

Cabinet Member for City Services

5 July 2021

Name of Cabinet Member:

Cabinet Member for City Services – Councillor P Hetherton

Director Approving Submission of the report:

Director of Transportation and Highways

Ward(s) affected:

St Michael's and Upper Stoke

Title:

Petition - Speed Measures on the A444 between Binley Road and Heath Crescent

Is this a key decision?

No

Executive Summary:

An petition with 14 signatures was received requesting a reduction in the speed limit on the A444 between Binley Road and Heath Crescent to reduce the disturbance caused by traffic noise.

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 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 that there are currently no proposals to change the speed limit on the A444, which was determined in line with national guidance according to the nature of the road. The letter recommended that, if the noise of vehicles travelling on the A444 is creating a disturbance, the petitioners should contact the developer of the estate to request measures to shield their properties from the traffic noise.

The cost of 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 actions confirmed by determination letter to the petition organisers (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 - Speed Measures on the A444 between Binley Road and Heath Crescent

1. Context (or background)

1.1 An petition with 14 signatures was received requesting a reduction in the speed limit on the A444 between Binley Road and Heath Crescent to reduce the disturbance caused by traffic noise.

1.2 The petition reads as follows:

'We the residents of Dairy Road (a private residential estate) hereby petition the Coventry City Council to reduce the existing speed limit on the A444 dual carriageway near the Binley Road and Heath Crescent from 50mph to 40mph, as we are disturbed by the noise the vehicles are travelling at all times.

The A444 starts with the speed limit from 30mph increasing to 50mph then reduces back to 30mph. We request that consideration be given to changing the speed limit to 40mph.'

1.3 The A444 is a primary road running from Binley Road to the M6 and beyond. Within Coventry, it is a dual carriageway subject to a 50mph speed limit, which reduces to 30mph at most junctions. The section between Binley Road and Heath Crescent forms the boundary between St Michael's and Upper Stoke Wards. Dairy Road is a private residential road off Swan Lane in St Michael's Ward. Some of the properties on Dairy Road share a boundary with the A444. 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 that there are currently no proposals to change the speed limit on the A444, which was determined in line with national guidance according to the nature of the road. The letter recommended that, if the noise of vehicles travelling on the A444 is creating a disturbance, the petitioners should contact the developer of the estate to request measures to shield their properties from the traffic noise.

2. Options considered and recommended proposal

2.1 The recommended action in response to the issues raised has already been approved and are detailed in paragraph 1.5 and in the determination letter (Appendix B to the report).

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 the Director of Finance and the Director of Law and Governance

5.1 Financial implications

The cost of introducing road safety measures is funded from the Highways Maintenance and Investment Capital Programme budget through the Local Transport Plan. The scheduling of works is based on priority of the scheme and the funds available.

5.2 Legal implications

There are no legal implications of the recommended proposal.

6. Other implications

6.1 How will this contribute to the Council Plan (www.coventry.gov.uk/councilplan/)?

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) climate change and the environment

None.

6.6 Implications for partner organisations?

None.

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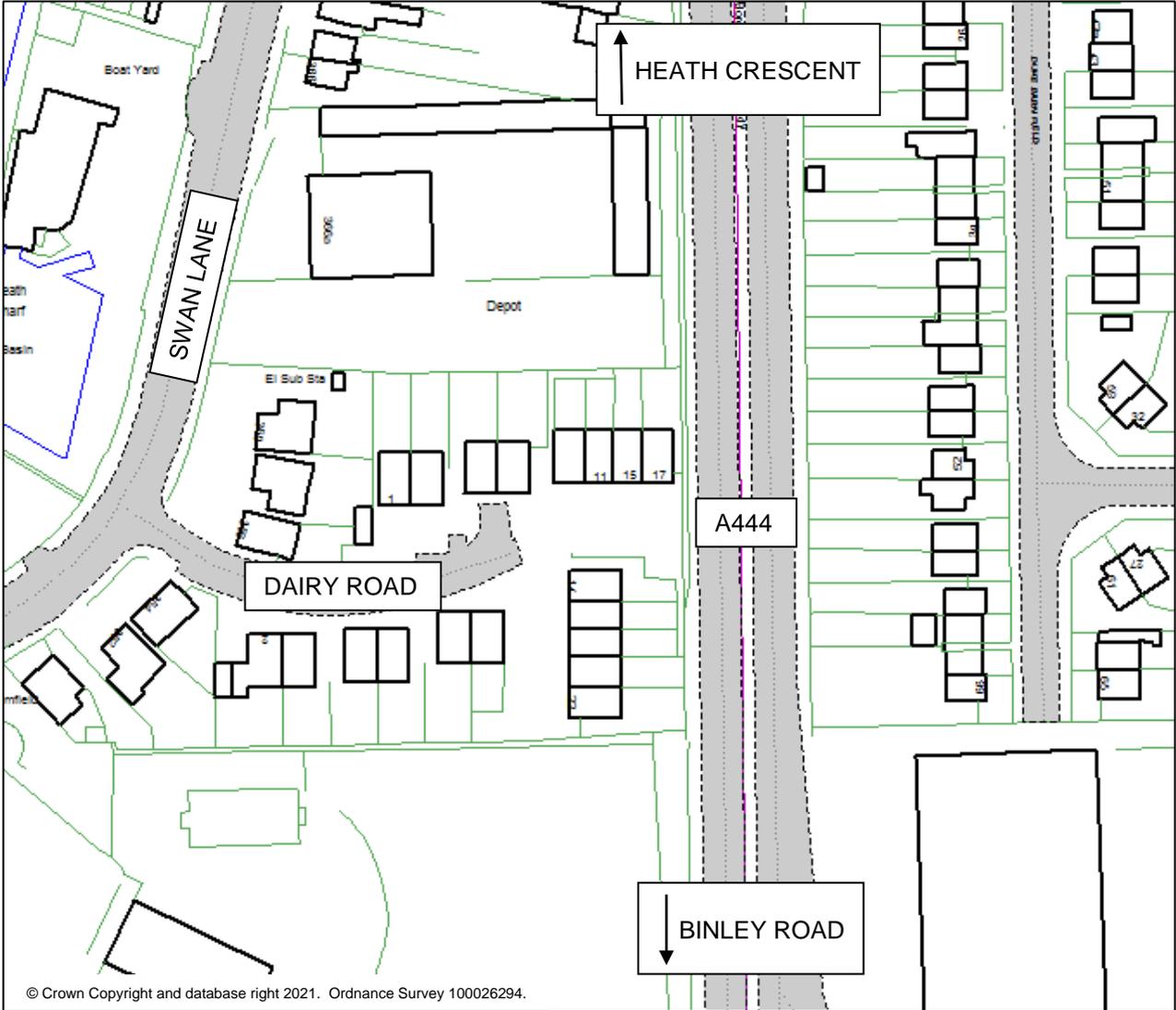
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Appendix A – Location plan



Appendix B – Copy of text of determination letter

I am writing with regard to the above petition and your request for a reduction in the speed limit on the A444 between Binley Road and Heath Crescent.

The matter was discussed with Councillor Hetherton, 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.

There are currently no proposals to change the speed limit on the A444, which was determined in line with national guidance according to the nature of the road. If the noise of vehicles travelling on the A444 is creating a disturbance, we would recommend that you contact the developer of the estate to request measures to shield your properties from the traffic noise.

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.