

# AVONDALE DRIVE – PETITION REQUESTING TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES AND WAITING RESTRICTIONS

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<b>Papers with report</b>	Appendix A

## HEADLINE INFORMATION

<b>Purpose of report</b>	This report advises the Cabinet Member that a petition has been received from the residents of Avondale Drive, Hayes requesting traffic calming measures and waiting restrictions in their street.
<b>Contribution to our plans and strategies</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Transport Strategy</li><li>• Community Plan</li><li>• Local Implementation Plan</li></ul>
<b>Financial Cost</b>	The cost of a traffic congestion mitigation scheme could be funded as part of Transport for London's (TfL) School Travel Plan Programme.
<b>Relevant Policy Overview Committee</b>	Residents' and Environmental Services
<b>Ward(s) affected</b>	Townfield

## RECOMMENDATION

That the Cabinet Member:

1. Notes the petitions requests and meets with petitioners to discuss in greater detail the concerns they have;
2. Asks officers to conduct a feasibility study into suitable traffic calming measures and waiting restrictions in Avondale Drive.

## INFORMATION

### Reasons for recommendation

The petitioners are concerned with the volume of vehicles using Avondale Drive during school peak times. The recommendations will explore the extent of their concerns and investigate possible solutions to mitigate these concerns.

### Alternative options considered

No other options have been considered, as the recommendations ask officers to gather further information before considering feasible solutions.

### Supporting Information

1. A petition with 52 signatures has been received from residents of Avondale Drive, Hayes requesting measures to reduce traffic congestion in the above roads during Minet Infant and Junior Schools peak times.
2. The petition stated: *'As the Resident scheme manager of Triscott House sheltered housing unit I have been approached by several tenants who are concerned about the increased volume of traffic and inconsiderate parking that is now common practice within the area...'*
3. Avondale Drive, Hayes is a predominantly residential road that heads west from Coldharbour Lane. Due to its close proximity of the Hayes Bypass the street does not form a link to other major roads; however it links other residential streets to Coldharbour Lane. Minet Infant and Junior Schools are located on the northern side of Avondale Drive approximately 200m from The Junction with Coldharbour Lane. Minet Clinic is located adjacent to the school site. Appendix A shows a location plan of the above area.
4. The issues of traffic congestion and road safety around schools are common for all schools throughout London. In order to address these issues Transport for London developed the School Travel Plan Programme.
5. A School Travel Plan is prepared by an individual school and is a document that looks at the current travel patterns of pupils and details how it proposes to tackle the problems of congestion at the school gates and safety on the route to school. All schools in the borough are required to complete a School Travel Plan (STP).
6. Minet Infant and Junior Schools have submitted their STP to the Council. The STP requested a raised crossing point in Avondale Drive outside the school gates and the introduction of a 20 mph zone outside the school.
7. In addition to submitting their STP Minet Infant and Junior Schools have submitted a separate petition with 286 signatures to the Cabinet Member for Planning and Transportation requesting traffic calming and regulation of parking outside the schools. This petition will be heard separately at the school however it will also recommend officers complete a feasibility study into suitable measures.

8. Officers recommend the Cabinet Member meets with petitioners to discuss in greater detail the concerns they have. The information provided at this meeting along with the information gathered at the petition hearing at Minet Infant and Junior Schools coupled with the schools STPs could be used to develop a scheme that will benefit all road users.

## **Financial Implications**

The funding for the feasibility study will be met from the Transport for London's School Travel Plan Programme budget. Once developed a scheme to introduce waiting restrictions could be implemented this financial year as part of the same budget.

A suitable source of funding will need to be identified for any physical traffic calming measures as Transport for London did not award funding to implement such schemes to any borough in London this financial year. However, it may be possible to fund such a scheme as part of the 10/11 LIP funding or The Councils Road Safety Programme.

## **EFFECT ON RESIDENTS, SERVICE USERS & COMMUNITIES**

### **What will be the effect of the recommendation?**

The recommendations will identify the extent of the petitioners concerns and look at possible solutions to mitigate these concerns.

### **Consultation Carried Out or Required**

Ward Councillors were asked to comment on this petition as part of the report writing process. Cllrs Lynne Allen and Tony Eginton wish to add their support to the petitions requests.

## **CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS**

### **Corporate Finance**

There are no special legal implications. Should there be a decision that further measures are to be considered then the relevant statutory provisions will have to be identified and considered.

### **Legal**

None at this stage

### **Corporate Property**

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Petition received 03<sup>rd</sup> December 2008.

## APPENDIX A – LOCATION PLAN

