

Cabinet Member for City Services

21st January 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 – Cannon Hill Road Speed Restriction and Safe Crossing

Is this a key decision?

No

Executive Summary:

A petition of 662 signatures (512 paper and 150 e-signatures) has been received requesting speed restrictions and a safe crossing on Cannon Hill Road, Wainbody.

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 investigations undertaken and the action proposed and approved in response to the issues raised. However, prior to the determination letter being issued, Cllr Sawdon advised he 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 the action confirmed by determination letter to the petition spokesperson (as detailed in paragraph 1.5 of the report).

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 – Cannon Hill Road Speed Restriction and a Safe Crossing facility

Context (or background)

- 1.1 A petition of 662 signatures (512 paper and 150 e-signatures) has been received requesting speed restrictions and a safe crossing facility.
- 1.2 The petition advises:
'We call upon the council to provide a permanent crossing across Cannon Hill Road (CHR) to enable pedestrians and children attending Cannon Park School safe passage. We also call upon the council to implement the 20 MPH speed limit on CHR, which Coventry City Council had had agreed to previously, incorporating physical traffic calming measures and a 7 tonne vehicle weight restriction'.
- 1.3 Cannon Hill Road connects the A45 to Kenilworth Road (A429). The north western side of Cannon Hill Road has a roundabout at its junction with Charter Avenue, located adjacent to A45. The A45 is one of the busiest radial routes into/out of Coventry. The south-eastern end of Cannon Hill Road is connected to Kenilworth Road (A429) which is also a busy road; it is one of the radial routes into/out of Coventry. Carriageway markings including 'Dragons' Teeth' have been installed on the approaches to the bend on Cannon Hill Road. In addition, 2 Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS) are operational on Cannon Hill Road. 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 are heard by the Cabinet Member for City Services. The Cabinet Member has 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. However, prior to the determination letter being issued, Cllr Sawdon advised he 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.
- 1.5 The determination letter (copy in Appendix B to the report) advised that 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 has been one personal injury collision on Cannon Hill Road in the last three years. Therefore, it does not meet the safety scheme criteria for consideration for the installation of a crossing. However, this location will be considered for a school-time advisory 20mph speed limit in the 2019/20 programme of works.
- 1.6 The petition also advises of concerns relating to large vehicles using Cannon Hill Road. A traffic survey will be arranged in early 2019, and the results will be analysed to determine whether a weight restriction is suitable at this location.
- 1.7 Subsequent to the receipt of the petition, we have been requested to examine Cannon Hill Road's junction with Kenilworth Road. Concerns highlighted parked vehicles at this junction advising they reduce visibility for drivers entering and exiting Cannon Hill Road. However double yellow lines for junction protection have already been installed at this location and site visits undertaken revealed no evidence of vehicles causing obstruction.

2. Options considered and recommended proposal

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

3. Results of consultation undertaken

3.1 No consultation has been undertaken.

4. Timetable for implementing this decision

4.1 The scheduling of works will be based on the priority of the scheme and the funds available. A traffic survey will be undertaken in early 2019 and the results will be analysed to determine whether a weight restriction is suitable at this location.

5. Comments from Director of Finance and Corporate Services

5.1 Financial implications

If an advisory school time 20mph speed limit is introduced, it would be funded from the Highways Maintenance and Investment Capital Programme budget through the Local Transport Plan.

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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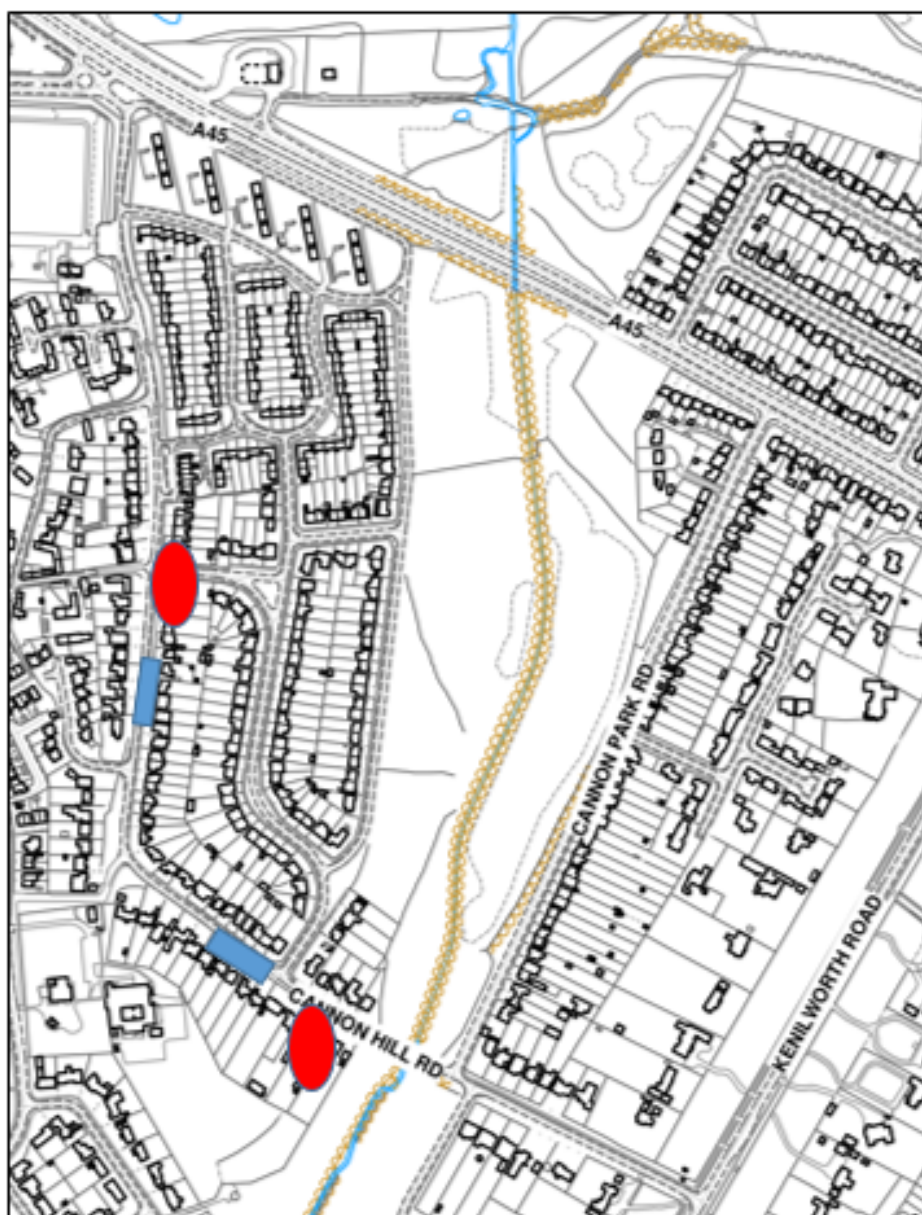
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Appendix A – Location plan



KEY

 = Approximate location of 'Dragons Teeth'

 = Approximate location of Vehicle Activated Signs

Appendix B – Copy of text of determination letter

I am writing with regard to the above petitions and your request for traffic calming measures and a pedestrian crossing on Cannon Hill 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 has been one personal injury collision on Cannon Hill Road in the last three years. Therefore, it does not meet the safety scheme criteria for consideration for the installation of a crossing. However, the location will be considered for a school-time advisory 20mph speed limit.

We have been notified by Councillor Sawdon that he would like a report responding to your petition to be prepared for consideration at the next Cabinet Member meeting in January. You will be invited to attend this meeting where you will have the opportunity to speak on behalf of the petitioners. |