

Cabinet Member for City Services

25<sup>th</sup> February 2019

**Name of Cabinet Member:**

Cabinet Member for City Services – Councillor P Hetherton

**Director Approving Submission of the report:**

Deputy Chief Executive (Place)

**Ward(s) affected:**

Wainbody

**Title:** Petition – Request for Speed Limit Reduction Measures on Gretna Road

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**Is this a key decision?**

No

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**Executive Summary:**

A petition of 31 e-signatures has been received requesting a speed reduction measures on Gretna Road.

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 the 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 investigations undertaken and the approved action 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 recommended 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 & 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

## **1. Context (or background)**

- 1.1 A petition of 31 signatures has been received requesting speed limit reduction measures on Gretna Road.

- 1.2 The petition advises:

*'Residents of Gretna Road are becoming increasingly concerned about the speed of some drivers using this road. Gretna Road is a long straight road which means that certain individuals choose to drive through it at great speed, during the day and night. Green Lane has speed bumps and a 20mph speed, but Gretna Road is still 30mph. Gretna Road has a large volume of families and it is a concern that someone, or someone's family pet, will be hit by one of the drivers who choose to speed down this road.*

*We request that consideration be given to changing the speed limit to 20mph, and that speed bumps are provided, before a serious accident occurs'.*

- 1.3 Gretna Road is a long straight residential road, it has 4 small side roads on the south eastern side of the road each with between 8 – 14 houses. It is not a through route, it is a cul de sac, and a number of vehicles tend to be parked on street. A location plan is shown in Appendix A.
- 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) 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 Gretna Road showed no injury collisions had been recorded in the last three years. Safety schemes are prioritised in locations where there have been six or more recorded injury collisions in the previous three years.
- 1.6 As the petitioners raised concerns about speeding, they were advised of the Community Speed Watch initiative and provided with the relevant contact details. The Community Speed Watch initiative 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.

## **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) and paragraphs 1.5 & 1.6

## **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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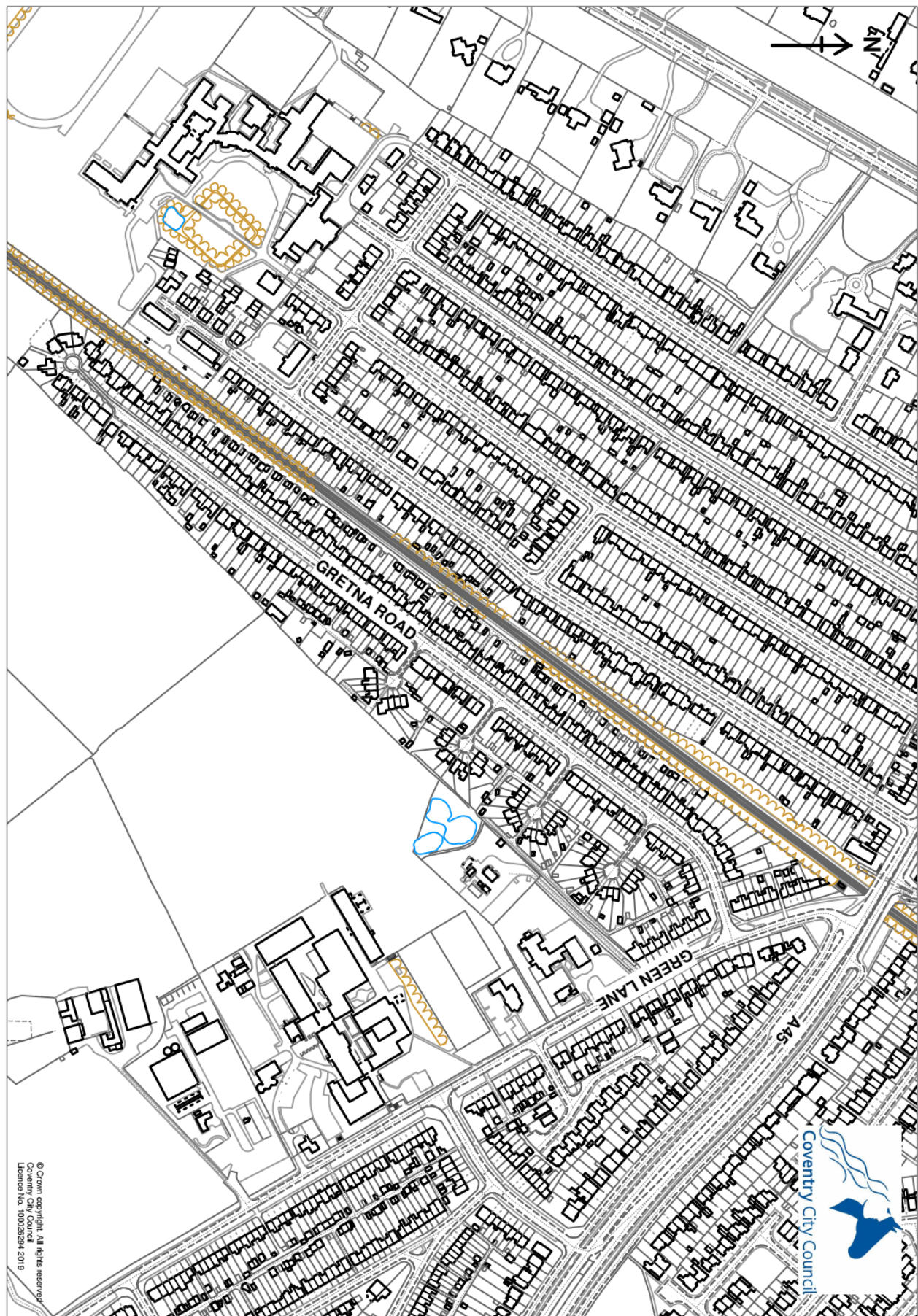
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Appendix A – Location plan



## **Appendix B – Copy of text of determination letter**

**Re:** petition submitted on 13 May 2018

**Subject matter:** Speed Limit reduction measures on Gretna Road

I am writing with regard to the above petition and your request for a reduction in the speed limit and traffic calming measures on Gretna Road.

The matter was discussed with the Cabinet Member for City Services, who 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 target road safety measures in the city. We do this using personal injury collision data to ensure the funding we have is utilised carefully.

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 no personal injury collisions on Gretna Road in the last three years. Therefore, it does not meet the safety scheme criteria.

As you are concerned about speeding on Gretna Road, you may wish 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: [cvcsw@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk](mailto:cvcsw@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk).

I would be grateful if you could please confirm in writing, either by email or letter, 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.