

# THE BRAMBLES, WEST DRAYTON - PETITION REQUESTING SPEED HUMPS AND/OR SPEED REDUCING MEASURES

<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
<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 requesting speed humps and/or speed reducing measures along The Brambles, West Drayton.
<b>Contribution to our plans and strategies</b>	The request can be considered as part of the Council's annual programme of road safety initiatives.
<b>Financial Cost</b>	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 £85 per location and can be funded from within existing revenue budgets for the Transportation service.
<b>Relevant Policy Overview Committee</b>	Residents, Education and Environmental Services.
<b>Ward(s) affected</b>	West Drayton

## **2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

Meeting with the petitioners, the Cabinet Member for Planning, Transportation and Recycling:

1. listens to their request for speed humps and/or speed reduction measures in The Brambles, West Drayton; and
2. subject to the outcome of the above, considers asking officers to undertake further traffic surveys, at locations agreed by the petitioners, and to 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 42 signatures has been submitted by residents living in or close to The Brambles, West Drayton signed under the following heading:

*"Petition to place speed humps along The Brambles, West Drayton (including park area). Due to high speeds and parked cars (creating blind spots) many children, OAPs and disabled live along this road. Urgent action is required. "*

In an accompanying statement, the lead petitioner helpfully provides the following information:

*"Due to excessive speeds down my road and for the safety of all the residents, we feel urgent action is required. It's only a matter of time before someone gets hurt or killed."*

2. The Brambles is a mainly residential road with a mixture of semi-detached houses, most with driveways, and flats that appear to have use of off-street parking areas. The width of the carriageway is approximately 5 metres and is mostly bounded on both sides by a footway with an average width of between 1.8 and 2.2 metres. Brambles play area is located at the eastern end of The Brambles. A location plan is attached as Appendix A.

3. Police collision data for the three year period to the end of December 2018 (the latest data available) indicates that there was one incident in September 2017 when a vehicle was in a collision with a parked car. It should be noted that the collision data which the Council has access to is only police recorded incidents and does not include damage only crashes.

4. As a result of the concerns raised by residents, the Cabinet Member maybe minded to instruct officers to commission 24/7 Automatic Traffic Counts on The Brambles at locations agreed with petitioners and Ward Councillors. The speed and vehicle traffic data captured, and the testimony of petitioners, will help inform the investigations into possible measures.

### **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 be identified from Revenue Budgets 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**

Corporate Finance has reviewed the recommendations to this report and concurs with the financial implications as set out above.

##### **Legal**

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

In considering the residents' responses, decision makers must ensure there is 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.

#### **6. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Petition received