

Cabinet Member for City Services

20 January 2020

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:

Lower Stoke

Title:

Petition - Traffic Calming Measures on Macaulay Road, Coventry

Is this a key decision?

No

Executive Summary:

A petition of 41 signatures has been received requesting the installation of traffic calming measures on Macaulay 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 outcome of the investigations undertaken in response to the issues raised, as a result of which no further action is proposed. 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 the conclusions of officers' investigations, as confirmed by determination letter to the petition spokesperson, that no further action is proposed.

List of Appendices included:

Appendix A – Location Plan

Appendix B – Determination letter

Appendix C - Summary of speed survey and traffic count results

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 - Traffic Calming Measures on Macaulay Road

1. Context (or background)

1.1 A petition of 41 signatures has been received requesting traffic calming measures on Macaulay Road. The petition was organised by Councillor Brown and sponsored by Councillor McNicholas.

1.2 The petition reads as follows:

'This petition calls on Coventry City Council to consider traffic speed calming measures along Macaulay Road. Residents share increasing concern that this road is being used as a rat-run and is subject to a rising trend in speed violation that, left unchecked, could likely result in serious injury or worse.'

1.3 Macaulay Road is a residential street between Morris Avenue and Hipswell Highway in Lower Stoke Ward. It is subject to a 30mph speed limit. 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 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 to the report) advised of the importance of targeting road safety measures in the city. To ensure the funding we have is utilised carefully, we use personal injury collisions reported to the Police. Locations where there have been six or more recorded personal injury collisions in the previous three years are considered for inclusion in the safety schemes programme. A review of the collision data for Macaulay Road showed that one personal injury collision had been recorded in the last three years. Therefore, Macaulay Road does not meet the safety scheme criteria.

1.6 To supplement the collision data, a speed survey was undertaken in November 2019. This recorded mean weekday speeds of 21.2mph eastbound and 20.6mph westbound. A full summary of the speed survey and traffic count can be found in Appendix C to the report.

1.7 On the basis of the collision data and speed survey results outlined above, no further action is proposed. However, petitioners were advised of the Community Speed Watch initiative, a speed monitoring and awareness scheme that is coordinated 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. Petitioners were also provided with the relevant contact details, should they wish to get involved in the scheme.

2. Options considered and recommended proposal

2.1 Following the outcome of the review of the collision and speed data for Macaulay Road detailed in paragraphs 1.5 and 1.6 of the report, and as stated in the determination letter, no further action is proposed.

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?

N/A

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



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Appendix B – Copy of text of determination letter

I am writing with regard to the above petition and your request for traffic calming measures on Macaulay Road.

The matter was discussed with Councillor Hetheron, 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.

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. The personal recorded injury collision history for Macaulay Road has been reviewed. This shows that there was one personal injury collision on Macaulay Road in the last three years. Therefore, it does not meet the safety scheme criteria.

As residents are concerned about speeding, they 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: cvcs@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.

Appendix C – Summary of speed survey and traffic count results

Site: Macaulay Road east of MacDonald Road	Direction	Mean Speed (mph)	85%ile (mph)	Average Daily Traffic
Date: Nov 2019	Eastbound	21.2	26.5	821
	Westbound	20.6	26.3	619