

VINE LANE, UXBRIDGE - PETITION REQUESTING A ZEBRA CROSSING AND TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES

Cabinet Member(s)	Councillor John Riley
Cabinet Portfolio(s)	Cabinet Member for Public Safety and Transport
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Papers with report	Appendices A & B

HEADLINES

Summary	To inform the Cabinet Member that a petition has been received requesting the introduction of a Zebra Crossing close to St Andrews Road and “speed bumps” close to Sylvania Close and Chestwood Grove.
Putting our Residents First	This report supports the Council objective of Our People. The objection to the consultation will be considered in relation to the Council’s strategy for road safety.
Financial Cost	There are no direct financial implications associated with the recommendations to this report.
Relevant Policy Overview Committee	Public Safety and Transport Select Committee
Relevant Ward(s)	Uxbridge North

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Cabinet Member:

1. Meets and discusses with petitioners their request for a Zebra Crossing and “speed bumps” in Vine Lane, Uxbridge;
2. Notes the previous investigations undertaken by the specialist transport planning consultant employed by the developer of St Andrew’s Park in relation to a possible zebra crossing on Vine Lane;
3. Notes the informal consultation recently undertaken by the Council on possible additional traffic calming measures for Vine Lane between Blossom Way and St Andrews Road;

4. Subject to the outcome of the discussions with petitioners decides what further action if any should be considered to address residents' concerns.

Reasons for recommendation

The petition hearing will provide a valuable opportunity to hear directly from the petitioners on their concerns and suggestions.

Alternative options considered / risk management

None at this stage.

Policy Overview Committee comments

None at this stage.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

The Council received a petition submitted by residents signed under the following heading;

“Further traffic calming measures in Vine Lane

The Installation of a zebra crossing in Vine Lane adjacent to the junction of St Andrew’s Road

Installation of speed bumps in the vicinity of the mini roundabouts at Sylvana Close and Chestwood Grove to facilitate turning right out of both roads which can be quite dangerous.”

Vine Lane is a mainly residential road and provides the access to the ACS Hillingdon International School. The road has some existing traffic calming measures and a 20mph zone between the junction of Honey Hill to a point approximately 55 metres north of the junction with Cedars Drive. A location plan is attached as Appendix A to this report.

The petitioners have requested the installation of a zebra crossing close to St Andrew’s Road which is one of the access roads into the new St Andrew’s Park development which is a mixture of residential properties and a new primary school, The John Locke Academy.

As part of an independent Road Safety Audit commissioned for the former RAF Uxbridge development the possibility of a zebra crossing was investigated at the location that petitioners have mentioned in their submission. Unfortunately, due to the narrow carriageway and lack of footway on Vine Lane there is insufficient space to install the required beacons and other signage required in law to provide a zebra crossing. However, the provision of an uncontrolled crossing point at the end of a new footway created immediately south of the junction with St Andrew’s Road was recommended and subsequently installed.

As previously mentioned in this report, the section of Vine Lane that the petitioners refer to is already within a 20mph Zone and benefits from some physical traffic calming measures. As a

result of this petition, the Council commissioned further independent 24/7 traffic and speed surveys. that revealed that some vehicles were exceeding the posted speed limit.

Following detailed analysis of the data captured it was noted that some vehicles were exceeding the posted speed limit and as a result the Council's Road Safety Engineer developed proposals for further traffic calming features which take the form of speed cushions. These are as the name implies roughly square rectangular raised features that broadly resemble speed tables but have gaps to allow cyclists and emergency response vehicles to pass over or between them relatively unhindered. They also have the benefit of little adverse impact on highway drainage.

The Cabinet Member will be aware that residents in Vine Lane, Chestwood Grove and Sylvana Close have recently been consulted on these proposals and the responses are currently being analysed and the results reported separately. A plan of the latest proposals is attached as Appendix B to this report.

In conclusion, therefore, the Cabinet Member may wish to meet petitioners and discuss with them their concerns and the various options which may be open to him. Information in this report will at the same time be of use to help advise the Cabinet Member and petitioners on what has been done and what may be feasible.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications associated with the recommendations contained within this report.

RESIDENT BENEFIT & CONSULTATION

The benefit or impact upon Hillingdon residents, service users and communities?

The recommendation will allow the concerns of petitioners to be considered in detail.

Consultation carried out or required

None at this stage.

CORPORATE CONSIDERATIONS

Corporate Finance

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

Legal

The Borough Solicitor confirms that there are no specific legal implications arising from this report.

Infrastructure / Asset Management

None at this stage.

Comments from other relevant service areas

None.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

NIL

TITLE OF ANY APPENDICES

Appendix A – Location plan

Appendix B – Plan of proposals for additional traffic calming features