

Cabinet Member for City Services

24th September 2018

Name of Cabinet Member:

Cabinet Member for City Services – Councillor J Innes

Director Approving Submission of the report:

Deputy Chief Executive (Place)

Ward(s) affected:

Cheylesmore

Title: Petition – Implement Road Safety Measures around Manor Park Primary School

Is this a key decision?

No

Executive Summary:

A petition of 404 signatures (147 paper and 257 e-signatures) has been received requesting a number of road safety measures around Manor Park School.

In accordance with the City Council's procedure for dealing with petitions, those relating to road safety are heard by the Cabinet Member for City Services. The Cabinet Member had considered this petition prior to this meeting and in response to the request made, requested that the petition was dealt with by letter (determination letter), rather than a formal report being submitted to a meeting, to be able to deal with the matter more efficiently.

The determination letter advised of the action proposed and approved in response to the issues raised. On receipt of the determination letter the petitioner advised they did not wish the petition to be progressed by letter and wanted the issue to be considered at a Cabinet Member for City Services meeting.

The cost of introducing road safety measures, is funded from the Highways Maintenance and Investment Capital Programme budget through the Local Transport Plan.

Recommendations:

Cabinet Member for City Services is requested to:

- 1) Note the petitioners concerns
- 2) Endorse that the actions confirmed by determination letter to the petition spokesperson (as detailed in paragraphs 1.5 and 1.6 of the report) are undertaken.

List of Appendices included:

Appendix A – Location Plan
Appendix B – Determination letter

Background Papers

None

Other useful documents:

None

Has it been or will it be considered by Scrutiny?

No

Has it been or will it be considered by any other Council Committee, Advisory Panel or other body?

No

Will this report go to Council?

No

Report title: Petition – Implement Road Safety Measures around Manor Park Primary School

1. Context (or background)

1.1 A petition of 404 signatures (147 paper and 257 e-signatures) has been received requesting a number of road safety measures around Manor Park School. The petition is supported by Councillor Bailey.

1.2 The petition advises:

'We, the undersigned, are concerned citizens who urge Coventry City Council as leaders of our community to act now to safeguard the children, elderly, vulnerable people and community life by implementing the following actions:-

- Greater presence of Parking Enforcement Officers.*
- Greater presence of ANPR cars.*
- Extension of railings on Ulverscroft Road.*
- Increased signage on Ulverscroft Road and Quinton Park Road indicating children, elderly crossing and the parking restrictions.*
- Zebra Crossing on Daventry Road roundabout.*
- Zebra Crossing outside Manor Park School on Ulverscroft Road.*
- Zebra Crossing on Quinton Park Road near the junction with Bright Walton Road.*
- Bollards to be erected on the corner of Lymsey Street and Ulverscroft Road and*
- Bollards erected on the corner of Mary Herbert Street and Bright Walton Road.*
- 20mph speed limit on Ulverscroft Road.*
- Neighbourhood Radar Speed signs -Flashing road signs.*
- We would like the opportunity to take part in a trial to close roads around schools at school opening and closure times.*
- We are hoping for joint funding for a sign to indicate parking which is available at the social club for parents and the wider community.'*

1.3 Manor Park School is located on Ulverscroft Road in a residential area. A location plan is shown in Appendix A to the report.

1.4 In accordance with the City Council's procedure for dealing with petitions, those relating to road safety and parking issues are heard by the Cabinet Member for City Services. The Cabinet Member considered the petition prior to this meeting and in response requested that the issue was dealt with by determination letter rather than a formal report being submitted to a meeting, to be able to deal with the matter more efficiently.

1.5 The determination letter (copy in Appendix B to the report) advised of the importance of targeting road safety measures in the city. Coventry is continuing to work towards becoming a safer speed city and to ensure the funding we have is utilised carefully, we use personal injury collisions reported to the Police. A review of the area highlighted showed that three injury collision had been recorded in the last three years, none of which involved children or pedestrians. Safety schemes are prioritised in locations where there have been six or more recorded injury collisions in the previous three years.

1.6 The determination letter also advised the request for a zebra crossing outside the school had been reviewed previously, but these investigations had revealed that a crossing could not be located in this area. Contact details were provided should residents wish to get involved in the Community Speed Watch initiative and the letter also advised that Ulverscroft Road would be added to the mobile vehicle activated sign (VAS) deployment programme. The requests for additional parking enforcement have been forwarded to Parking Services and the request to be considered in any future trials to try to address the issue of school gate parking has been recorded.

2. Options considered and recommended proposal

- 2.1 The recommended proposals in regard to the issues raised have already been approved and are detailed in the determination letter (Appendix B to the report) and paragraphs 1.5 and 1.6 of the report.

3. Results of consultation undertaken

- 3.1 No consultation has been undertaken.

4. Timetable for implementing this decision

- 4.1 The actions described have already been undertaken.

5. Comments from Director of Finance and Corporate Services

- 5.1 Financial implications

None.

- 5.2 Legal implications

There are no legal implications of the recommended proposal

6. Other implications

- 6.1 How will this contribute to achievement of the Council's key objectives / corporate priorities (corporate plan/scorecard) / organisational blueprint / Local Area Agreement (or Coventry Sustainable Community Strategy)?**

N/A.

- 6.2 How is risk being managed?**

None

- 6.3 What is the impact on the organisation?**

None

- 6.4 Equalities / EIA**

No specific equalities impact assessment has been carried out.

- 6.5 Implications for (or impact on) the environment**

None

- 6.6 Implications for partner organisations?**

None

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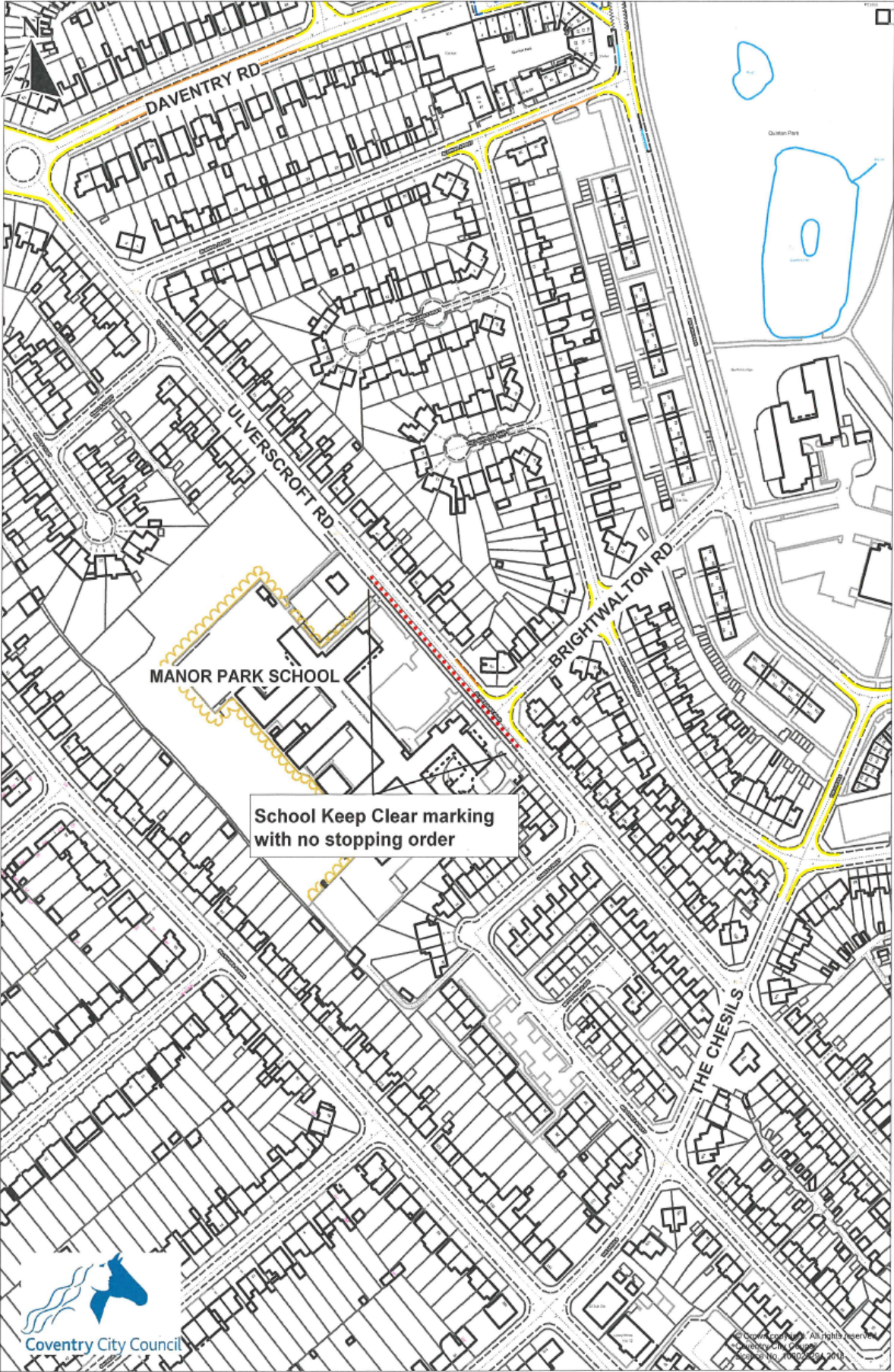
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Appendix A – Location plan



Appendix B – Copy of text of determination letter

re: petition submitted on 28 February 2018

Subject matter: Petition to Implement Road Safety Measures around Manor Park School
Cheylesmore

I am writing with regards to the above petition and your request for road safety measures around Manor Park School in Cheylesmore.

The matter was discussed with Councillor Innes, Cabinet Member for City Services, who has requested that this be dealt with by way of letter rather than a formal report being submitted to a future meeting, so that it can be dealt with more quickly.

It is important that we prioritise road safety measures in the city. Coventry is continuing to work towards becoming a safer speed city and to ensure the funding we have is targeted carefully, we use data on personal injury collisions reported to the Police.

Locations where there have been six or more personal injury collisions reported to the Police in the previous three years are considered for inclusion in our safety scheme programme. Our records show that there have been three personal injury collisions in the area you have highlighted in the last three years, none of which involved children or pedestrians. Therefore, it does not meet the safety scheme criteria. However, Ulverscroft Road will be added to the programme for the deployment of a mobile vehicle-activated sign that reacts to vehicle speeds.

The request for a zebra crossing outside the school has been reviewed on a previous occasion and investigations showed that a crossing could not be accommodated at that location. As you will be aware, a School Crossing Patrol operates on Daventry Road to assist pedestrians to cross at that location.

As you are concerned about speeding, you might want to get involved in the Community Speed Watch initiative. This is a speed monitoring and awareness scheme that is co-ordinated by the Police and run by a group of local volunteers who use speed detection devices to monitor traffic and identify speeding drivers on a specific road or small area. For further information, please contact the Police by emailing: cvcsww@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk.

Your request for additional parking enforcement has been forwarded to our Parking Enforcement Team. With regards to your request for bollards at a number of locations, our budget for such works is limited and we are unable to justify the installation of bollards at junctions further away from the school.

I hope this information explains fully the measures we have undertaken in response to your concerns. Thank you for your request to be included in a future trial of initiatives to address school gate parking issues. This has been noted for consideration as part of future activities.

I would be grateful if you could please confirm in writing, either by email or letter to the officer named above, that you agree that the petition be progressed by way of this letter. If you do not agree, a report responding to your petition will be prepared for consideration at a future Cabinet Member meeting. You will be invited to attend this meeting where you have the opportunity to speak on behalf of the petitioners.