

WIRRAL COUNCIL

HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC REPRESENTATIONS PANEL – 8 NOVEMBER 2010

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF TECHNICAL SERVICES

PETITION: REQUEST FOR TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES IN MELLOR ROAD/ROSEBERY GROVE/AMERY GROVE, PRENTON

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report considers a 51 signature petition submitted via then Councillor Doyle in April 2010 requesting traffic calming measures in Mellor Road, Rosebery Grove and Amery Grove, Prenton.
- 1.2 The report concludes that no physical traffic calming measures can be justified at the present time and recommends that the Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee be informed that no further action should be taken in respect of this petition.

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Mellor Road is a two way residential road approximately 6.7m wide which runs from Rosebery Grove to Waverley Grove. It has a residents parking scheme in operation on the south east side of its road and public parking on the opposite side.
- 2.2 Rosebery Grove is a two way residential road approximately 5.8m wide which runs from Woodchurch Lane to Mellor Road. It has a residents parking scheme in operation on the west side of its road and parking restrictions in the form of double yellow lines on the opposite side.
- 2.3 Amery Grove is a two way residential road approximately 5.6m wide which runs from Woodchurch Lane to Mellor Road. It has a residents parking scheme in operation on the west side of its road and parking restrictions in the form of double yellow lines on the opposite side.

3.0 PETITION

- 3.1 A petition containing 51 signatures was presented to a meeting of the Council on 15 April 2010.
- 3.2 The petition calls for traffic calming measures to be introduced in Mellor Road, Rosebery Grove and Amery Grove, Prenton.
- 3.3 The lead petitioner has expressed concerns over vehicular speed and the volume of traffic when children are playing in the road.
- 3.4 An officer from my Traffic Management Division contacted the lead petitioner and explained that the Local Safety Scheme Programme, which can

incorporate Speed Reduction Schemes, was considered at the Council's Cabinet meeting on 4 February 2010. Mellor Road and its surrounding area was not identified as a priority within this programme, however, continued monitoring of the traffic conditions at this location will be undertaken and should there be a significant change this locus will be considered again when drawing up future programmes.

- 3.5 The lead petitioner was also informed of the dangers of allowing children to play on or adjacent to roads. Indeed, during the past five years there have been two tragic road deaths involving young children playing unsupervised in roads where traffic calming had already been introduced.
- 3.6 A spot traffic speed survey was undertaken in Mellor Road which revealed a low average speed of 24mph and an extremely light flow of vehicular traffic.
- 3.7 My investigations into the road safety records for Mellor Road and the surrounding area show that it has an excellent personal injury accident record during the latest three year study period. I do not consider that the introduction of traffic calming measures will result in a significant reduction of vehicle speeds or lead to an improvement in the already excellent accident record, therefore the introduction of traffic management measures are not warranted at this present time. My road safety officers will, however, continue to offer education to children and parents about the highway environment.
- 3.8 Commensurate with this information my officer informed the lead petitioner of the various measures that can be carried out within the area:
 - The joint "Community Speedwatch" initiative the Council has with Police which aims to empower local communities to make drivers more aware of inappropriate speed should the lead petitioner or other concerned neighbours wish to take this forward.
 - This road could be considered for the community speed initiative "Bring Accidents Down 2 Zero".
 - As a result of the lead petitioners concerns raised regarding traffic speeds in Mellor Road and the surrounding area, Merseyside Police who are responsible for the enforcement of speed limits, have been contacted requesting that this area be given some additional enforcement.
 - The speed alert trailer could be used on and around this locus although the use of this highly visible and effective equipment is dependent upon a safe and effective location following a risk assessment.
- 3.9 Following the above information the lead petitioner was invited to withdraw the petition. She declined to do so and therefore, in accordance with Standing Order 34 of the Council's Constitution, it is necessary to report this matter to your panel.

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There are no implications under this heading arising from the recommendation of this report.

5.0 STAFFING IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no implications under this heading arising from the recommendation of this report.

6.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES/EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 6.1 There are no implications under this heading.

7.0 HEALTH IMPLICATIONS/IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 7.1 There are no identified issues under this heading for this report and its recommendation.

8.0 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 The implications under this heading are addressed in the report.

9.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 There are no implications under this heading arising from the recommendation of this report.

10.0 PLANNING IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1 There are no implications under this heading arising from the recommendation of this report.

11.0 ANTI – POVERTY IMPLICATIONS

- 11.1 There are no implications under this heading arising from the recommendation of this report.

12.0 SOCIAL INCLUSION IMPLICATIONS

- 12.1 There are no implications under this heading arising from the recommendation of this report.

13.0 HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

- 13.1 There are no implications under this heading.

14.0 LOCAL MEMBER SUPPORT IMPLICATIONS

14.1 This report has implications for Members in the Prenton Ward.

15.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

15.1 A petition and survey documents have been used in the preparation of this report.

16.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

16.1 The Panel is requested to:

- (1) Note the petitioners request for traffic calming measures to slow the speed of traffic in Mellor Road, Prenton and the surrounding area.
- (2) Recommend to the Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee that no further action should be taken in respect of the petition requesting traffic calming measures to slow the speed of traffic in Mellor Road, Prenton and the surrounding area but that the situation will continue to be monitored.

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