

Cabinet Member for City Services

29 September 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:

Longford, Henley

Title:

Petition - Request for Average Speed Cameras or Other Restrictions to Reduce Speed on Lentons Lane

Is this a key decision?

No

Executive Summary:

A petition with 113 signatures was received requesting average speed cameras or other restrictions to reduce speed on Lentons Lane.

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. However, before the determination letter was issued, the petition sponsor requested that the issue be considered at a Cabinet Member for City Services meeting.

The agreed determination letter was to advise that a review of the personal injury collision history for Lentons Lane showed that there had been one personal injury collision recorded by the Police on Lentons Lane in the last three years. Therefore, it does not meet the criteria for inclusion in the safety scheme programme. However, faded and damaged signage on Lentons Lane will be replaced and the petitioners' request for information regarding the Community Speed Watch initiative will be forwarded to the Police.

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 which had been agreed to be issued 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 – Extract from report to Cabinet Member for City Services: Petitions determined by letter and petitions deferred pending further investigations – 18 August 2021

Background Papers:

None

Other useful documents:

Cabinet Member for City Services report: Petitions determined by letter and petitions deferred pending further investigations – 18 August 2021

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 - Request for Average Speed Cameras or Other Restrictions to Reduce Speed on Lentons Lane

1. Context (or background)

1.1 A petition with 113 signatures was received requesting average speed cameras or other restrictions to reduce the speed of traffic on Lentons Lane.

1.2 The petition reads as follows:

'We the undersigned petition the Council to install 30 miles average speed cameras in Lentons Lane or any other form of restrictions like speed bumps to reduce speed in this country lane where at night and evenings some drivers and bikes would reach even 60 miles.

We reached out to the council and sadly as less than 6 injury claims have been made there is no way the council will step in and they have pointed us your way to discuss whether there is a Community Speedwatch initiative already active in the Lane to which we can volunteer and help.

It seems a great shame that we would have to get to a point where pets, residents or innocent bystanders are injured or killed before action can be taken.

There must be something we can do to slow these vehicles down before it is too late and we need an action done to protect us as residents in Lentons Lane'

1.3 Lentons Lane is a local distributor road connecting the B4109 Aldermans Green Road / Parrotts Grove with Shilton Lane. The north-western part of the road is residential, with houses on one or both sides of the road and is located in Longford Ward. The south-eastern end of the road is rural and is located in Henley Ward. The whole road is subject to a 30mph speed limit. There is an existing permanent, speed-indicating, vehicle-activated sign facing north-west on the central section of the 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 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. The agreed actions were approved in the report 'Petitions determined by letter and petitions deferred pending further investigations' which was heard at the meeting of the Cabinet Member for City Services on 18 August 2021. The relevant extract from the report can be found in Appendix B. However, before the determination letter was issued, the petition sponsor requested that a formal report in response to the petition be submitted to a Cabinet Member for City Services meeting.

1.5 To ensure available funding is utilised carefully, locations are prioritised according to the number of personal injury collisions recorded by 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 scheme programme. Where the number of collisions is high and there is a history of speed-related collisions, locations are considered for average speed enforcement. A review of the collision data for Lentons Lane showed that there had been one recorded personal injury collision on the road in the last three years. Therefore, the junction does not meet the safety scheme or average speed enforcement criteria. The request made in the petition for further information on the Community Speed Watch initiative has been forwarded to the Police, who administer the scheme.

- 1.6 In addition to the review of personal injury collision data, a speed survey was also conducted on Lentons Lane in July 2021. This showed a mean weekday speed (the speed used to determine local speed limits) of 26.5mph eastbound and 29.3mph westbound and an 85%ile speed of 34.9mph eastbound and 35mph westbound.
- 1.7 A site inspection also identified that some of the speed limit and chevron signs on Lentons Lane are faded or damaged. Arrangements have been made for the affected signs to be replaced.

2. Options considered and recommended proposal

- 2.1 The recommended action in response to the issues raised has already been approved and is detailed in paragraphs 1.5 and 1.7 of the report.

3. Results of consultation undertaken

- 3.1 No formal consultation has been undertaken.

4. Timetable for implementing this decision

- 4.1 The agreed actions have already been implemented.

5. Comments from the Director of Finance and the Director of Law and Governance

5.1 Financial implications

There are no financial implications to the Council of the recommended actions (paragraph 1.5 of the report). Replacement signs (paragraph 1.7 of the report) will be funded from existing maintenance budgets.

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 the priority of the scheme and the funds available.

5.2 Legal implications

There are no legal implications of the recommended actions (paragraphs 1.5 and 1.7 of the report).

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?

A request for further information on the Community Speed Watch initiative has been forwarded to the Police, who administer the scheme.

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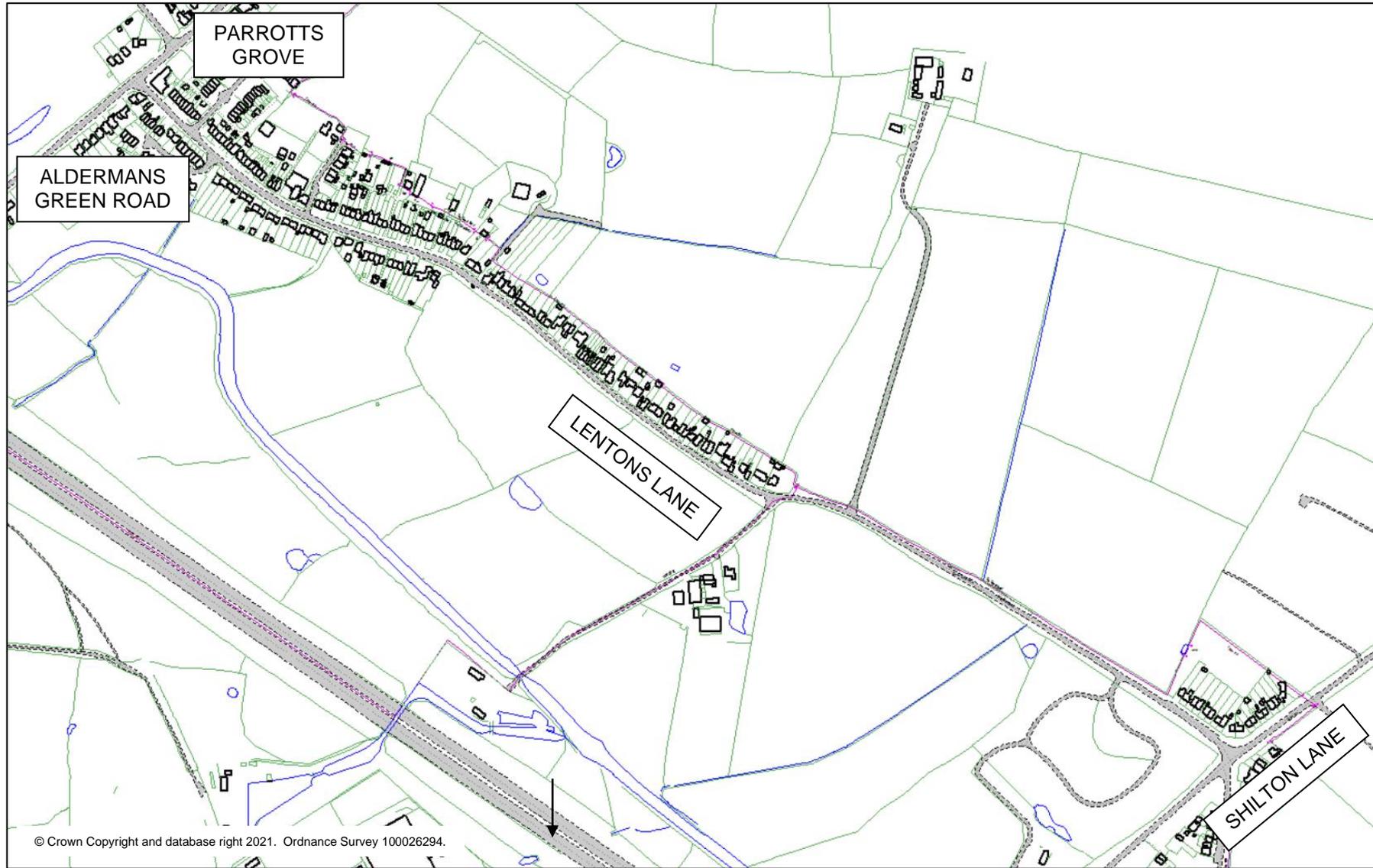
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Appendix A – Location plan



Appendix B – Extract from report to Cabinet Member for City Services: Petitions determined by letter and petitions deferred pending further investigations – 18 August 2021

Petition Title	No. of signatures	Councillor Sponsor	Type of letter to be sent to petition organiser(s) and sponsor	Actions agreed
Request for Average Speed Cameras and Other Speed Restrictions on Lentons Lane	113	Cllr Duggins	Determination	Does not meet the criteria for inclusion in the safety scheme or Average Speed Enforcement programmes. Review of recorded personal injury collisions on Lentons Lane shows 1 recorded in last 3 years. Speed survey shows average weekday speeds of less than 30mph. Faded and damaged road signs to be replaced. Request for Community Speed Watch to be forwarded to Police.

Appendix C – Speed survey results

Lentons Lane		Eastbound	Westbound	Eastbound	Westbound
Date	Location	Mean (85%ile)	Mean (85%ile)	Average Weekday Flow	
July 2021	In front of no. 143	26.5 (34.9)	29.3 (35)	1228	1232