

Cabinet Member for City Services

25 October 2023

**Name of Cabinet Member:**

Cabinet Member for City Services – Councillor P Hetherton

**Director Approving Submission of the report:**

Director of Transportation, Highways and Sustainability

**Ward(s) affected:**

Woodlands

**Title:**

Petition - Alderminster Road traffic calming measures

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**Is this a key decision?**

No

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**Executive Summary:**

Two petitions with a combined total of 183 signatures were received requesting traffic calming measures on Alderminster 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 determination letter advised that a review of the personal injury collision history for Alderminster Road showed that there were no personal injury collisions reported to the Police on Alderminster Road in the last three years, and therefore that it does not meet the safety scheme criteria. However, the road will continue to be monitored as part of annual citywide review of personal injury collisions.

The petition organiser advised that he 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 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 – Text of determination letter

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 - Alderminster Road traffic calming measures

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

- 1.1 Two petitions with a combined total of 183 signatures were received requesting traffic calming measures on Alderminster Road. The petitions were organised by Councillor Male.
- 1.2 Both petitions read as follows:  
*"We the undersigned petition the Council to consider traffic calming measures on Alderminster Road. I am raising this petition in the wake of a further serious road traffic accident on Alderminster Road. Previous measures that include the installation of vehicle activated signs (VAS) and improved road markings have simply not been sufficient to improve driving habits. I am calling upon the council to consider more intrusive deterrents to speeding traffic."*
- 1.3 Alderminster Road is a local distributor road off Broad Lane leading to Lower Eastern Green Lane. It is subject to a 30mph speed limit. It is located in Woodlands Ward. 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.
- 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 recorded by the Police. 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 our safety scheme programme. The recorded personal injury collision history for Alderminster Road has been reviewed. This showed that there were no personal injury collisions recorded by the Police on Alderminster Road in the last three years. Therefore, it does not meet the safety scheme criteria. However, the road will continue to be monitored as part of annual citywide review of personal injury collisions.
- 1.6 In addition to the review of collision data, a speed survey was also conducted on Alderminster Road in March 2023. This showed a mean weekday speed (the speed used to determine local speed limits) of 23.7mph northbound and 24.8mph southbound and an 85%ile speed of 27.8mph northbound and 28.7mph southbound (see also Appendix C).

### **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 paragraph 1.5 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 have already been implemented.

**5. Comments from the Chief Operating Officer (Section 151 Officer) and the Chief Legal Officer**

**5.1 Financial implications**

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

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 proposals.

**6. Other implications**

**6.1 How will this contribute to the One Coventry Plan?**

(<https://www.coventry.gov.uk/strategies-plans-policies/one-coventry-plan>)

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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## Appendix A – Location plan



● Location of vehicle-activated speed limit sign

## **Appendix B – Text of Determination Letter**

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

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.

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 recorded by the Police in the previous three years are considered for inclusion in our safety scheme programme. The recorded personal injury collision history for Alderminster Road has been reviewed. This showed that there were no personal injury collisions recorded by the Police on Alderminster Road in the last three years. Therefore, it does not meet the safety scheme criteria. However, the road will continue to be monitored as part of annual citywide review of personal injury collisions.

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 will have the opportunity to speak on behalf of the petitioners. If no response is received within four weeks of the date of this letter, we will record this as your acceptance of the determination letter and the petition will be closed.

## Appendix C - Speed survey results

		Average weekday		
Site (March 2023)	Direction	Mean speed (mph)	85%ile speed (mph)	Traffic flow
Alderminster Rd, south of Ladbrook Rd	Northbound	23.7	27.8	2397
	Southbound	23.5	29.6	2281