# Report of the Strategic Director, Regeneration to the meeting of Bradford West Area Committee to be held on 23 November 2016.

# Subject:

# PETITIONS RELATING TO TRAFFIC MATTERS

# Summary statement:

This report considers the following petitions relating to traffic matters:

- 1) Frizinghall Road, Heaton Request for traffic calming
- 2) Elizabeth Street, Bradford Request for permit parking

Ward: 7 City 12 Heaton

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## Portfolio:

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City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council



## 1.0 SUMMARY

1.1. Two petitions relating to traffic matters have been received. These are:

Frizinghall Road, Heaton – Request for traffic calming, safety cameras or a one-way system

Elizabeth Street Bradford - Request for permit parking

## 2.0 BACKGROUND

2.1. Background information is given in Appendices 1 and 2.

Appendix 1 Frizinghall Road, Heaton. (48 Signatures)

Appendix 2 Elizabeth Street, Bradford (20 signatures).

#### 3.0 OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

3.1. Local ward members have been sent copies of the petitions. One of the City ward members has been contacted by the residents of Elizabeth Street and supports their request.

## 4.0 FINANCIAL & RESOURCE APPRAISAL

4.1. There are no direct financial or resource implications arising from this report. Any sites selected for future progression would be subject to the approval of an appropriate funding stream.

#### 5.0 RISK MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES

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 equality and diversity implications arising from 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 gases arising from this report.

# 7.4. COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

There are no community safety implications of this report.

# 7.5. HUMAN RIGHTS ACT

None

# 7.6. TRADE UNION

None

# 7.7. WARD IMPLICATIONS

Ward members have been sent copies of the petitions. Any comments received will be reported verbally to this meeting.

# 7.8. AREA COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN IMPLICATIONS

None

# 8.0 NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS

8.1. None

## 9.0 OPTIONS

9.1. Members may choose different courses of action from those recommended, on which they will receive appropriate officer advice.

## **10.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 10.1. That the request for traffic calming, Safety Cameras or a one-way system on Frizinghall Road, Heaton be noted only and no further action be taken.
- 10.2. That the Elizabeth Street Area remains on the list of requests for traffic measures and be considered by the Bradford West Area Committee when they meet to determine future Traffic Measures Programmes.
- 10.3. That the petitioners are informed accordingly.

## **11.0 APPENDICES**

- 11.1. Appendix 1 Frizinghall Road, Heaton Petition and location plan.
- 11.2. Appendix 2 Elizabeth Street, Bradford Petition and location plan.

# **12.0 BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

12.1. None.

## Petition – Frizinghall Road (48 signatures)

#### Background information

The petitioners are requesting speed humps, safety cameras or a one-way system. It is alleged that the majority of vehicles travel in excess of the speed limit and threaten the safety of more vulnerable road users. The petitioners are also concerned about damage to vehicles and the safety of their pets.

Frizinghall Road ia a busy route connecting Keighley Road and Canal Road. There are a number of minor road junctions that link into the residential area to the west of Frizinghall Road. At its northern end properties change from residential to commercial. Bradford Grammar School is located at its junction with Keighley Road. There is existing traffic calming which consists of two chicanes located near to the northern access to Ferndale Grove and at South Road.

An automatic speed survey was undertaken between the 26 October and the 2 November 2016. The survey box was placed on the lighting column outside No 36 Frizinghall Road. The results of the survey are as follows: -

Direction of travel	Mean speed (mph)	85 <sup>th</sup> %'ile speed (mph)*
Towards Keighley Road	21.4	25.6
Towards Buxton Lane	22.6	28.8

\*The speed at or below which 85% of vehicles are travelling.

The results of the survey show that the majority of drivers are travelling within the 30mph speed limit. It would appear from these results that the existing traffic calming (chicanes) is working and is helping to curb excessive speeds and control driver behaviour in general. Unfortunately there is always a minority who have no consideration for other more vulnerable road users and it is regrettable that no matter what measures are promoted without enforcement some drivers will continue to drive recklessly and irresponsibly.

There have been 2 collisions resulting in slight injuries on Frizinghall Road in the last 5 years.

There are strict criteria for the installation of safety cameras which include consideration of the number of speed related collisions where someone is killed or seriously injured and also the proportion of vehicles that are exceeding the speed limit enforcement threshold. This is to ensure that camera sites are prioritised appropriately to maximise casualty reduction. Neither of the aforementioned criteria are met at Frizinghall Road.

The introduction of a one way system would inconvenience residents and local businesses and may increase the speed of general traffic. Drivers may also migrate to other less appropriate routes to the west of Frizinghall Road.

#### Recommendations

That no further action be taken.

R/S/BW/48233/MAG 23/11/2016 Friday September 16, 2016

Bradford Council Bradford City Park BD1 1HY

Dear Bradford Council/To whom it may concern

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I am writing on behalf of the residents of frizinghall road, situated off keighley road, at the end of Lister Park, down towards the Bradford Grammar School, before Buxton lane and the Frizinghall train station. We, the residents of frizinghall road respectfully petition for speed calming measures such as speed humps on our road

The residents in this area have all agreed that measures need to be put in place to ensure the safety of our community and other road users.

We are witnessing over 90% of the drivers who use this road are breaking the speed limit, throughout the day and night. This road is used by our community as the main route to our local amenities, the school, and the station.

Speeding vehicles on this road threaten the safety to civilians, and our vehicles also disturbing the peace in the housing area, which is not good for any reason.

Over 95% of the residents living directly on this road, have signed the petition in agreeance that speed humps would be the best form of speed calming measures on this road.

We are hopeful you will be able to grant us this request as recognition of its critical importance to our neighborhood and community.

We sincerely thank you in advance for any time and consideration you may be able to give our request. I am available at anytime should you wish to offer any advice or information with regards to my petition application.

Sincerely

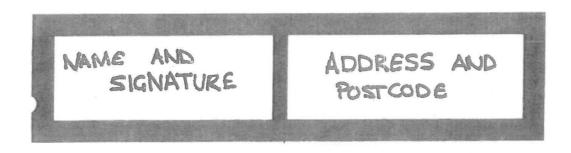
Appendix 1

48 signatures

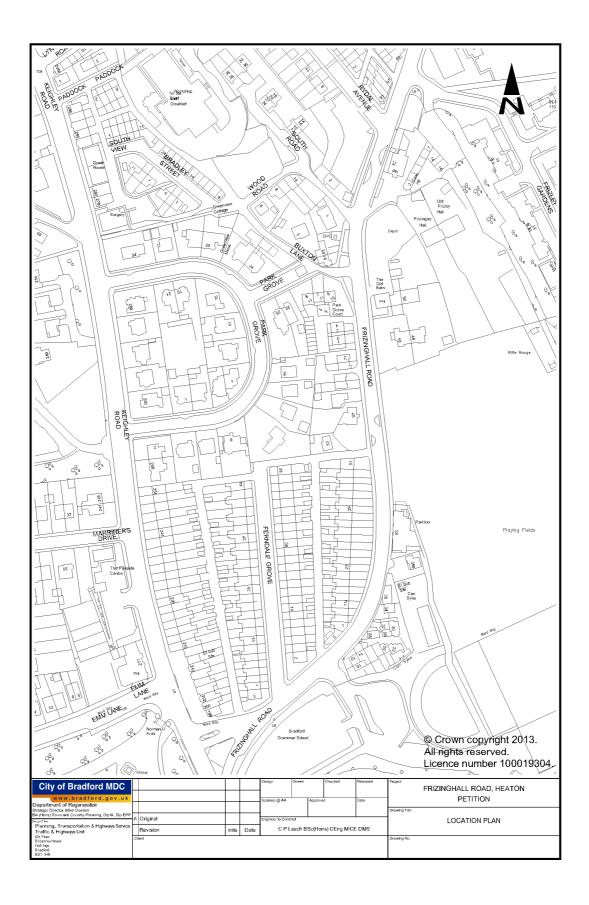


WE NEED AS MANY SIGNATURES AS POSSIBLE TO ENFORCE A FORM OF SPEED CONTROL ON FRIZINHALL ROAD. SPEED HUMPS, SPEED CAMERA, OR A ONE-WAY SYSTEM. 1.1IS ROAD IS UNSAFE FOR EVERYONE INCLUDING OUR PETS AND PARKED VEHICLES . RESISDENTS ON THIS ROAD WANT SOMETHING DONE ABOUT THE ALARMING SPEED OF DRIVING AT ALL HOURS OF THE DAY AND NIGHT.

LETS MAKE IT SAFE TOGHTHER I



Appendix 1



# Petition – Elizabeth Street, Bradford (20 signatures)

#### Background information

The petitioners are requesting that parking on Elizabeth Street be exclusive to residents and that traffic be reduced or re-routed away from the street on evenings/weekends and non-term time.

This committee considered a petition on 21 July 2010 requesting a resident's only parking scheme on Elizabeth Street, St Georges Place and Grafton Street. It was alleged that the residents experienced severe parking problems. It was also alleged that the parking causes problems for refuse collection and emergency vehicle access.

The petitioners are still concerned about the parking issues in the area and are requesting for action to be taken.

As a result of the 2010 petition, this location was added to the list of sites awaiting funding for traffic management measures. Unfortunately to date funding has not been allocated for a permit scheme in this area.

#### Recommendation

That the Elizabeth Street Area remains on the list of requests traffic measures and be considered by the Bradford West Area Committee when they meet to determine future traffic measures programmes.

# Appendix 2

All those who have signed this petition are demanding that Bradford city council implement changes to the parking system on "Elizabeth street" in BD5, we the residents demand that parking on our street be exclusive to residents / resident holders, we also ask that traffic be cut down or re-routed away from the street on evenings/weekends and non-term time as there is a clear and present danger for the children of the neighbourhood.

Number of signatory

Name in print

Address

Signature

