Coventry City Council

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Cabinet Member Report

Cabinet Member for City Services 23rd July 2025

Name of Cabinet Member:
Cabinet Member for City Services – Councillor P Hetherton

Director Approving Submission of the report:
Director of Regeneration and Economy

Ward(s) affected:
Woodlands
Westwood

Title:
Petition – Bannerbrook Park - reduce speed limit to 20mph

Is this a key decision?
No

Executive Summary:

A petition with 49 signatures, supported by Councillor Ridley, asking for the speed limit on Bannerbrook Park to be reduced to 20mph (E42-24/25) was reported to the Cabinet Member meeting on 9th April 2025.

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 petition sponsor has requested that the issue be considered at a Cabinet Member for City Services meeting.

The agreed determination letter was to explain that Bannerbrook Park is set out and designed mindful of the principles set out within Manual for Streets and benefits from various interventions including changes in surface type, carriageway alignment and narrowing as well as physical features all of which are intended to reduce vehicle speeds and aid road safety. In reviewing the last three full years of road safety records it is pleasing to note that there have been no recorded collisions resulting in personal injury which have occurred on roads within the estate. It is also noted that currently the full estate has not been adopted by the authority, with roads including Monticello Way remaining private and within the control and management of developers at the current time. As such it is proposed to log this request and to await the adoption of the full estate at which time the request can be reviewed and reconsidered. In the short-term, Astoria Drive and Jefferson

Way will be added to our mini speed visor programme for future deployment of the mobile speed sign which helps to aid driver awareness of their speed and encourage compliance with the speed limit.

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.

3) Note as referenced in paragraph 2.2 below that additional traffic calming measures are proposed for Astoria Drive and will be brought forward in the current financial year.

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 – Bannerbrook Park – reduce speed limit to 20mph

1. Context (or background)

1.1 A petition with 49 signatures was received requesting the speed limit to be reduced to 20mph within Bannerbrook Park.

1.2 The petition was as follows:

"We the undersigned petition the Council to lower the speed limit to 20mph on Bannerbrook Park. We call on the Council to work with residents and Councillors to conduct a traffic safety assessment of Bannerbrook Park. Install clear 20mph signage and launch community awareness campaigns to ensure drivers respect the new limit."

1.3 Bannerbrook Park is a recently developed site in the west of the city, sited between Broad Lane, Banner Lane and the City Boundary. Bannerbrook Park is currently a mixture of adopted and unadopted highway featuring various interventions including changes in surface type, carriageway alignment and narrowing.

1.4 In accordance with the City Council's procedure for dealing with petitions, those relating to parking and 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). The petition sponsor has requested that the issue be considered at a Cabinet Member for City Services meeting.

1.5 In reviewing the last three full years of personal injury collision records, it is pleasing to note that there have been no recorded collisions resulting in personal injury that have occurred on roads within the estate. It is also noted that some roads on the estate have noy yet been adopted by the City Council, with roads including Monticello Way being private and within the control and management of developers at the current time. As such, it is proposed to log this request and await the adoption of the full estate, at which time the request can be reviewed and reconsidered. In the short-term, Astoria Drive and Jefferson Way will be added to our mini speed visor programme for the deployment of the mobile vehicle-activated speed signs.

2. Options considered and recommended proposal

2.1 The recommended action in response to the issues is set out in 1.5 above. It is noted that the roads within Bannerbrook Park have been designed in line with the principles of Manual for Street which seek to naturally manage traffic and encourage low speeds through the effective design of road alignment, surface treatments and width. Several of the roads also already benefit from traffic calming measures including, raised features and narrowing as well as a zebra crossing on Monticello Way.

2.2 In addition to the features referenced above, additional traffic calming measures previously proposed for Astoria Drive remain outstanding. Mindful of the feedback received, opportunities to accelerate and bring forward these measures are being explored and subject to implementation requirements, including the advertisement of relevant legal notices, will be brought forward in the current financial year.

2.3 The petition also requests that 20mph signage is installed at Bannerbrook Park. Currently the speed limit across the site is 30mph and as such it would not be possible to introduce this signage. To do so, a new 20mph traffic regulation order would need to be advertised and introduced. This would then enable the posted speed limit to be reduced. The council are currently carrying out a review of the use of 20mph speed limits and zones across the city and this review will be used to help determine priorities for the future use of 20mph restrictions. Until such time that this work is complete and whilst parts of the site remain unadopted, it would not be appropriate to advertise and introduce a 20mph restriction across the whole estate at the current time.

3. Results of consultation undertaken

3.1 No formal consultation has been undertaken.

4. Timetable for implementing this decision

4.1 The agreed actions can be implemented with immediate effect.

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

5.1 Financial implications

There are no direct financial implications to the Council of the recommended action.

The outstanding traffic calming measures to be installed on Astoria Drive as referenced in section 2.2 of this report will be funded from remaining commuted sums associated with the Bannerbrook Park site.

5.2 Legal implications

There are no legal implications of the recommended proposal.

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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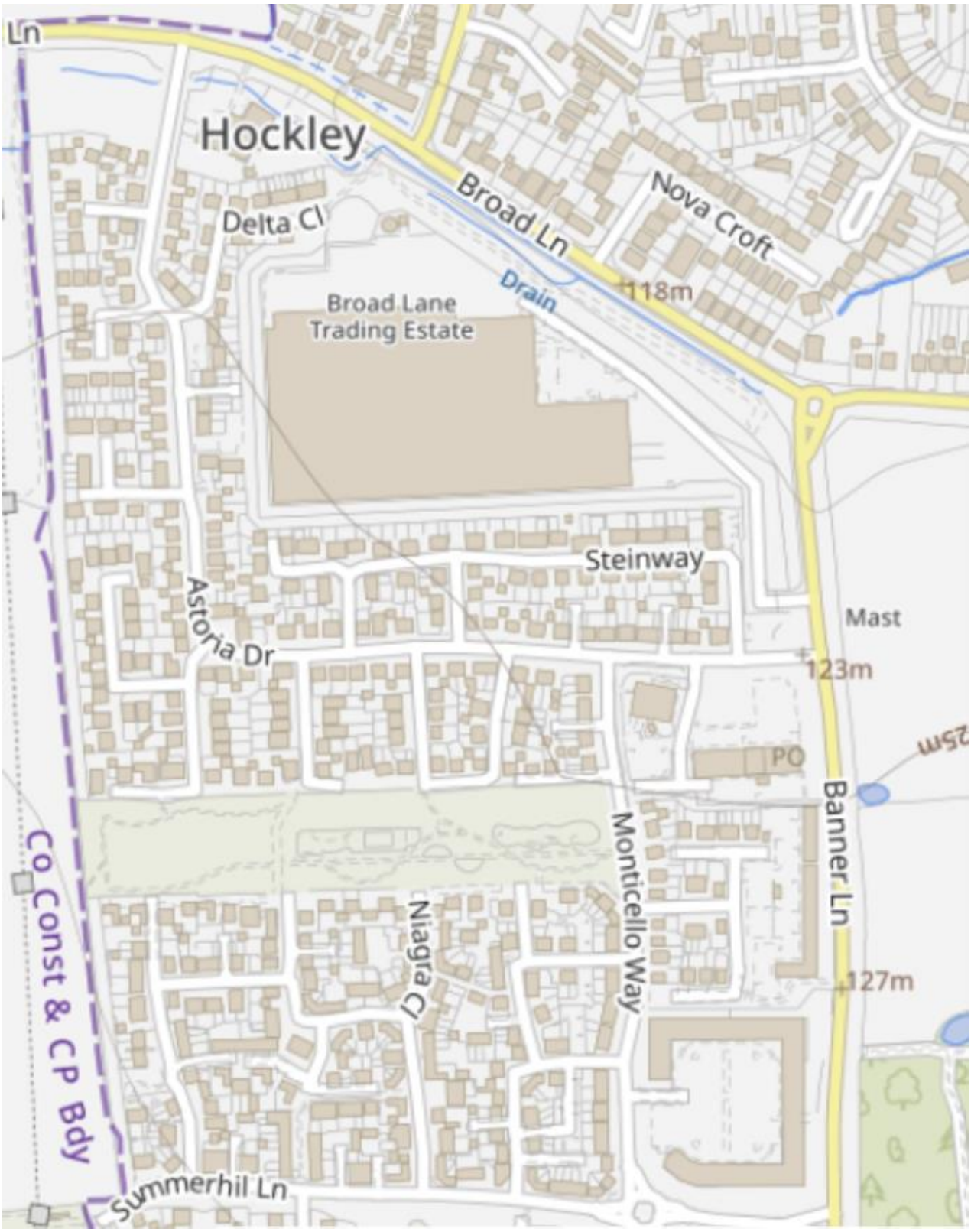
Appendix A – Location Plan



Appendix B – Text of Determination Letter

Bannerbrook Park is set out and designed mindful of the principles set out within Manual for Streets, and benefits from various interventions including changes in surface type, carriageway alignment and narrowing, as well as physical features, all of which are intended to reduce vehicle speeds and aid road safety. In reviewing the last three full years of personal injury collision records, it is pleasing to note that there have been no recorded collisions resulting in personal injury that have occurred on roads within the estate. It is also noted that some roads on the estate have not yet been adopted by the City Council, with roads including Monticello Way being private and within the control and management of developers at the current time. As such, it is proposed to log this request and await the adoption of the full estate, at which time the request can be reviewed and reconsidered. In the short-term, Astoria Drive and Jefferson Way will be added to our mini speed visor programme for the deployment of the mobile vehicle-activated speed signs. These help to aid drivers' awareness of their speed and encourage compliance with the speed limit.

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.