

LONGFORD GARDENS, HAYES – PETITION REQUESTING ‘KEEP CLEAR’ ROAD MARKINGS

Cabinet Member	Councillor Keith Burrows
Cabinet Portfolio	Planning, Transportation and 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 ‘Keep Clear’ markings on Uxbridge Road at its junction with Longford Gardens, Hayes.
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	Yeading

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.
2. Subject to above, asks officers to investigate the feasibility to introduce “Keep Clear” road markings or a yellow box junction marking at the junction of Uxbridge Road and Longford Gardens under the Road Safety Programme.

INFORMATION

Reasons for recommendation

A feasibility study will establish if a yellow box junction or “Keep Clear” road markings can be installed as requested to improve vehicles egress from Longford Gardens to Uxbridge Road.

Alternative options considered

None as the petitioners have made specific requests. However, further options may arise during presentation of the petition.

Comments of Policy Overview Committee(s)

None at this stage,

Supporting Information

1. The Council has received a petition containing 43 signatures from residents requesting a 'Keep Clear' marking or a yellow box junction be installed at the junction of Longford Gardens and Uxbridge Road. The petitioners indicate that vehicles find it extremely difficult to exit Longford Gardens onto Uxbridge Road due to congestion and vehicle speeds.
2. The location of Longford Gardens and Uxbridge Road is indicated on Appendix A. Uxbridge Road is one of Hillingdon's main distributor roads that links Southall to Hayes and Uxbridge. Uxbridge Road has an existing bus lane near this location, which operates 7-10am and 4-7pm and two further vehicle lanes. Longford Gardens is a small cul-de-sac with 32 residential properties off of the Uxbridge Road. The road also provides access to Longford Close, which is a private road.
3. There are two Police recorded accidents which have occurred on Uxbridge Road at its junction with Longford Gardens in the three years to August 2010. The first of these was described as a shunt type accident and the second involved a cyclist swerving away from a reversing vehicle and colliding with a parked vehicle.
4. The Council has not previously received any requests from residents for 'Keep Clear' markings of yellow box junction markings at this junction on the Uxbridge Road. It is therefore suggested that the Cabinet Member discusses with the petitioners their specific concerns with road safety and determine 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 who would be most affected.

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.

EFFECT ON RESIDENTS, SERVICE USERS & COMMUNITIES

What will be the effect of the recommendation?

To fully investigate the issues raised by the petitioners and the feasibility of the suggestions put forward.

Consultation Carried Out or Required

Following the investigations, residents can be consulted for their views on the possible options to address their concerns

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Legal

There are no special legal implications for the proposal, which amounts to an informal consultation.

Should there be a decision that further measures are to be considered, then the relevant statutory provisions will have to be identified and considered.

In considering any informal 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 are conscientiously taken into account.

Corporate Landlord

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

Relevant Service Groups

N/A.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.