing/proposed parking restrictions and the provision of a safe area for pedestrians waiting to cross the road.
6. In response to the petition, it is 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 detailed investigations and the development of options. In addition and subject to the outcome of discussions, the Cabinet Member could recommend undertaking independent speed and traffic surveys on Harlington Road, at locations to be agreed with the petitioners and ward councillors to help inform any decisions on a possible zebra crossing and any other measures that may be appropriate.

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.

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 the recommendations to this report and concurs with the financial implications as set out.

Legal

There are no special legal implications for the proposal to discuss with petitioners their request for a zebra crossing on Harlington Road, Uxbridge 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 at that time.

Corporate Property and Construction

None at this stage.

Relevant Service Groups

None at this stage.

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Petition received.
