
**Decision Session - Cabinet Member for
Transport**

11th December 2014

Report of the Director of City and Environmental Services

Petition – Peter Hill Drive, Clifton.

Summary

1. The purpose of this report is to consider a 65 signature petition (see Annex A) representing a large proportion of the properties in Peter Hill Drive and Court requesting the implementation of a road closure to cut excessive speeding.

Recommendations

2. The Cabinet Member is asked to approve the following:

That this request is noted but no action be taken at this time.

Reason: A 20mph scheme is due to be put in place very shortly which aims to lead to a reduction in vehicle speeds.

Background

3. Peter Hill Drive is a residential street linking Spalding Avenue and St. Phillip's Grove off Bur Dyke Avenue (see Annex B).
4. At present there is no specific budget set aside for implementing the scale of minor works required for road closures requests.
5. In addition to the physical works required on street there is also a statutory legal process that has to be gone through in order to close a road to traffic (outlined in the section on consultation below). Road closures can sometimes generate stiff opposition within a local community due to reasons such as the alternative routes having to accommodate additional traffic, disruption to residents preferred routes to and from their property, etc.

6. Peter Hill Drive is very shortly to become part of a 20mph scheme which is aimed at reducing vehicle speeds in residential areas.

Consultation

7. Closing streets has to go through the Traffic Regulation Orders process which includes a formal legal period of 3 weeks for objections to be made to the proposals. Any objections made would then be reported back to a subsequent Decision Session meeting for consideration on how to proceed.

Options

8. The options available are:
 - Note the request but take no action at present,
 - Cost up an outline scheme for consideration alongside other possible highway schemes and if successful then initiate some initial consultation on the outline proposals to report back to a subsequent Decision Session,

Analysis

9. Option 1 Take further no action at this time. This is the recommended option because a 20mph scheme is due to be implemented very shortly the outcome of which is aimed at reducing vehicle speeds which is the stated aim of the petition. The impact of the introduction of a 20mph speed limit at this location will be reviewed 12 months after implementation.
10. Option 2 Design and cost up an outline scheme. This is not the recommended option because there are no budgets or staff resources set aside for investigating a possible scheme to this extent. If this option was taken forward then a further report would be necessary in order to determine its priority when considered alongside other highway projects.

Council Plan

11. Considering this matter contributes to the Council Plan building strong communities by engaging with all members of the local community.

Implications

12. **Financial** There are no financial implications

Human Resources (HR) There are no HR implications

Equalities There are no Equalities implications

Legal There are no Legal implications

Crime and Disorder (There are no Crime and Disorder implications)

Information Technology (IT) There are no IT implications

Property (There are no Property implications)

Other There are no other implications

Risk Management

13. In compliance with the Council's risk management strategy there are no risks associated with the recommendations in this report.

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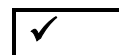
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Approved**



Date 3/11/2014

Wards Affected: Clifton

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For further information please contact the author of the report

Background Papers: None

Annexes

Annex A – copy of front page of petition

Annex B – plan of the area

Annex A

Front Page of Petition

PETITION TO BLOCK PETER HILL DRIVE AT ONE END DUE
TO EXCESSIVE SPEEDING

NAME	ADDRESS

Annex B

Plan of the Area

