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Dear

Petition – Concerns about Traffic Movements around Cambridge Street

I refer to the above petition which you submitted to the Cabinet Member (City Services) meeting on Tuesday 13th December, 2011. Following the end of the call-in period, I write to confirm that at this meeting Councillor Harvard took account of the issues that you and the petition organisers raised regarding the concerns about the traffic movements around the Cambridge Street Mosque when the Madrasah was open and in particular the risks to young people.

Councillor Harvard was informed that when the young people were being brought to the Madrasah by car or on foot there was localised congestion around the Mosque entrance, with drivers parking on double yellow lines and some ignoring the right turn prohibition. Reference was made to the efforts of the Mosque Committee to work with parents to alleviate these traffic problems.

Councillor Harvard agreed that the organisers of the Madrasah be asked to continue to work with parents to promote that their young people should be dropped off in the car park rather than on-street. He requested that the Road Safety Team should prepare an advice leaflet if required to explain the road safety concerns which arise from illegal or obstructive parking, as well as from the illegal right turn onto Stoney Stanton Road. He noted that enforcement of the waiting restrictions would continue to be undertaken in accordance with the normal service operation.



Councillor Harvard also asked the Traffic and Network Management Team to contact the Police to request that the prohibition of the right turn from Cambridge Street into Stoney Stanton Road was given regular enforcement attention.

In response to your suggestion, Councillor Harvard requested that the officers give consideration to the installation of a flashing warning sign outside the Mosque and also investigate the potential to install zig zag lines. He asked the officers to write to British Telecom asking them to consider relocating the telegraph pole away from the entrance to the Mosque. This would allow the Mosque Committee to widen the entrance/exit of the car park to make it easier for cars to manoeuvre in and out.

Lastly, Councillor Harvard asked for a monitoring report to be submitted to a future Cabinet Member meeting in twelve months time. You and the petition organiser will be invited to attend this meeting.

No doubt you will inform the petitioners accordingly. I am sending a copy of this letter to

for their information.

Should you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me on the above telephone number.

Yours sincerely

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