

Report of the Strategic Director, Regeneration and Culture to the meeting of Bradford South Area Committee to be held on 25 June 2015.

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Subject:

PETITION - CROSS LANE, HUDSON GARDENS AND PERSEVERANCE LANE, GREAT HORTON

Summary statement:

This report considers a petition that requests resident's permit parking and waiting restrictions on Cross Lane, Hudson Gardens, Perseverance Lane and surrounding streets, and also expresses concern about vehicle speeds in the area.

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Environment and Waste Management



1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report considers a petition that requests resident's permit parking and waiting restrictions on Cross Lane, Hudson Gardens, Perseverance Lane and surrounding streets, and also expresses concern about vehicle speeds in the area.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The petition contains 47 signatures and specifically asks petitioners if they support "parking restrictions/residents only parking" in the (local) area. Of the signatures, 34 are from the area that is the subject of the petition; these represent 26 households. The covering letter forwarded to the Council also includes concerns about vehicle speeds on Perseverance Lane and Cross Lane and requests improved "No Through Road" signing on Perseverance Lane. A copy of the petition covering letter is attached as Appendix 1.
- 2.2 Perseverance Lane is narrow and a significant proportion of it has waiting restrictions to maintain access, Cross Lane has no restrictions but varies in width. The section of Cross Lane to the north east forms a cul-de-sac; it is this section along where the majority of school parking (St Oswald's Primary School) is taking place. Parking associated with the Ridge medical centre also, on occasion, occurs here.
- 2.3 There is an existing street nameplate on Perseverance Lane at its junction with Southfield Lane that is worded "Perseverance Lane leading to Hudson Gardens". However this is mounted on a building out of drivers view on one side of the road. As it runs into Cross Lane there is a further "No Through Road" sign which has faded. There is also a similar sign when entering Cross Lane from Southfield Lane, "Cross Lane leading to Hudson Gardens".
- 2.4 A location plan is attached as Appendix 2.
- 2.5 Vehicle speed surveys were carried out on Cross Lane and Perseverance Lane on separate occasions on February and May 2015. The results were as follows:-

Location	85 Percentile Speed	Mean Speed
Cross Lane	21 mph	18.5 mph
Perseverance Lane	20 mph	16.2 mph

- 2.6 The speed survey results demonstrate that vehicle speeds are already at or below the target level that we seek to achieve when installing traffic calming measures and/or 20mph zones in residential areas. Furthermore there have been no recorded collisions on Cross Lane and Perseverance Lane in the last 5 years. As such there would be no merit in the installation of any traffic calming measures at this location.



- 2.7 A Traffic Regulation Order to introduce a minimal amount of waiting restrictions in the turning head at the end of Cross Lane is already being progressed. This should resolve some of the existing vehicle conflict issues.
- 2.8 The existing Council policy on Permit Parking contains specific criteria to prioritise requests for any such schemes and ensure that the limited available funding is used to address those locations with the most prevalent parking issues. Sites where the prominent parking conflict occurs at school start and finish times do not meet the criteria.
- 2.9 In accordance with Council policy, the promotion of a permit parking scheme is not recommended at this location. It is, however, recommended that Traffic & Highways officers work with colleagues in the Road Safety team and NPT partners to look at measures to encourage sustainable school journeys and safer parent parking.
- 2.10 Improvements to “No Through Road” signs in this area will be implemented in the current financial year.

3. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

Local Ward Members have been consulted. One of the members has echoed the petitioners concerns.

4. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE APPRAISAL

- 4.1 There are no direct financial issues arising from this report. Any schemes recommended for progression (over and above those already approved) would be subject to future approval as and when this Area Committee considers future funding allocations.

5. RISK MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES

A failure to adhere to Council policy would undermine the current scheme prioritisation process.

6. LEGAL APPRAISAL

- 6.1 There are no specific issues arising from this report. The course of action proposed is in general accordance with the Council’s powers as Highway Authority and Traffic Regulation Authority.

7. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

7.1 EQUALITY & DIVERSITY

Due regard has been given to Section 149 of the Equality Act when determining the proposals 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 Councils own and wider Districts carbon footprint and emissions from other greenhouse gases arising from this report.

7.4 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

Any measures to encourage sustainable school journeys and safer parent parking will be beneficial to community safety. The proposed “No Through Road” signing improvements and waiting restrictions in the turning head should discourage any prospective through traffic and reduce local vehicle conflict.

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 ACTION PLAN IMPLICATIONS

The suggested partnership measures to address school parking issues accord with themes within the Bradford South Area Action Plan.

8. NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS

None.

9. OPTIONS

- 9.1 Members may propose an alternative course of action from the recommendations, on which they will receive appropriate officer advice.



10. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 10.1 That no further action be taken on the request for permit parking and waiting restrictions on Perseverance Lane, Cross Lane and Hudson Gardens.
- 10.2 That the improvements to the “No Through Road” signing be carried out during 2015/16.
- 10.3 That Traffic & Highways officers work with colleagues in the Road Safety team and NPT partners to look at measures to encourage sustainable school journeys and safer parent parking
- 10.3 That the lead petitioner is informed of the decision.

11. APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Petition covering letter

Appendix 2 – Location Plan

12. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

- 12.1 CBMDC file ref T/48111.



Dear Sirs,

In connection with the traffic congestion issues in this area please find enclosed a petition signed by local residents.

Summary of Issues

1) On entering Perseverance Lane the sign should read 'Perseverance Lane leading to Cross Lane'; 'No Through Road'. (The No Through Road sign lower down is not clear)

2) Speeding of traffic starts here all the way down to Cross Lane then there is double parking and, at the bottom of Cross Lane where the road ends cars use this for turning around. Cars also turn around in the narrower parts of Cross Lane where the width of the road is unsuitable especially when cars are parked at both sides of the road.

3) Resident only parking is required due to home owners/ residents in the area having no control over the traffic especially at school opening and closing times when the traffic is horrendous and most dangerous.

4) Traffic also overflows onto Hudson Gardens. The school, the chemist and the Doctor's surgery all have insufficient car parking spaces. Yellow lines will not help outside residents' homes and drive ways.

The congestion gets worse year on year

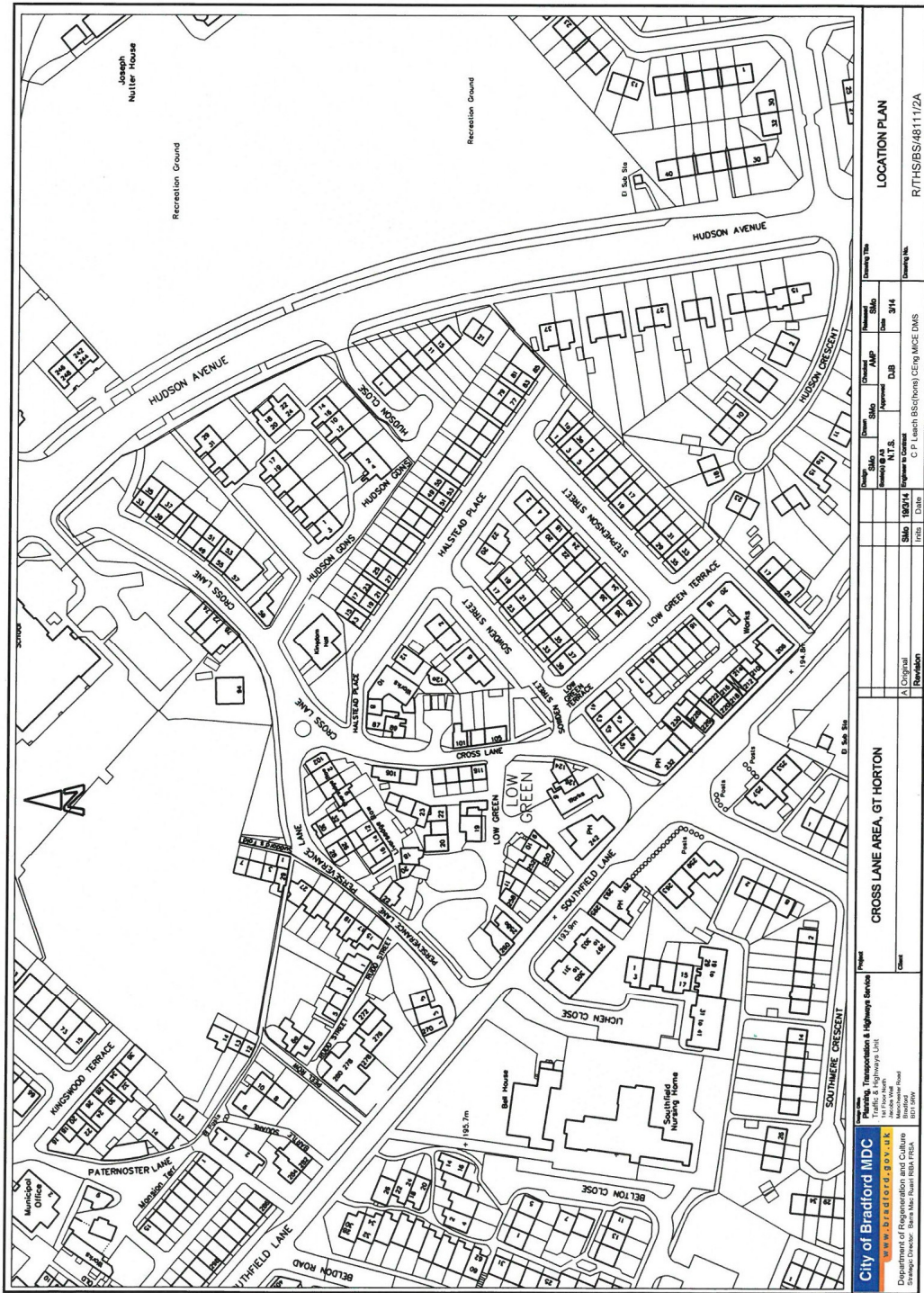
It doesn't help that cars speed down this road and an ice cream van parks at the bottom to attract trade from passers by.

works shifts and frequently has problems sleeping due to the noise of traffic and car horns from parents dropping off or picking up children at the school.

Please find attached a copy of the petition and I look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Passer id.	
Acknowledged:	
Actioned:	





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