

## FALLING LANE, YIEWSLEY – PETITION REQUESTING TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES

**Cabinet Member**

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**Cabinet Portfolio**

Planning, Transportation & Recycling

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**Papers with report**

Appendix A

### HEADLINE INFORMATION

**Purpose of report**

To inform the Cabinet Member that a petition has been submitted from residents requesting traffic calming measures be introduced in Falling Lane, Yiewsley.

**Contribution to our plans and strategies**

The request can be considered as part of the Council's strategy for road safety.

**Financial Cost**

There is none associated with the recommendations to this report.

**Relevant Policy Overview Committee**

Residents' and Environmental Services

**Ward(s) affected**

Yiewsley

### RECOMMENDATION

That the Cabinet Member

1. Meets and discusses with the petitioners their concerns in detail and explores potential options to address the issues that would be acceptable to local residents and businesses.
2. Subject to the above, asks officers to conduct further investigations into possible traffic calming measures under the Road Safety Programme.
3. Asks officers to undertake traffic surveys to establish the volumes and speeds of traffic in Falling Lane.
4. Asks officers to explore options to deploy the Council's vehicle activated slow down signs in Falling Lane.
5. Asks officers to liaise with the local Safer Neighbourhoods Team.

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## **INFORMATION**

### **Reasons for recommendation**

The success of traffic calming measures are largely successful if they are acceptable to local residents and businesses. These can be identified with petitioners for further detailed investigation by officers within the Road Safety Programme.

### **Alternative options considered**

These will be discussed with petitioners.

### **Comments of Policy Overview Committee(s)**

None at this stage

### **Supporting Information**

1. The Council has received a petition containing 97 signatures from residents requesting traffic calming measures in Falling Lane, Yiewsley under the following heading;

*“We the undersigned request the relevant cabinet member of Hillingdon Council to introduce Traffic Calming Measures in Falling Lane Yiewsley.”*

Although only 24 of the signatures received are from residents of Falling Lane, which represents 25% of the total signatures, the remaining signatures were collected from residents who live in various other roads within close proximity of Falling Lane.

2. The location of Falling Lane is indicated on Appendix A and is one of Hillingdon’s main distributor roads that links High Street Yiewsley in the west to Stockley Road in the east. The road incorporates both businesses and residential properties and also provides access to several other residential roads. Chantry School, Rabbsfarm Primary School and Stockley Academy are also in close proximity.

3. Falling Lane carries a high number of Heavy Goods Vehicles and traffic which travels to and from Uxbridge and the M4 via the A408 Stockley Bypass. The nature of the road and the traffic that it carries makes it unsuitable for some of the conventional forms of traffic calming generally identified for residential roads.

4. A total of 11 Police recorded accidents have occurred on Falling Lane between its junctions with High Street Yiewsley and Stockley Road in the three years to July 2010. Four accidents occurred at its junction with High Street Yiewsley and two at its junction with Gordon Road. Accidents have also been reported close to the junctions of Royal Lane, Milburn Drive, Chestnut Avenue and Kingston Avenue and were all described as shunt type accidents. One serious accident occurred close to the junction of Apple Tree Avenue and involved a vehicle swerving into the opposite carriageway and colliding with an oncoming vehicle.

5. The Council has not previously received any requests from residents for traffic calming measures in Falling Lane and the petitioners have not indicated their specific concerns or

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suggested any measures which they would like to see implemented. It is therefore suggested that the Cabinet Member discusses with the petitioners their specific concerns with regard to road safety and determines with them acceptable options that officers could investigate in detail as part of the Road Safety Programme. Whatever measures can be developed would require the support of local residents and businesses who would be most affected.

6. Subject to the evidence heard at petition hearing meeting, the Cabinet Member may wish to have an independent 24 hour full week speed and volume survey in Falling Lane as part of the Road Safety Programme.

7. The Council receives a considerable amount of positive feedback from residents where Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS) have been installed. These signs are most effective when in place for a short period of time. Therefore the Council has developed a programme whereby the signs are installed at key sites, left in place for three months and then moved to another site. The Cabinet Member may like to consider adding Falling Lane to future phases of the VAS Programme.

8. The Cabinet Member will also be aware that officers are in regular communication with counterparts within the Police 'Safer Neighbourhoods Team' (SNT) who are able to investigate issues of community concern and share their findings with the Council. This will be shared with the Yiewsley SNT and their input further sought in the development of any measure.

### **Financial Implications**

There are none associated with recommendations in this report. However, if the Cabinet Member approves the inclusion of the request in the Council's Road Safety Programme a subsequent bid would be required. At this stage the estimated cost for these measures is unknown and will only be determined following investigation and consultation with residents and local businesses.

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

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

To allow the Cabinet Member to consider the petitioners request and possible options to address their concerns.

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

Consultation with local residents and businesses would be carried out if suitable traffic measures could be identified to address the petitioners concerns

### **CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS**

#### **Corporate Finance**

No comments

#### **Corporate Procurement**

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No comments

## **Legal**

The proposals for traffic calming measures can be achieved by exercising powers under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and Highways Act 1980. On the basis of the information contained in this report, it does not appear there are special legal implications arising at this stage as the measures are at the investigative stage. However the decision maker will be required to be mindful of the statutory procedures imposed upon the traffic authority for the making of Traffic Management Orders which spring from the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. Officers are familiar with these procedures. In cases of doubt Legal Services will be instructed. The decision maker must balance the relevant considerations to best give effect to the discharge of the statutory duty to secure the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of vehicular and other traffic.

In considering 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 were conscientiously taken into account in finalising the officer's recommendation.

## **Corporate Landlord**

The report has no property implications and the Corporate Landlord has no comments.

## **Relevant Service Groups**

No comments

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Petition dated 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2010

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