

Report of the Interim Strategic Director, Regeneration and Culture to the meeting of Bradford West Area Committee to be held on 17 September 2014

Subject:

PETITION RELATING TO TRAFFIC MATTERS

Summary statement:

This report considers a petition requesting that the Council restricts parking on Haworth Road at it's junction with Heather Grove.

Ward: 12 Heaton

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Overview & Scrutiny Area:



City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council



1.0. SUMMARY

1.1. This report considers a petition requesting that the Council restricts parking on Haworth Road at it's junction with Heather Grove.

2.0. BACKGROUND

Petition – Re Parking on Haworth Road (46 signatures)

- 2.1. The petitioners are requesting the Council takes action regarding parking on Haworth Road in the vicinity of Heather Grove. The petitioners consider that vehicles parked close to Heather Grove obstruct the sight lines of drivers exiting this side road. Their main area of concern is to the east of the junction.
- 2.2. Haworth Road is on an incline rising up to Heather Grove from the east. There is a wide grass verge with some mature trees and the speed limit, on Haworth Road, in this area is 40mph. The properties that front onto Haworth Road and are located next to the junction have parking facilities at the rear.
- 2.3. Parking is currently unrestricted in the vicinity of the junction. On two site visits vehicles have been parked on the eastern approach to Heather Grove and the view from the junction, of approaching vehicles, was obstructed. There are no businesses close by therefore it is assumed that the vehicles are owned by local residents. Accident records show that there has been a collision causing serious injury in the previous 5 year period. The collision occurred within 50 metres of the junction but did not involve a vehicle entering or leaving Heather Grove.
- 2.4. The prohibition of waiting could be attained by introducing double yellow lines. However to introduce waiting restrictions requires the processing of a Traffic Regulation Order which would need to be funded from this Committee's Local Integrated Transport Schemes Budget. This funding for the current financial year has already been allocated. The petitioners request can be included on the list of potential schemes to be considered by this Area Committee for future funding.

3.0. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

3.1. Local ward members have been consulted and any comments received will be reported at the meeting.

4.0. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE APPRAISAL

4.1. There are no direct financial or resource implications arising from this report. If members resolve to add this request to the list of potential future schemes, consideration of funding implications will be given when the next scheme programme selection report is presented.

5.0. RISK MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES

5.1. There are no significant risks arising from this report.

6.0. LEGAL APPRAISAL

6.1. The options contained in this report are within the Councils powers as Highway Authority and Traffic Regulation Authority.

7.0. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

7.1. EQUALITY & DIVERSITY

Due regard has been given to Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 when investigating this matter.

7.2. SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

There are no significant sustainability issues.

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

The introduction of waiting restrictions at the junction of Heather Grove and Haworth Road should improve sight lines for drivers exiting Heather Grove which should not be detrimental to road safety.

7.5. HUMAN RIGHTS ACT

There are no implications on the Human Rights Act.

7.6. TRADE UNION

There are no Trade Union implications.

7.7. WARD IMPLICATIONS

Ward members have been consulted on the petition.

7.8. AREA COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN IMPLICATIONS

None.

8.0. NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS

8.1. None.

9.0. OPTIONS

- 9.1. That the request to prohibition waiting at the junction of Haworth Road and Heather Grove be added to the Bradford West Area Committee's list of potential schemes for inclusion in a future Local Integrated Transport Schemes Programme subject to funding being available.
- 9.2. That no action be taken on the request to prohibit waiting at the junction of Haworth Road and Heather Grove, Heaton.
- 9.3. Members may propose a different course of action to those listed and, in that case, will receive appropriate guidance from officers.

10.0. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 10.1. That the option to prohibition waiting at the junction of Haworth Road and Heather Grove be added to the Bradford West Area Committee's list of potential schemes for inclusion in a future Local Integrated Transport Schemes Programme subject to funding being available.
- 10.2. That the petitioners are informed accordingly.

11.0. APPENDICES

- 11.1. Appendix 1 Heather Grove, Bradford Petition
- 11.2. Appendix 2 Heather Grove, Bradford Location Plan

12.0. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

12.1. None.

APPENDIX 1

PETITION RE PARKING ON HAWORTH ROAD 1/2 We the undersigned are petitioning the Council to take action regarding parking on Haworth Road, below and up to the junction with Heather Grove. Vehicles obstruct the vision of motorists exiting Heather Grove and wanting to turn right into Haworth Road. This is dangerous for residents.

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APPENDIX 1

