

## DECISION SESSION – EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR CITY STRATEGY

TUESDAY 5 JANUARY 2010

Annex of Additional Comments received from Members and residents since the agenda was published

AGENDA ITEM	REPORT	RECEIVED FROM	COMMENTS
4	<b>Westminster Road Area Consultation and Survey Results</b> (Page 17)	Mr G Barker Westminster Road resident	<p>I live at the junction of the Avenue and Westminster Road and consequently see the way which vehicles turn this corner, often apparently in a hurry, unable to see and perhaps avoid what might be around it. I know that my neighbour Mrs Ruth Wallace who lives in the corner house has written to you about her experience when she and her 3 children in a baby buggy, were nearly run down crossing the road outside her house, by a motorist who turned the corner at high speed.</p> <p>There are numerous fast drivers throughout a week recognised by the screeches of brakes, which we do not want to become the screeches of injured people. Quite a lot of older people live in this road, including my wife and myself. My wife has mobility problems and on occasions had to try and hurry herself across the road to avoid danger. Twice during our time here we have had our short piece of wall demolished, because of vehicles coming too fast from the wrong side of the road. During the winter period we have witnessed collisions on this corner and I'm sure we shall see more if the present volume of through traffic continues.</p> <p>Another neighbour has shown me parts of the Council's Highway Design Guide in which section 8.9.4 gives minimum kerb radius at such a corner as 6 metres but should be grateful if you would confirm this. Another part of the Guide (Sections 8.9 5/6) gives the requires visibility standards at corners at residential access roads. Again, I am sure the visibility at this corner is less than the minimum required.</p> <p>Of course it is not possible to alter the layout of this junction, but the Council could at least reduce the number of vehicles by stopping the through traffic. Local residents are less likely to turn this corner in a reckless manner.</p> <p>In your recent consultation on through traffic I voted for closure, preferably at the junction of Westminster Road with Water End</p>

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		<p data-bbox="817 288 1021 389">Mrs S Hannon Westminster Road resident</p> <p data-bbox="817 794 1021 895">Mr A Pringle Westminster Road resident</p>	<p data-bbox="1099 145 1973 213">and the above is another good reason for doing so. I would be grateful for your views on the situation at this corner.</p> <p data-bbox="1099 288 2013 715">.....For my own part I am spending time with my family in another part of the country, which will be a welcome break from the continuing and relentless procession of vehicles past my house using our roads as a short cut. Like many people I have several health problems, and the regular noise of revving engines and the exhaust pollution I am sure affects my general well being and adds to the stress of my life which I would be better without. I have in mind that early next month you could make a decision which will close our roads to through traffic and make the lives of people living here vastly better. Please do it and give us all a happier and healthier New Year.</p> <p data-bbox="1099 794 2020 1508">- I wish to report that the traffic volume on Westminster Road continues to have a corrosive impact on our neighbourhood, this following the installation of the Clifton Green cycle infrastructure. - Regrettably the through traffic impacts not only on the environment, but also on the health and wellbeing of the people who live here. - Further I understand local residents Mrs Hannon and Wallace have also reported the risk of high traffic volumes on the safety or wellness. - Motorists frustrated due to the traffic tail backs use Westminster Road as a rat run to avoid Clifton Green. --Westminster Road is now a habitual route for cars, delivery vans as well as other commercial vehicles wanting to avoid the Green. - The build up of traffic frequently tails back from the Water End Junction to no 40 Westminster Road. This is a distance of 300 metres each car standing with the engine running impacting on our local environment. I attach a picture on the traffic volume on friday November 20 illustrating the point further. - Moreover traffic that is queuing from westminster road to enter water end often blocks the cycle lane. This leaves cyclists isolated in the path of path of rat runners who cut into the road to avoid the traffic queues at the green. - A continual problem is the effect of corner cutting where</p>

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			<p>drivers frustrated with waiting in queues drive on the wrong side of the road and risk hitting on coming road users.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- I would like to impress upon you that the traffic volume continues to have a negative impact and is not going to disappear.</li><li>- The only effective and cost effective intervention to resolve this issue is point closure of wmr at the junction at water end. As such I respectfully call upon you to consider this course of action as is the effective intervention.</li></ul> <p>- May I take this opportunity to wish you a merry xmas. Hope for a more peaceful new year in our neighbourhood.</p>