

SIPSON LANE / CRANFORD LANE, HARLINGTON - PETITION REQUESTING A 20MPH SPEED LIMIT WITH 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 a 20mph speed limit and traffic calming measures on Sipson Lane and Cranford Lane, Harlington the approach to the roundabout at the junction.
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 £85 per location and can be funded from within existing revenue budgets for the Transportation service.
Relevant Policy Overview Committee	Residents, Education and Environmental Services.
Ward(s) affected	Heathrow Villages

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

Meeting with the Petitioners, the Cabinet Member:

- 1. Listens to their request for traffic calming measures in Sipson Lane and Cranford Lane, Harlington;**
- 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;**
- 3. Asks officers to undertake a review of the signage and roads markings on and close to the roundabout and 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 29 signatures has been submitted by residents living in the area signed under the following heading:

"More traffic is using Sipson Lane and Cranford Lane as a short cut and to avoid the A4 congestion and bus lanes. We now have the situation of an increased number of traffic accidents at this roundabout as traffic in all directions travel above the speed limit and ignores the stop lines. In addition there is a blind corner at the Red Lion.

Residents then helpfully suggest the following *"Put in place a 20mph speed limit and traffic calming measures on the roads leading up to this roundabout. "*

2. Sipson Lane, Cranford Lane and Harlington High Street have a mixture of residential and commercial properties. They are in close proximity to A4, bus services and other local amenities. Sipson Lane and Cranford Lane run parallel to the A4 (Bath Road). Harlington High Street is a primary distributor road used by three bus routes, 90,140 and H98 that run between Hayes Town Centre and Hounslow. A location plan is attached as Appendix A.

3. The junction is a roundabout and bounded on all sides by footways. There is a service road to access shops on Harlington High Street that leads into Sipson Lane adjacent to the roundabout. The junction already benefits from 'At Any Time' waiting restrictions and all three roads fall within the Heathrow Parking Management Scheme.

4. Police recorded collision data for the three year period to the end of December 2018 (the latest data available) indicates that there have been ten recorded incidents at the roundabout of Sipson Lane, Harlington High Street and Cranford Lane. These involved vehicles failing to give-way to other vehicles. The Police have not indicated if speed was a contributing factor in these incidents. 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.

5. As a result of the concerns raised by residents, the Cabinet Member may be minded to instruct officers to commission 24/7 Automatic Traffic Counts on Sipson Lane, Cranford Lane and Harlington High Street at locations agreed with petitioners and Ward Councillors and ask officers to review the signs and road markings on the junction and report back to him. 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 recommendations?

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

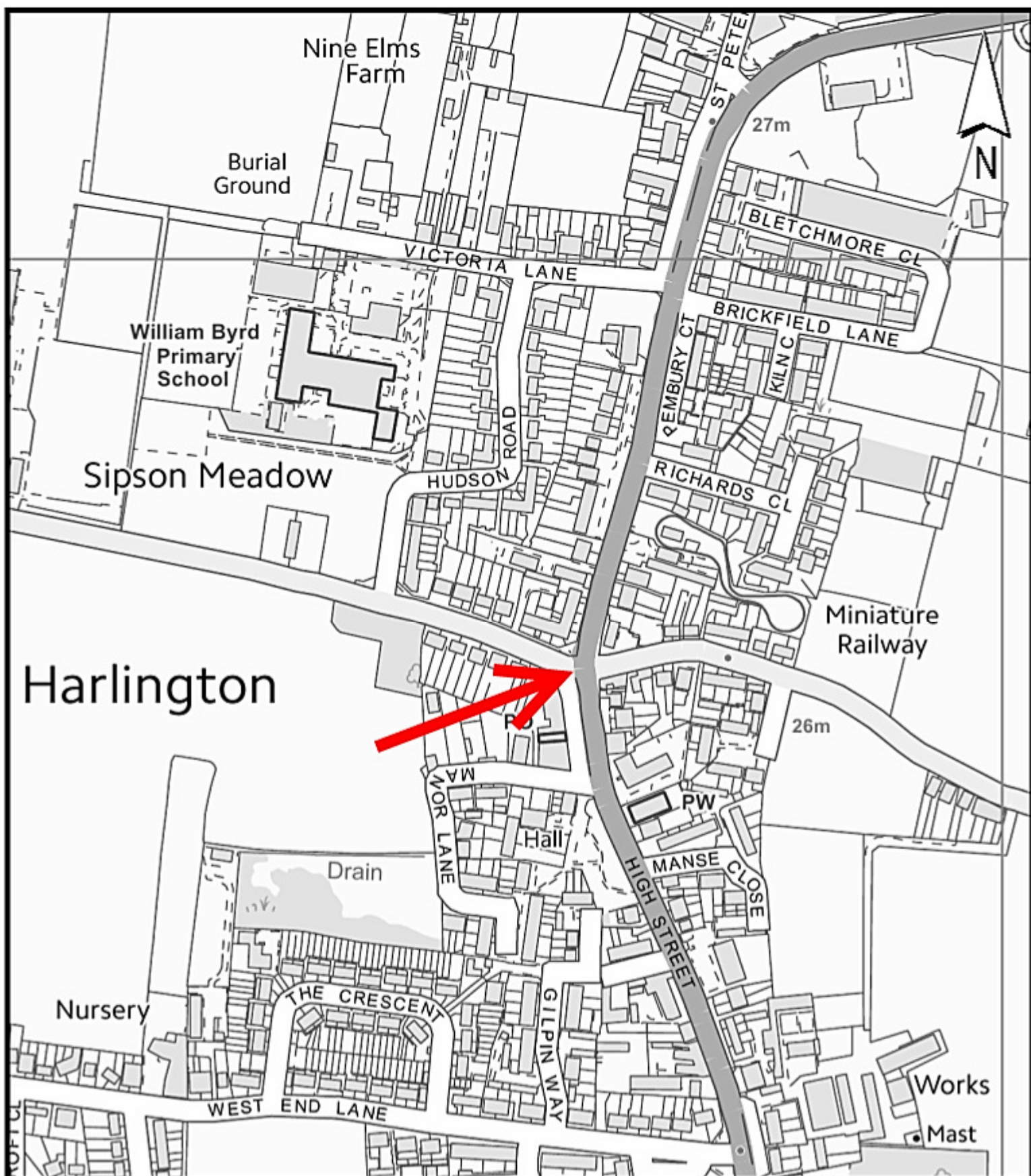
There are no special legal implications for the proposal to discuss with petitioners their request for traffic calming measures in Sipson Lane and Cranford Lane, which amounts to an informal consultation. A meeting with the petitioners is perfectly legitimate as part of a listening exercise, especially 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.

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Petition received.



Sipson Lane / Cranford Lane, Harlington
Location plan

Appendix A

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