

Report of the Strategic Director, Regeneration and Culture to the meeting of Keighley Area Committee to be held on Thursday 25th June 2015

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Subject:

PETITION – LAWKHOLME LANE, KEIGHLEY

Summary statement:

This report considers a petition requesting the introduction of a pedestrian crossing on Lawkholme Lane near Victoria Avenue near Eastwood Primary School.

Ward : 15 Keighley Central

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Overview & Scrutiny Area:

Environment and Waste Management



1.0. SUMMARY

- 1.1. This report considers a petition requesting the introduction of a pedestrian crossing on Lawkholme Lane near Victoria Avenue near Eastwood Primary School.

2.0. BACKGROUND

Petition : Lawkholme Lane, Keighley (280 signatures)

- 2.1 The petition (the front page of which is attached as Appendix 1 to this report), states that Lawkholme Lane is used as a 'rat run' for drivers trying to avoid becoming stuck in the heavy traffic on the main road around Keighley. It also states that double parking on both sides of the road reduces visibility and forces people to cross the road in between cars, causing severe road safety issues. The petition also states that a pedestrian crossing would be of use to the community as a whole at other times of the day.
- 2.2 Road Safety improvements have previously been made on Lawkholme Lane, Keighley in the vicinity of Eastwood Primary School. Over ten years ago, traffic calming was installed in the form of speed cushions. In June 2010 a Speed Limit Order was introduced to reduce the speed limit from 30mph to 20 mph.
- 2.3 In the five year period (June 2010 – June 2015 inclusive) there has been 1 road injury on Lawkholme Lane within 100m of the junction with Victoria Avenue. This accident took place at 5:45pm and was not a school related incident.
- 2.4 Traffic and Pedestrian counts were undertaken in April 2015 on Lawkholme Lane in the vicinity of the school. The results show a two way traffic flow of 3499 vehicles and that 924 pedestrians crossed the road in a 10 hour period from 8:00pm to 6:00pm. These statistics give a pedestrian vehicle conflict level of 0.21 however, the most recent Council policy recommend considering formal pedestrian crossing facilities at values greater than 0.5.
- 2.5 The Council's School Crossing Patrol Co-Ordinator has undertaken a site survey in February 2015 and the results show that Lawkhome Lane meets the criteria for a School Crossing Patrol. The position is currently being advertised and it is planned that a School Crossing Patrol will be employed and operating by September 2015.

3.0. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1. Local ward members have been consulted. Any comments received will be reported verbally to this meeting.

4.0. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE APPRAISAL

- 4.1. There are no financial of resource implications arising from this report.



5.0. RISK MANAGEMENT

5.1. There are no risks arising from this report

6.0. LEGAL APPRAISAL

6.1. There are no legal issues arising from this report.

7.0. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

7.1. EQUALITY & DIVERSITY

There are no equal rights implications arising from this report.

7.2. SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

The provision of pedestrian facilities encourages the use of sustainable travel modes.

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 gases arising from this report.

7.4. COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

The provision of a crossing at this location would improve pedestrian safety.

7.5. HUMAN RIGHTS ACT

None.

7.6. TRADE UNION

None.

7.7. WARD IMPLICATIONS

Ward members have been consulted on the petition.

8.0. NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS

8.1. None.

9.0. OPTIONS

9.1. That the request for a pedestrian crossing be noted, but no further action is taken.

9.2. That the request for a pedestrian crossing to added to the list of scheme candidates to be considered by this committee for possible inclusion within a future programme of works.

9.3. Councillors may propose an alternative course of action.

10.0. RECOMMENDATIONS

10.1. That the request for a pedestrian crossing be noted, but no further action is taken.



11.0. APPENDICES

11.1 Appendix 1 - Lawkholme Lane, Keighley – Petition.

11.2 Appendix 2 - Lawkholme Lane, Keighley – Location Plan.

12.0. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

12.1 City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council File Ref: T/T&H/T&HN/K/P/2015.



280 Signatures

SAFER ROAD CROSSING PETITION

EASTWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

January & February 2015

Please sign below to show your support for a safe crossing to be installed on **Lawtholme Lane near Victoria Avenue** so that our pupils and families can safely make their way to school without the risk of injury or death on what is a very busy road.

From monitoring, we have identified that on average 6 near misses occur each week involving our pupils. Eastwood Primary School has put many measures in place to help ensure the safety of our pupils crossing this stretch of road, including raising road safety awareness amongst our families and pupils. The vast majority of pupils crossing this road now do so accompanied by an adult due to the dangers or are brought to school by car which is causing congestion on Victoria Avenue. This in turn is causing further road safety issues and we as a school have had to put measures in place to minimise these risks including involving the local PCSOs to do random monitoring, involving wardens from the area and also employing a member of staff to monitor the school entrance at the beginning and end of the day.

Following various conversations with team members at Bradford council and the police, we have instigated this petition to raise awareness and hopefully result in the installation of a safer crossing for the people of Lawtholme.

Name	Address	Signature
Zohair Hussain	10111 EAST AVE. LAWTHOLME	
AMAR	151 S. KENTON RD. KENTON	
HUSSAIN	251 BRADFOR RD. BRADFORD	
IFTIKHAR SYED	38 PRINCE ST. KEY	
Muhammad	21 WINDINGWOOD ST	
Muhammad	63 ASHTON ST	
Shehryar Rashid	115 Deane Lane St. Keighley	
Shahin	8 Catterick Street	
Har B	3 Castle Road	
Muhammad	71, ASHLEY ST	
Muhammad K	146, BRIDGE ST	
AMINA	92, CARLE ROAD	
Ashraf	80 CARLE ROAD	
Zafiq An	81 ASHTON ST	
AMIN D	83 ASHTON ST	
Shanika	146, BRIDGE ST	
MA	73 ASHTON ST	
Arif	48 Spencer St	
M. O. B.	2 MARTIN ST. KEIGHLEY	
MA	3 EAST AVE KEIGHLEY	
M. G. G.	26 ASHTON ST	
MA	5 ASHTON ST	
M. T. B.	57 ASHTON ST	
M. K. A.	915 ASHTON ST	
RAB	107 CARLE ROAD	
ALMA	41 ASHTON ST	
M. T. B.	16 ASHTON ST	
M. Z.	72 CARLE ROAD	
M. RASHID	19 Ashdeigh St	
M. H. S.	114 Spencer St	
M. S.	215 CASTLE ROAD	
M. S.	146 BRIDGE ST	
M. S.	81 ASHTON ST	

SAFER ROAD CROSSING CAMPAIGN

Lawkholme and Eastwood Community, Keighley

January - March 2015

The Eastwood community and surrounding communities have expressed grave concern about the potential dangers of crossing Lawkholme Lane throughout the day and it is for that reason that we are here today to represent the whole community and request your support with the installation of safer crossing measures on this road.

From monitoring, we have identified that on average 6 near misses occur each week involving Eastwood community children crossing Lawkholme Lane in Keighley. Various traffic calming measures have previously been put in place including signage featuring children with the 'slow down' message and speed bumps. These unfortunately have done little to improve the safety of the area. Lawkholme Lane is used as a 'rat run' for drivers trying to avoid becoming stuck in the heavy traffic on the main road around Keighley. As such, speeding is a constant issue, along with dangerous driving of those wishing to cut a few seconds off their journey. Add to this the more recent issue of double parking on both sides of the road which reduces visibility and forces people to cross the road in between cars and what we have is an very dangerous road which leaves anyone crossing it extremely vulnerable and at risk of serious injury or even death.

Eastwood Primary School has almost 500 pupils accessing their school, many of whom must cross this road twice daily to access the building. They have put many measures in place to help ensure the safety of their pupils crossing this stretch of road, including raising road safety awareness amongst families and pupils. They have conducted traffic surveys and have been involved in the traffic calming measures put in place including speed monitoring and the pupils regularly express concern about the safety of the road.

The vast majority of pupils crossing this road daily to access school now have to do so accompanied by an adult due to the dangers or are brought to school by car which is causing serious congestion on Victoria Avenue. This in turn is causing further road safety issues and as a school and community working together, we have had to put measures in place to

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minimise these risks including involving the local PCSOs to do random monitoring, involving wardens from the area and also employing a member of staff from the school to monitor the school entrance at the beginning and end of the day.

We are pleased to hear that the regulations surrounding road crossing patrols have recently been reviewed and that, as a result, we are to receive a school patrol. This is fantastic news for the children and parents accessing facilities on both sides of Lawkholme Lane during school hours and we are very grateful for this. However, as supportive as this measure is, we still feel that the community and in particular our children are at risk when crossing this stretch of road (as they have to many times a day for mosque etc.) outside of school hours. We would therefore like to appeal to the committee to consider the installation of a more permanent crossing solution such as a zebra crossing or, preferably, a pelican. A fixed crossing would ensure the safety of all members of the community crossing this extremely dangerous stretch of road and would prevent fatalities and serious injury to children and families.

We thank you for your time today and sincerely hope that you will give this matter urgent attention.

Mrs N Saddique
Parent Governor, Eastwood Primary School

Mrs M Bibi
Parent

Mrs Z Khan
Family Centre Manager, Eastwood Primary School

Mrs H Bibi
Parent Governor, Eastwood Primary School

Mrs S Carter
Acting Headteacher, Eastwood Primary School

Councillor Akhtar
Elected Member, Keighley Central

