

GREEN LANE, NORTHWOOD - PETITION REQUESTING A ZEBRA CROSSING

Cabinet Member

Councillor Keith Burrows

Cabinet Portfolio

Planning, Transportation and Recycling

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HEADLINE INFORMATION

Purpose of report

To inform the Cabinet Member that a petition has been received signed by residents of The Glen requesting the introduction of a Zebra Crossing and the extension to an existing 20mph zone in Green Lane, Northwood.

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

There are none associated with the recommendations in this report.

Relevant Policy Overview Committee

Residents' and Environmental Services

Ward(s) affected

Northwood

RECOMMENDATION

That the Cabinet Member:

1. Considers the petitioners' request and discusses with them in detail their request for a zebra crossing and the extension to the existing 20mph zone.
2. Subject to the outcome of 1, asks officers to undertake a feasibility study for the possible installation of a pedestrian crossing and a 20 mph speed limit under the Road Safety Programme, and report back to the Cabinet Member.

INFORMATION

Reasons for recommendation

To allow the Cabinet Member to discuss in detail with petitioners.

Alternative options considered / risk management

These can be identified from the discussions with the petitioners.

Comments of Policy Overview Committee(s)

None at this stage.

Supporting Information

1. A petition with 21 signatures signed by the residents of The Glen has been received by the Council. The petition takes the form of 21 reply slips, which were part of a letter sent to residents by a local Ward Councillor.
2. The slip asks if the residents would support a Zebra crossing and extension to the 20mph scheme in Green Lane, Northwood.
3. The residents have signed the slips under the following heading “I would support the petition for a new zebra crossing on Green Lane, servicing The Glen and residents at this end of Green Lane. I also support the extension of the new 20mph scheme up to the junction with Rickmansworth Road.”
4. Green Lane is a mixture of residential and commercial properties, and is situated within Northwood Ward. The area has recently benefited from a town centre improvement scheme, which included the installation of new traffic signals, new zebra crossings, improvements to the pavement and a 20mph zone. There are three bus routes linking Northwood to other parts of the Borough that use Green Lane. A plan of the area is attached as Appendix A.
5. The petitioners are requesting that this 20mph zone be extended to the rest of Green Lane, where it meets Rickmansworth Road. This section of Green Lane between Dene Road and Rickmansworth Road mainly comprises residential properties with the exception of the London School of Theology. In order for a 20 mph zone to be fully effective and ‘self enforcing’ (i.e., not overly reliant on police enforcement), it is normally necessary to consider some form of traffic management. A zebra crossing can be considered as one of the features in such a scheme.
6. This section of Green Lane is part of the Northwood Parking Management Scheme. It should be noted that the installation of a zebra crossing and or any traffic calming measures may result in the loss of parking provision.
7. It is suggested that the Cabinet Member discusses with the petitioners their specific concerns with speed and listens to suggestions, in particular where they consider a pedestrian crossing facility would be best located.

Financial Implications

There are none associated with the recommendations to this report, as feasibility studies can be undertaken in-house when resources permit. However, if the Cabinet Member subsequently considers and approves the introduction of a 20mph scheme and a pedestrian crossing, suitable funding will need to be identified.

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.

Consultation Carried Out or Required

No further consultations have been carried out as a result of this petition.

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Legal

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. Fairness and natural justice requires that there must be no predetermination of a decision in advance of any wider non-statutory or statutory consultation.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.