

Cabinet Member for City Services

15 March 2023

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

Title:

Petition - Request for Traffic Calming Measures on Parrotts Grove and Alderman's Green Road

Is this a key decision?

No

Executive Summary:

A petition with 56 signatures was received requesting traffic calming measures on Parrotts Grove and Alderman's Green 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 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 Parrotts Grove and Alderman's Green Road meet the criteria for inclusion in the safety scheme programme, which is a programme to address recorded personal injury collisions. However, there are 49 locations (roads/junctions) where there have been six or more recorded personal injury collisions in a 3 year period and those locations with the greatest number of personal injury collisions have to be prioritised.

Parrotts Grove and Alderman's Green Road do not meet the criteria for inclusion in the average speed enforcement programme. However, the Council is working with the Police to arrange mobile speed limit enforcement. The location of the Nuneaton and Bedworth boundary sign will be adjusted to improve the conspicuity of the speed limit signs and Parrotts Grove and Alderman's Green Road will continue to be monitored as part of the annual citywide injury collision review.

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 actions which had been agreed to be issued by determination letter to the petition organisers (as detailed in paragraphs 1.5 to 1.7 of the report).

List of Appendices included:

Appendix A – Location plan
Appendix B – Images referred to in the petition
Appendix C – Speed survey 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 – Request for Traffic Calming Measures on Parrots Grove and Alderman’s Green Road

1. Context (or background)

1.1 A petition with 56 signatures was received requesting traffic calming measures on Parrots Grove and Alderman’s Green Road. The petition was sponsored by Councillor Duggins.

1.2 The petition reads as follows:

“The residents of Parrots Grove and Alderman’s Green Road formally bring to the attention of Coventry City Council and Councillor George Duggins the following facts in relation to speeding traffic and inconsiderate road users who use the ‘racetrack’ roadway (part of the B4109) as indicated in the Map #1 below [see Appendix B].

The traffic volumes on this stretch of road have been monitored by the City Council which was reported to in excess of 3000 vehicles per day with approximately 60% breaking the 30mph speed limit.

The residents of the ‘racetrack’ section between the One Stop Shop / Post Office on the corner of Canberra Road and the City Boundary on Parrots grove request that Coventry City Council in liaison with other relevant authorities introduce traffic calming measures to alleviate the health and safety issues arising from this volume of speeding vehicles.

It is the residents’ view in line with the Coventry City Council’s Highway Infrastructure Asset Management Plan dated 29th July 2019 provides an overarching principle to protect all road users. In particular, that the City Council has a duty of care under the Road Traffic Act 1988 to promote road safety and as part of the development level service table and associated safety stream.

Issues of Health and Safety

Residents find it difficult and hazardous to exit their driveways and exit Lenton’s Lane onto Alderman’s Green / Parrott’s Grove due to volume of speeding traffic and sight lines being blocked by cars on the street around this T junction. This has resulted in numerous near misses and several collisions over the years.

Traffic Calming Measures

We the residents of Alderman’s Green Road and Parrots Grove advocate that a duty of care exists to protect the residents and law-abiding road users from the inconsiderate and regular speeding road users who are putting not just themselves at risk but the local residents and animals of Alderman’s Green Road and Parrott’s Grove.

The residents request that the City Council adopts a combination of traffic calming measures indicated below to provide safer road conditions and reduce the potential impact from speeding vehicles. This is based on the basic principle that prevention is better than cure for this problematic stretch of road, which is well known for speeding vehicles and concerns have been raised by the residents before. The following traffic calming measures are suggested and will always include option 1, with the others noted in order of preference: -

1. *That the speed restriction is maintained at 30mph.*
2. *The installation of average speed cameras down the length of the ‘racetrack’ section as indicated in #1 above.*
3. *The installation of a number x2 fixed speed management cameras at strategic positions along the length of the ‘racetrack’ section as indicated in #1 above.*
4. *The introduction of combined road narrowing and speed bumps at strategic points along the ‘racetrack’ section as indicated in #1 above.*

5. *Instigate regular mobile speed traps with the assistance of the West Midlands Police Force.*
6. *Regular enforcement of car parking restrictions around the Lenton's Lane and Alderman's Green Road / Parrott's Grove T junction.*

The traffic calming measure options above are suggested and we acknowledge that Coventry City Council may wish to put forward alternative solutions based on legal requirements and their expert technical knowledge.

We, the undersigned, request that Coventry City Council install and implement a number of set traffic calming measures in accordance with the options that we have outlined above or that Coventry City Council with their expert knowledge introduces measures that are as good as or better than the one we have outlined.

- 1.3 Parrotts Grove and Alderman's Green Road are part of the B4109 arterial route between Coventry city centre and Bulkington. The section highlighted in the petition is between the M6 motorway and the city boundary. Both roads are subject to a 30mph speed limit. The speed limit changes to 50mph at the city boundary. 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 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.
- 1.5 It is important that road safety measures in the city are targeted. This is done using personal injury collision data recorded by the Police to ensure the available funding is utilised carefully, targeting the areas of highest incidences of injury collisions first. A review of the collision data for Parrotts Grove and Alderman's Green Road showed that there had been seven recorded personal injury collision on the two roads in the last three years and three collisions on the section north of the M6 motorway that is highlighted in the petition. Locations where there have been six or more personal injury collisions recorded by the Police in the previous three years are considered for inclusion in the Council's safety scheme programme; this includes Parrotts Grove and Alderman's Green Road. However, the current review of recorded personal injury collisions identified 49 roads or junctions in the city where there have been six or more recorded personal injury collisions and those locations with the greatest number of personal injury collisions have to be prioritised.
- 1.6 Where the number of collisions is high and there is a history of speed-related collisions, locations are considered for average speed enforcement. Parrotts Grove and Alderman's Green Road do not meet the criteria for inclusion in the average speed enforcement programme. However, the Council is working with the Police to arrange mobile speed enforcement on Parrotts Grove and the section of Alderman's Green Road highlighted in the petition.
- 1.7 We are also working with Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council with a view to relocating the boundary sign at the city boundary in order to improve the conspicuity of the speed limit signs. Furthermore, Parrotts Grove and Alderman's Green Road will continue to be monitored as part of the annual citywide injury collision review.

2. Options considered and recommended proposal

- 2.1 The recommended actions in response to the issues raised have already been agreed and are detailed in paragraphs 1.5 to 1.7 of this 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 will be undertaken at the earliest opportunity.

5. Comments from the Interim Chief Executive (Section 151 Officer) and the Chief Legal Officer

5.1 Financial implications

There are no financial implications to the Council of the recommended actions (paragraphs 1.5 to 1.7).

The cost of introducing road safety measures is funded from the Highways Maintenance and Investment Capital Programme budget through the Local Transport Plan. Traffic calming schemes are undertaken as part of the Local Safety Scheme programme. The programme is drawn up following a citywide review of recorded personal injury collisions and locations are prioritised using this information. Schemes are then scheduled based on their priority and the funds available.

5.2 Legal implications

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

Section 39 of the Road Traffic Act 1988 requires the Council to investigate road accidents involving vehicles and to develop a rational programme of measures (such as the Safety Scheme programme) for preventing their recurrence.

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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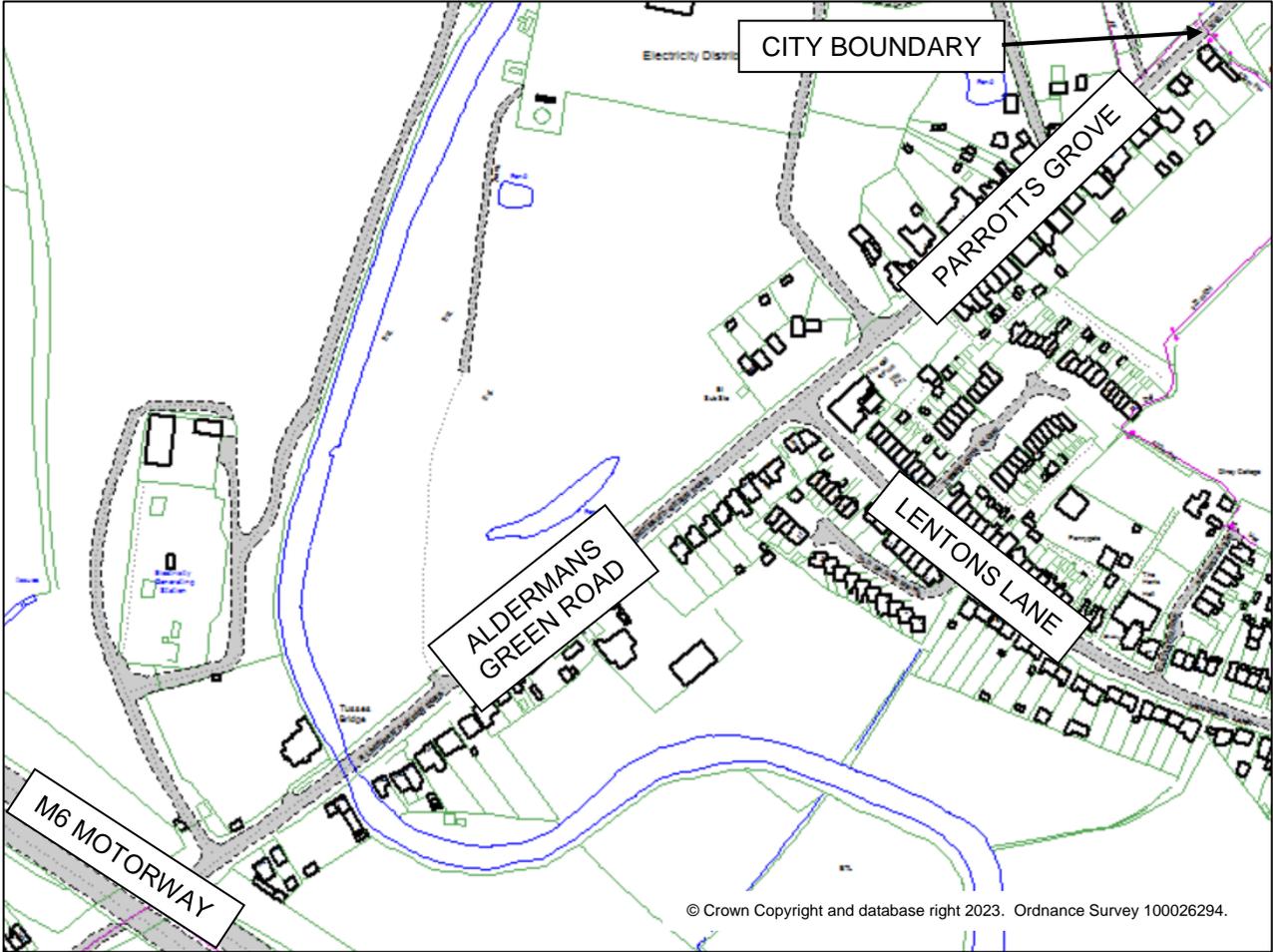
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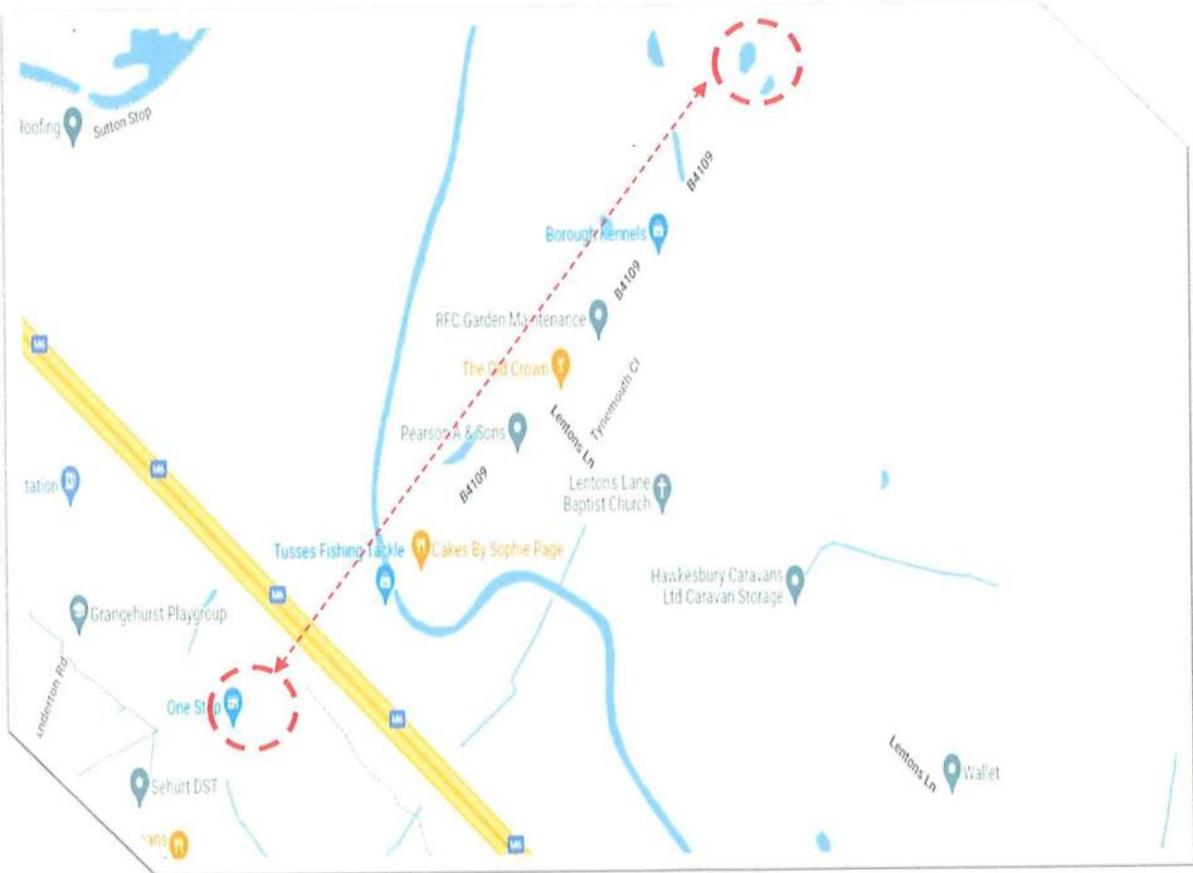
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Appendix A – Location plan



Appendix B – Images referred to in the petition

#1 Map showing B4109 and the 'racetrack' section of roadway from the One Stop shop to the City Boundary and beyond



Appendix C – Speed survey results

Time period		Average weekday							
Site (July 2021)	Direction	85%ile speed (mph)	Mean speed (mph)	Maximum speed (mph)	No. of vehicles travelling at max speed	%age travelling at max speed	%age travelling at or below 30 mph	%age travelling at or below 35 mph	Traffic flow
Parrotts Grove	Northbound	41	34.3	>50	66	3.0%	25%	58%	2473
	Southbound	39.1	32.7	>50	36	2.0%	35%	67%	2318