

## MORGANS LANE, HAYES – PETITION REQUESTING REDUCTION OF SPEED

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<b>Cabinet Portfolio</b>	Cabinet Member for Planning, Transportation and Recycling
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<b>Papers with report</b>	Appendix A
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### HEADLINE INFORMATION

<b>Purpose of report</b>	To inform the Cabinet Member that a petition has been received from residents living in Morgans Lane, Hayes, requesting a reduction of speed in Morgans Lane.
<b>Contribution to our plans and strategies</b>	The request can be considered as part of the Council's Road Safety Programme.
<b>Financial Cost</b>	There are none associated with the recommendations to this report.
<b>Relevant Policy Overview Committee</b>	Residents and Environmental Services
<b>Ward(s) affected</b>	Botwell

### RECOMMENDATION

That the Cabinet Member:

- 1. Meets and discusses with petitioners their concerns with speeding traffic in detail and the possible options to address issues that would be acceptable to residents.**
- 2. Subject to the outcome of the discussions with petitioners, asks officers to include the request and possible options in the Road Safety Programme.**

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- 3. Instructs officers to undertake a classified traffic volume and speed survey in Morgans Lane, Hayes.**
- 4. Asks officers to liaise with the Botwell Safer Neighbourhood Team as part of further investigations and to identify any appropriate enforcement actions.**

## **INFORMATION**

### **Reasons for recommendation**

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

### **Alternative options considered**

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 42 signatures has been received under the following heading:

*“Reduction of dangerous speed at Morgans Lane bend from Wood End Green Road. This matter has been raised on many occasions but with nothing ever done. Cars have been hit and damage caused but protests and cries for help have proved useless. Now an adult and two children have narrowly escaped death. Before serious injury or death occurs positive action must be taken. Vehicles see the wide road after Angel Lane roundabout and put their foot down and speed around the bend into Morgans Lane which although one way narrows considerably with parked cars either side. Morgans Lane is a busy through way to the Uxbridge Road but it is at less busy time when vehicles are not slowed by the weight of traffic and turn that bend at speeds of up to 70MPH straight into likely trouble. A car reversing from a drive at the other end of Morgans Lane has even been hit. This petition shows the concern that something must be done and done speedily before someone is seriously maimed.”*

Of the signatures received, 41 were from residents of Morgans Lane (which represents 57% of the households) and one signature from a resident in Pillions Lane, Hayes.

2. Morgans Lane is a mainly residential road linking Wood End Green Road with Uxbridge Road. The location is shown on the plan attached as Appendix A to this report. A traffic regulation order was implemented in 1963 introducing one-way working from the roundabout at Wood End Green Road to Uxbridge Road, Hayes.
3. The police reported personal injury accident data for the 36 months ending April 2011 indicated there were no reported accidents in either Morgan’s Lane or in the section of Wood End Green Road from its junction with Angel Lane to Morgans Lane. However, two slight personal injury accidents were recorded on the Uxbridge Road at its junction

with Morgans Lane, Hayes. Both of these involved vehicles exiting Morgans Lane failing to give way and colliding with vehicles travelling westbound towards Uxbridge. Details of a hit and run incident from a resident of Morgans Lane was also submitted with the petition.

4. It is therefore recommended that the Cabinet Member discusses with petitioners their concerns and, subject to the outcome of above, asks officers to include the request and possible options in the Road Safety Programme and to undertake a 24/7 traffic volume and speed survey. It is also suggested that officers liaise with the Botwell Safer Neighbourhood Team as part of further investigations and to identify any appropriate enforcement actions.

## **Financial Implications**

Any measures that are subsequently approved by the Council would require funding from the Road Safety Programme. 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?**

It will allow the Cabinet Member to discuss in detail with petitioners their concerns and possible measures to address the issues.

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

None at this stage.

## **CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS**

### **Legal**

There are no specific legal implications relating to this report which seeks authority to carry out further investigations. No formal measures are proposed at this stage.

The Council, as highway authority for the road in question, has powers under Section 84 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 to make orders prohibiting motor vehicles from being driven at speeds exceeding that specified in the order.

The consultation and order making procedures to be followed in making traffic regulation orders are set out in Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996/2489. In particular, the following formal statutory consultation exercise must be followed prior to making a traffic regulation order:

- notice of the proposed order must be published in a local newspaper;
- the Council must take such other steps as it may consider appropriate for ensuring that adequate publicity about the order is given to persons likely to be affected by its provisions including where appropriate, publicising the order in the London Gazette,

erecting notices in the locality of the affected road and formally writing to households in the located vicinity of the road.

Should a decision be taken to make the proposed order, section 85 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and the Traffic Signs Regulations 2002 set out the signage requirements that would need to be observed.

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Petition received – 28<sup>th</sup> March 2011