

Report of the Strategic Director, Regeneration to the meeting of Bradford South Area Committee to be held on 22 September 2016.

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Subject:

TOFTSHAW LANE AND TOFTSHAW NEW ROAD - PETITION

Summary statement:

This report considers a petition requesting a reduction in vehicle speeds and the amount of through traffic on Toftshaw Lane and Toftshaw New Road

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25 Tong

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Overview & Scrutiny Area:

Environment and Waste Management



1.0 SUMMARY

1.1 This report considers a petition requesting a reduction in vehicle speeds and the amount of through traffic on Toftshaw Lane and Toftshaw New Road

2.0 BACKGROUND

2.1 Toftshaw Lane (part) and Toftshaw New Road have a prohibition of motor vehicles except for access. Toftshaw New Road also has a 7.5 tonne hgv ban accept for access. HGV access to Model Farm is restricted to Toftshaw Lane.

2.2 The route formed by these two roads is narrow and opposing vehicles often mount the footway to pass. It has a 90 degree bend, with a narrow footway on one side only. It is regularly used by horses/riders and used for access to Model Farm which has a farm shop and visitors to the bed/breakfast accommodation.

2.3 Previous concerns about abuse of the prohibition of motor vehicles except for access lead to surveys of through traffic being carried out in 2005 and 2007. The results (number of vehicles, two-way flows) were:

YEAR	7.30am-9.30am	3.30pm-4.30pm	4.30pm-7.00pm	Totals
2005	778	291	863	1932
2007	758	321	1196	2275
Change %	-3%	+1%	+39%	+18%

2.4 Speed surveys were also carried out in 2007 and 2013; the results (average speeds) were:

YEAR	LOCATION	AM Peak Period 7.30 to 9.30am	School Pick up Period 3.30 to 4.30pm
2007	Toftshaw New Road	32.3 mph	35 mph
2013	Toftshaw New Road	32.5 mph	31.5 mph
2007	Toftshaw Lane	21.8 mph	22.7 mph

- 2.5 The petition, which has 42 signatures, states “We the undersigned petition to reduce the amount of vehicles passing through and speeding on Toftshaw Lane/New Toftshaw, Bradford, BD4 so that access is for residents and visitors & deliveries to Model Farm only”
- 2.6 A subsequent e-mail from the lead petitioner states “In simple terms all the signatures to the petition only want the existing laws and traffic restrictions to be enforced. There already exists an order on Toftshaw Lane/Toftshaw New Road for residents only, therefore just enforce the existing traffic orders etc, I do not think that is too much to ask. All the residents who signed the petition have some good ideas and would find it very useful to have a meeting with the relevant Council personnel and Police.”
- 2.7 A location plan is attached as Appendix A.

3.0 OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1 Local ward members have been consulted. Comments received from one of the ward members suggest that until there are highways improvements on Tong Street the problems at this location, and other areas on the periphery of Tong Street, will persist.
- 3.2 The Police have been consulted on the petition and request to organise a meeting. No comments had been received at the time of writing this report. Any subsequent response will be reported verbally to the Area Committee meeting.

4.0 FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE APPRAISAL

- 4.1 There are no financial implications.

5.0 RISK MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES

- 5.1 There are no significant risks arising out of the proposed recommendation.

6.0 LEGAL APPRAISAL

- 6.1 There are no legal implications

7.0 OTHER IMPLICATIONS

7.1 EQUALITY & DIVERSITY

Due regard has been given to Section 149 of the Equality Act when determining the recommendation in this report.

7.2 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

There are no sustainability implications arising from this report.

7.3 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS IMPACTS

There is no impact on the Council's own and the wider District's carbon footprint and emissions from other greenhouse gasses arising from this report.

7.4 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

Continuing abuse of the legal Orders at this location has a detrimental impact on community safety

7.5 HUMAN RIGHTS ACT

None

7.6 TRADE UNION

None

7.7 WARD IMPLICATIONS

Ward members have been consulted on the petition.

7.8 AREA COMMITTEE WARD PLAN IMPLICATIONS

7.8.1 The reduction of through traffic by enforcement is a priority within the Tong Ward Plans for 2016-17.

8.0 NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS

8.1 None

9.0 OPTIONS

9.1 Members may propose an alternative course of action; in which case they will receive appropriate guidance from officers.

10.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

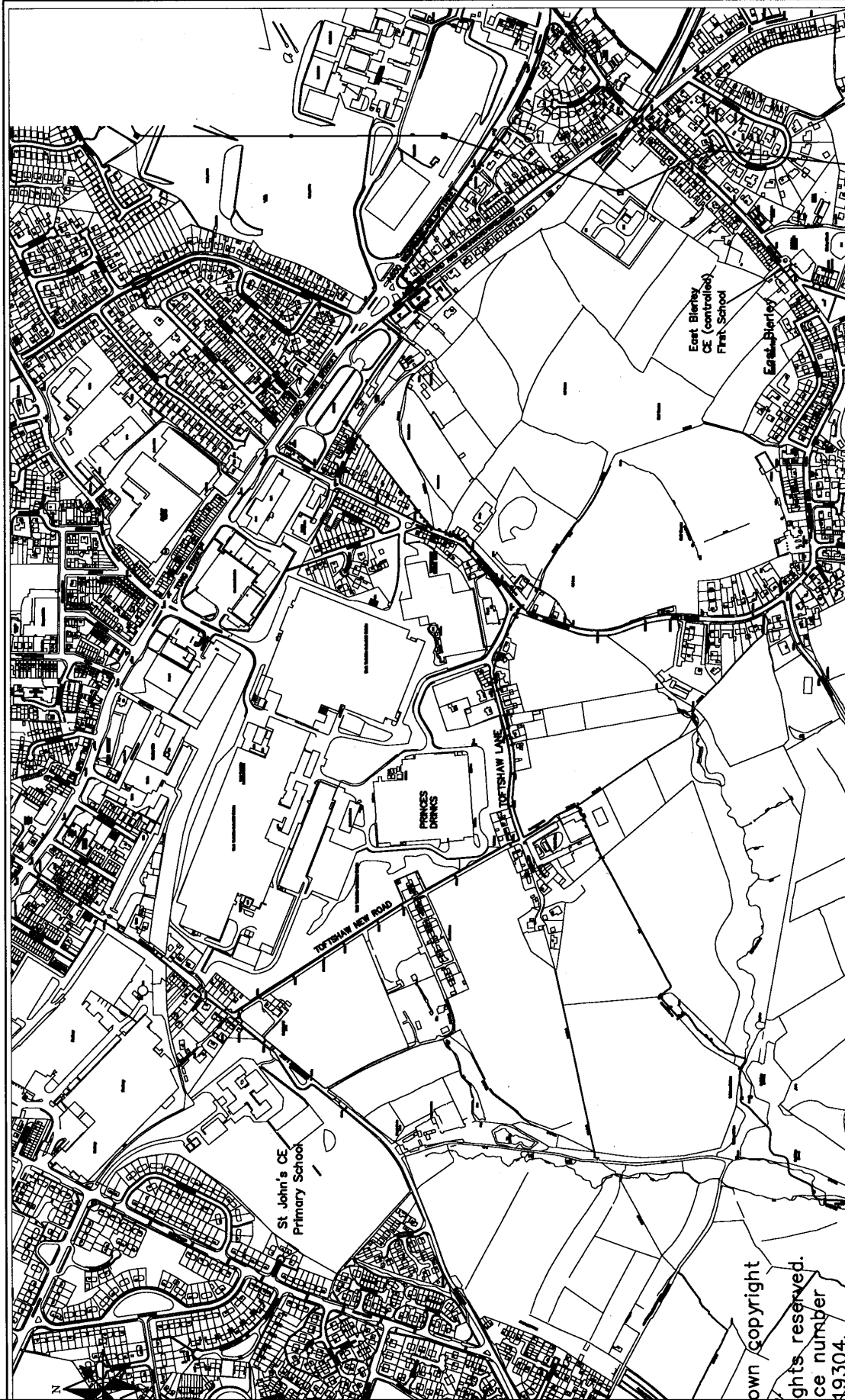
10.1 That officer's meet with the petitioner and Police and discuss the options.

11.0 APPENDICES

11.1 Appendix A – Location Plan

12.0 BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

12.1 City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council File Ref: TDG/THS/BS48233.



Project/Drg Title PETITION TOFTSHAW NEW ROAD/TOFTSHAW LANE, BIERLEY.		Date R/S/BS/48233/GEN		Doc Sheet No Doc Sheet No	
Engineer to Contract TRAFFIC & HIGHWAYS (SOUTH) FLOCKTON HOUSE, BRADFORD BD4 7RY		Design Unit FLOCKTON HOUSE, BRADFORD BD4 7RY		Client Approved	
Scale A4		Date N.T.S.		Approved Approved	
CITY OF BRADFORD METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COUNCIL Department of Transportation, Design and Planning Director: Alan Mainwaring					