

Cabinet Member for City Services

2<sup>nd</sup> December 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:**

Binley & Willenhall

Title: **Petition – Close the Exit from Chace Avenue on to London Road**

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**Is this a key decision?**

No

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**Executive Summary:**

A petition of 54 signatures has been received requesting the closure of the exit from Chace Avenue on to London Road

In accordance with the City Council's procedure for dealing with petitions, those relating to traffic management and 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 issue 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 reasons why the request would not be considered, the issues taken into consideration and the approved action in response to the petition, which was not to close the exit from Chance Avenue on to London Road. 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 changes to the road network 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 paragraph 1.9 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 – Close the Exit from Chace Avenue onto London Road

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

1.1 A petition of 54 signatures has been received requesting the closure of the exit from Chace Avenue on to London Road.

1.2 The petition advises:

*'This petition is to close the exit from Chace Avenue onto the London Road. There are too many people making illegal right turns out of Chace Avenue and others that turn left and use Carnegie Close to turn around in. This is very dangerous as the two lane traffic does not always see them turning right and cannot stop quick enough. The exit is not needed on to London Road as there are other safer routes'*

1.3 Chace Avenue is a residential road and London Road (B4110) is one of the main arterial routes into Coventry. London Road has a 40mph speed limit and in this area Average Speed Enforcement has been in operation since January 2019. A location plan is shown in Appendix A.

1.4 A traffic regulation order (TRO), was introduced in 1973 which prohibits vehicles, except buses, from turning right from London Road into Chace Avenue and from turning right out of Chace Ave on to London Road.

1.5 A review of the personal recorded injury collision history for the last 3 years on London Road between its junctions with Chace Avenue and Carnegie Close shows that 4 personal injury collision have been recorded. None of the collisions involved a vehicle turning right in to or out of Chace Avenue.

1.6 The petition refers to a number of drivers undertaking the illegal right turn out of Chace Avenue; this restriction is enforceable by the Police. The petition also refers to drivers turning left out of Chace Avenue and then utilising Carnegie Close to turn around, to be able to travel towards the city centre without having made the illegal right turn manoeuvre. Drivers wishing to turn right on to London Road should access St James Lane and make this manoeuvre at its signalised junction with London Road.

1.8 In accordance with the City Council's procedure for dealing with petitions, those relating to changes to traffic management and road safety 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.

1.9 The determination letter (copy in Appendix B) advised that Chace Avenue provides an important access to and from a residential area and is also a bus diversion route. Therefore it was not proposed to make any changes to the road layout to close this junction.

## **2. Options considered and recommended proposal**

2.1 The recommended proposal to the issue raised has already been approved and is detailed in the determination letter (Appendix B) and paragraph 1.9.

## **3. Results of consultation undertaken**

3.1 No formal consultation has been undertaken.

**4. Timetable for implementing this decision**

4.1 No further action is proposed.

**5. Comments from Director of Finance and Corporate Services**

5.1 Financial implications

No action is proposed therefore there are no financial implications.

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) Climate Change and the Environment**

None

**6.6 Implications for partner organisations?**

None

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Appendix A – Location plan



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

**Re: petition submitted on 23 May 2019**

**Subject matter:** Close the exit from Chace Avenue to London Road

I am writing with regard to the above petition and your request to close the exit from Chace Avenue onto London Road.

The matter was discussed with Councillor Hetherington, 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.

We have assessed your request. However, Chace Avenue provides an important access to and from the residential area and is also a bus diversion route. Therefore, there are no proposals to close the exit from Chace Avenue onto London Road.

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.