

Cabinet Member for City Services

18th September 2017

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:

Bablake

Title:

Petition – Double Yellow Lines at the Junction of Brandfield Road and Brownhill Green Road and Improving Safety Along Kelmscote Road

Is this a key decision?

No

Executive Summary:

A petition of 126 signatures has been received requesting double yellow lines at the junction of Brandfield Road and Brownhill Green Road and for improvements to road safety along Kelmscote Road and the junction of Keresley Road.

In accordance with the City Council's procedure for dealing with petitions, those relating to road safety and waiting restrictions 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 issues raised 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 each of the issues raised. On receipt of the determination letter the petition sponsor, Councillor Williams, advised he did not wish the petition to be progressed by letter and wanted the speed concerns to be considered at a Cabinet Member for City Services meeting.

The cost of introducing road safety schemes and parking restrictions are 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 1.6) 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

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1. Context (or background)

1.1 A petition of 126 signatures has been received requesting double yellow lines at the junction of Brandfield Road and Brownhill Green Road and for improvements to road safety along Kelmscote Road and the junction of Keresley Road. The petition is sponsored by Councillor Williams.

1.2 The petition advises:

'We the undersigned ask Coventry City Council to improve safety by putting double yellow lines on the Junction of Brandfield Road and Brownhill Green Road. Also to look at improving the general road safety along Kelmscote Road and the junction of Keresley Road'.

1.3 Kelmscote Road is a residential road, which connects Brandfield Road and Keresley Road. The road is not part of a bus route. A location plan is shown in Appendix A to the report.

1.4 A review of the personal recorded injury collision history of Kelmscote Road shows that in the last 3 years no personal injury collisions have been recorded.

1.5 In accordance with the City Council's procedure for dealing with petitions, those relating to road safety and waiting restriction requests 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.

1.6 The determination letter (copy in Appendix B to the report) advised of the action proposed and approved in response to each of the issues raised. These actions were:

i) Parking restrictions - The junction of Brandfield Road and Brownhill Green Road will be added to the waiting restriction request list for consideration for the installation of double yellow lines (No Waiting At Any Time) as part of next review, which is due to be undertaken in August.

ii) Road safety on Kelmscote Road – requests for road safety schemes are prioritised utilising recorded personal injury collision data. As referred to in paragraph 1.4 above, no injury collisions have been recorded in the last 3 years, therefore Kelmscote Road does not meet the criteria for a local safety scheme. Contact details were also provided should residents wish to get involved in the Community Speed Watch initiative.

1.7 Since the determination letter has been issued, the legal procedure in regard to the proposal to install double yellow lines at the junction of Brandfield Road and Brownhill Green Road has commenced, the proposal being advertised on 17th August 2017.

1.8 In addition, since the receipt of the petition, double yellow lines have been installed at the Kelmscote Road/Brownhill Green Road/ Kipling Road junction.

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 paragraph 1.6 above.

3. Results of consultation undertaken

- 3.1 The proposed traffic regulation order for double yellow lines at the junction of Brandfield Road and Browns Hill Green Road was advertised in the Coventry Telegraph on 17th August 2017, notices were also placed on street and letters sent to directly affected properties.

4. Timetable for implementing this decision

- 4.1 The process for the implementation of the proposed waiting restrictions, subject to the consideration of any objections, is already in progress.

5. Comments from Director of Finance and Corporate Services

5.1 Financial implications

Introducing Traffic Regulation Orders is funded from the Highways Maintenance and Investment Capital Programme budget through the Local Transport Plan.

5.2 Legal implications

The Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 allows the Council to make a Traffic Order on various grounds e.g. improving safety, improving traffic flow and preserving or improving the amenities of an area provided it has given due consideration to the effect of such an order.

In accordance with Section 122 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, when considering whether it would be expedient to make a traffic order the Council is under a duty to have regard to and balance various potentially conflicting factors e.g. the convenient and safe movement of traffic (including pedestrians), adequate parking, improving or preserving local amenity, air quality and/or public transport provision.

There is an obligation under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 to advertise our intention to make Traffic Orders and to inform various stakeholders, including the Police and the public. The Authority is obliged to consider any representations received. If representations are received these are considered by the Cabinet Member for City Services. Regulations allow for an advertised order to be modified (in response to objections or otherwise) before a final version of the order is made.

The 1984 Act provides that once a Traffic Order has been made it may only be challenged further via the High Court on a point of law (i.e. that the Order does not comply with the Act for some reason).

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)?

The introduction of waiting restrictions, would contribute to the City Council's aims of ensuring that citizens, especially children and young people, are safe and the objective of working for better pavements, streets and roads.

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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Appendix A – Location plan



Appendix B – Copy of Text of Determination Letter

Re: Petition submitted on: 9 January 2017

Subject matter: Double Yellow Lines at the Junction of Brandfield Road and Brownhill Green Road, Improving Road Safety along Kelmscote Road

I am writing with regard to the above petition and your request for double yellow lines at the junction of Brandfield Road and Brownhill Green Road and measures to improve road safety on Kelmscote Road.

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 this can be dealt with more quickly.

Parking restrictions

The junction of Brandfield Road and Brownhill Green Road will be added to the waiting restriction request list for consideration for the installation of double yellow lines (No Waiting At Any Time) as part of next review that is due to be undertaken in August. Please note that this is not a guarantee of their installation. Any new waiting restrictions or changes to existing restrictions are subject to a legal process which includes a 21-day period during which anyone may object. Any objections received are then considered by the Council's Cabinet Member for City Services.

Even in the absence of waiting restrictions, it is an offence to park in a manner which causes an obstruction or a danger to other road users and the Police have the power to take action in such situations. They can be contacted on the non-emergency number 101 for advice on the measures they would be able to take.

Road safety on Kelmscote Road

At the moment, we do not have enough funding to pay for the many requests we receive from residents for traffic calming and other road safety measures. This means that we have to prioritise requests using injury collision data.

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 the safety scheme programme. Our records show that there have been no injury collisions on Kelmscote Road in the last three years. Therefore, it does not meet this criterion.

If you are concerned about speeding, you may wish to get involved in the Community Speedwatch 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. Further information can be requested from the Police by emailing: cvcs@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk.

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