

## JUNCTION OF EASTCOTE ROAD AND FORE STREET, RUISLIP – PETITION REQUESTING TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES

<b>Cabinet Member</b>	Councillor Keith Burrows
<b>Cabinet Portfolio</b>	Planning, Transportation and Recycling
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<b>Papers with report</b>	Appendix A
<b>NOT FOR PUBLICATION</b> This report contains confidential or exempt information	N/A

### HEADLINE INFORMATION

<b>Purpose of report</b>	To inform the Cabinet Member that a petition has been received asking for a roundabout to be installed at the junction of Fore Street and Eastcote Road.
<b>Contribution to our plans and strategies</b>	The request can be considered as part of the Council's strategy for road safety.
<b>Financial Cost</b>	There are no financial implications to this report.
<b>Relevant Policy Overview Committee</b>	Residents' & Environmental Services
<b>Ward(s) affected</b>	Eastcote and East Ruislip Ward

### RECOMMENDATION

That the Cabinet Member:

- 1. Meets with the petitioners to discuss in greater detail their concerns with road safety at the junction of High Road Eastcote and Fore Street.**
- 2. Subject to (1), asks officers to place this request on the Council's Road Safety Programme for subsequent investigation and the development of possible options.**

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Cabinet Member meeting with petitioners – 14 September 2011

3. **Subject to (1), instructs officers to liaise with the Police and local Safer Neighbourhoods teams to investigate and, if appropriate, undertake some local enforcement.**

## **INFORMATION**

### **Reasons for recommendation**

The Petition Hearing will provide an extremely valuable opportunity to hear directly from the petitioners of their concerns and suggestions.

### **Alternative options considered / risk management**

These can be discussed in greater detail with petitioners.

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

None at this stage.

### **Supporting Information**

1. A petition with 409 signatures has been submitted to the Council under the following heading:  
  
*“We the undersigned, are writing to ask for a roundabout to be installed at the above junction [Fore Street and Eastcote Road] to improve road safety, enhance traffic calming and prevent further accidents and fatalities.”*
2. In April 2011, a new zebra crossing was installed on High Road Eastcote, approximately 45 metres south of the junction with Fore Street, as part of the Section 278 Agreement for the RAF Eastcote development. The Section 278 Agreement also includes proposals for a vehicle activated sign on Eastcote Road on both approaches to the recently installed zebra crossing. These measures aim to help moderate vehicle speeds on this section of Eastcote Road. A location plan for the junction of High Road Eastcote and Fore Street is attached as Appendix A. Previously in 2009 a 20mph zone and traffic calming measures were introduced into Fore Street.
3. Analysis of the police reported personal injury accident data records for the three year period ending February 2011 shows that there have been 4 accidents with slight injuries at the junction of High Road Eastcote and Fore Street. One accident involved a vehicle travelling southbound on High Road Eastcote which lost control and hit a lamp column. Another accident involved a vehicle travelling northbound on Eastcote Road which was indicating left but did not turn and collided with a vehicle turning right out of Fore Street. Two accidents involved pedal cyclists, one of which involved a cyclist turning right into Fore Street, which was hit by a vehicle turning right out of Fore Street and involved a cyclist colliding with the rear wheel of a vehicle.

4. In 1991, proposals were considered to provide a new roundabout at the Fore Street and High Road Eastcote junction as part of proposals for a new access road to the former Ministry of Defence site. At the time traffic modelling concluded that such a proposal would significantly increase delay times for vehicles on High Road Eastcote to an unacceptable level. There are also existing legitimate access needs for residents living near the junction. As a result the proposals were never progressed. However, it is suggested that the Cabinet Member meets with the petitioners to discuss in greater detail their concerns with speeding traffic and endeavour to determine options that officers could investigate in detail, as part of the Road Safety Programme that may have the support of residents, the emergency services and bus operators.
5. The Cabinet Member will also be aware that officers often liaise with the Safer Neighbourhood Teams (Metropolitan Police Service) and it is therefore suggested that input be sought from the Safer Neighbourhood Team responsible for the Eastcote and East Ruislip Ward.

### **Financial Implications**

There are none associated with the recommendations to this report. The investigation of feasible measures can be carried out with in-house resources. However, if measures are introduced in Coronation Road, a budget will need to be identified.

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

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

It will allow further consideration of the petitioners' concerns.

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

Consultation with local residents would be carried out if suitable measures could be identified to address the petitioners' concerns.

### **CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS**

#### **Legal**

There are no special legal implications for the proposal, which amounts to an informal consultation. 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 consultation. However, when exercising its highway authority functions, the Council is under a duty to secure the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of vehicular and other traffic.

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.

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Petition requesting a roundabout at the junction of Eastcote Road and Fore Street, received on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 201.