

Cabinet Member for City Services

29 January 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:

Woodlands

Title:

Report - Petition – Request for Road Safety Measures for Alderminster Road

Is this a key decision?

No

Executive Summary:

A petition of 466 signatures (430 paper signatures and 36 e-petition signatures) has been received requesting road safety measures are installed on Alderminster 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 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 the issue raised. On receipt of the determination letter the petition sponsor, Councillor Lepoidevin, has confirmed she did not wish the petition to be solely 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 paragraph 1.7 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

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1. Context (or background)

1.1 A petition of 466 signatures (430 paper signatures and 36 e-petition signatures) has been received requesting road safety measures are installed on Alderminster Road. The petition is supported by Councillor Lepoidevin, who is also the petition spokesperson.

1.2 The petition advises:

‘We the undersigned are calling for significant safety measures to stop speeding traffic as it approaches the bend in Alderminster Road, and for double yellow lines by the side of the shop.’

1.3 Alderminster Road is a local distributor road. The road is part of a bus route and there are also shops located in an area accessed from Alderminster Road. Park Hill Primary School is located nearby on Lower Eastern Green Lane. A location plan is shown in Appendix A.

1.4 A review of the personal recorded injury collision history of Alderminster Road shows that in the last 3 years (for the time period up to 31/10/2017) 2 personal injury collisions have been recorded. 1 at the Broad Lane/Alderminster Road junction, resulting in slight injury and 1 near the junction with Beausale Croft resulting in slight injury.

1.5 Due to budgetary constraints, requests for road safety schemes are prioritised utilising recorded personal injury collision data. As referred to in 1.4 above, 2 injury collisions have been recorded in the last 3 years, therefore Alderminster Road does not meet the criteria for a local safety scheme.

1.6 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 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.

1.7 The determination letter (copy in Appendix B) advised of the actions proposed and approved in response to the petition. These actions were:

- i) Road Markings - Existing road markings to be refreshed.
- ii) Waiting restrictions - New waiting restrictions to be advertised as part of the next batch of proposed restrictions on 17 November. The proposed restrictions will consist of double yellow lines (no waiting at any time) incorporating the junctions with Beausale Crescent, Ayhno Close and both sides of Alderminster Road between these junctions.

These have been advertised and no objections received, the double yellow lines will be installed once the legal process has been completed.

- iii) Installation of mobile vehicle activated signs (VAS) – We have recently purchased some mobile VAS for use across the city and Alderminster Road will be included in the programme of sites for the deployment of these signs.
- iv) Community Speed Watch - Contact details were provided should residents wish to get involved in the Community Speed Watch initiative

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 item 1.7.

3. Results of consultation undertaken

- 3.1 Residents who will be directly affected by the introduction of the proposed double yellow lines were written to, advising of the proposal and how to object should they wish to do so. Notices were also displayed on street. No objections were received.

4. Timetable for implementing this decision

- 4.1 The mobile VAS signs will be installed before the end of February 2018
- 4.2 The double yellow lines will be installed once the legal process has been completed (before the end of March 2018).

5. Comments from Director of Finance and Corporate Services

5.1 Financial implications

The introduction of waiting restrictions requires a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO). Introducing TROs, is funded from the Highways Maintenance and Investment Capital Programme budget through the Local Transport Plan.

The programme for the implementation of mobile VAS signs is funded from the Highways Maintenance and Investment Capital Programme budget through the Local Transport Plan. This budget will also fund the maintenance of the carriageway markings.

5.2 Legal implications

Under section 41 of the Highways Act 1980, the Council has a duty to maintain those adopted highways that it is responsible for to a standard where they are reasonably passable for ordinary traffic. Any major contracts will be approved by the Procurement board and let under the usual contract rules

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 the mobile VAS signs and waiting restrictions, will 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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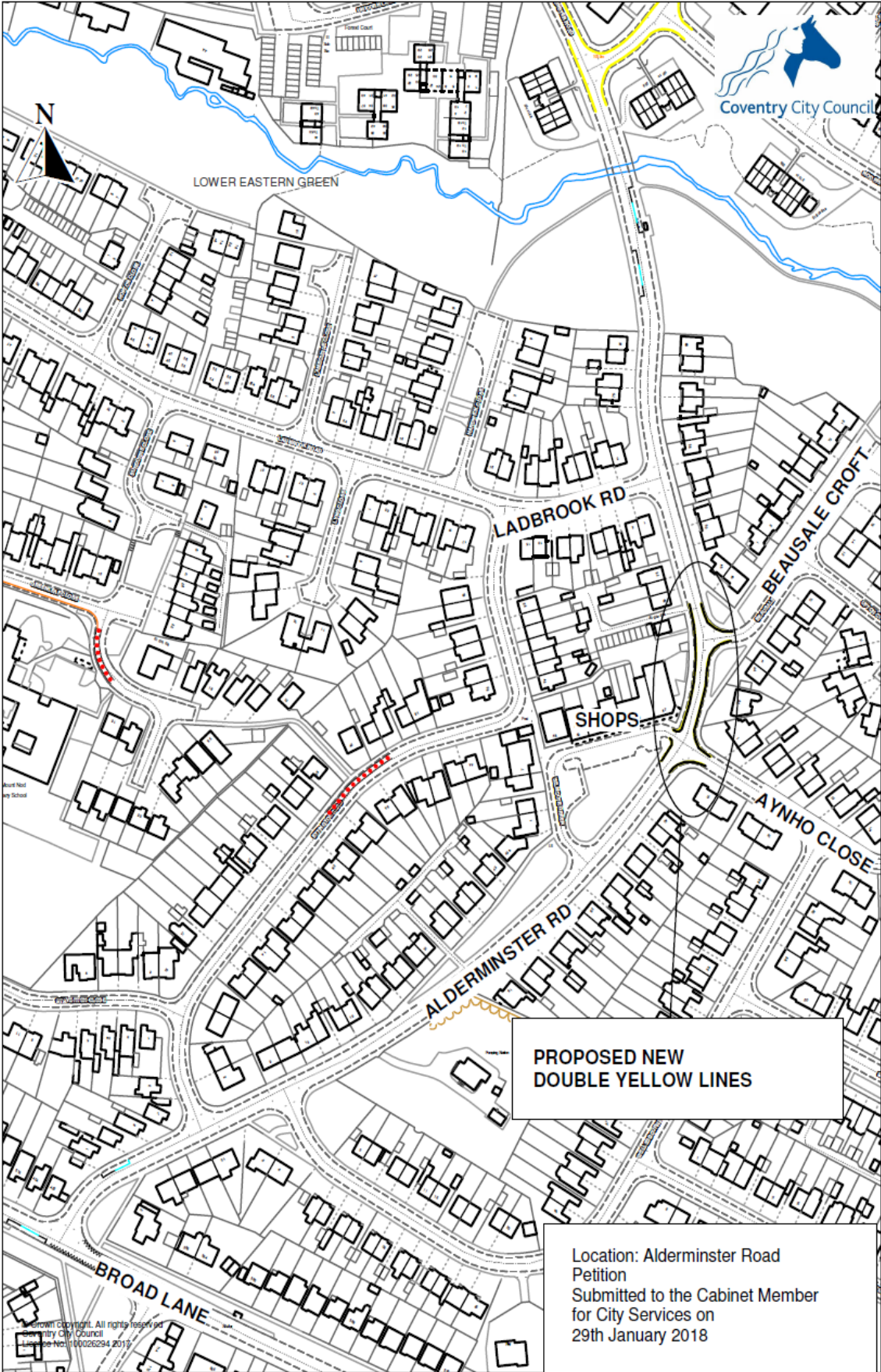
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Appendix A – Location plan (also showing proposed double yellow lines)



Appendix B – Copy of text of determination letter

Re: petition submitted on 21 August 2017

Subject matter: Request for safety measures to reduce speeding traffic in Alderminster Road

I am writing with regard to the above petition and your request for measures to reduce speeding traffic in Alderminster 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.

Following recent site visits, arrangements are being made for the existing 'SLOW' and other road markings to be refreshed.

New waiting restrictions will also be advertised as part of the next batch of proposed restrictions on 17 November. The proposed restrictions will consist of double yellow lines (No waiting at any time) incorporating the junctions with Beausale Crescent, Ayhno Close and both sides of Alderminster Road between these junctions.

We have recently purchased some mobile vehicle activated signs for use across the city and we will include this location in the programme of sites for the deployment of these signs.

You may also wish to request that the location is included in the Community Speed Watch initiative. To make a request, please contact the Police by emailing: cvcsw@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.