

Report of the Strategic Director, Place to the meeting of Bradford West Area Committee to be held on 25 January 2017

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Subject:

PETITIONS RELATING TO TRAFFIC MATTERS

Summary statement:

This report considers the following petitions relating to traffic matters:

- 1) Allerton Grange Drive and Avenel Road – Request for traffic calming
- 2) Bull Royd Drive, Bull Royd Crescent and Bull Royd Avenue – Request for 10mph speed limit and access only.

**Wards: 23 Thornton & Allerton
8 Clayton & Fairweather Green**

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Environment and Waste Management



1.0 SUMMARY

1.1. Two petitions relating to traffic matters have been received; these are: -

Allerton Grange Drive and Avenel Road, Allerton - requesting traffic calming measures.

Bull Royd Drive, Bull Royd Crescent and Bull Royd Avenue, Fairweather Green – requesting a 10mph speed limit and access only.

2.0 BACKGROUND

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

Appendix 1 Allerton Grange Drive and Avenel Road, Allerton (201 signatures)

Appendix 2 Bull Royd Drive, Bull Royd Crescent and Bull Royd Avenue, Fairweather Green (27 Signatures)

3.0 OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

3.1. Local ward members have been sent copies of the petitions.

4.0 FINANCIAL & RESOURCE APPRAISAL

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

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

Due regard has been given to Section 149 of the Equality Act.

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8.0 NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS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 propose alternative recommendations on which they will receive appropriate officer advice.

10.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

10.1. That the request for traffic calming, on Avenel Road and Allerton Grange Drive be noted only and no further action be taken.

10.2. That the request for a 10mph speed limit and 'Access Only' restriction on Bull Royd Drive, Bull Royd Crescent and Bull Royd Avenue be noted only and no further action be taken.

10.3. That the petitioners are informed accordingly.

11.0 APPENDICES

11.1. Appendix 1 – Allerton Grange Drive and Avenel Road, Allerton, petition and location plan.

11.2. Appendix 2 - Bull Royd Drive, Bull Royd Crescent and Bull Royd Avenue, Fairweather Green, petition and location plan.

12.0 BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

12.1. None.

Petition - Allerton Grange Drive and Avenel Road, Allerton (201 signatures)**Background information**

The petition was submitted on behalf of residents by Cllr Dunbar requesting the Council to introduce speed bumps on Allerton Grange Drive and Avenel Road, Allerton.

Allerton Grange Drive and Avenel Road are narrow residential estate roads with a school, Ley Top Primary School, located on Avenel Road. On street residential parking takes place and there are some parking issues around the school at the start and finish of the school day.

An automatic speed survey was undertaken on Avenel Road between Monday the 21 November and Wednesday the 23 November 2016 and on Allerton Grange Drive from Wednesday the 23 November to Monday the 28 November 2016. The results of the surveys are as follows: -

Direction of travel	Mean speed (mph)	85 th percentile speed (mph)*
Avenel Road (outside No. 26)		
Towards Wanstead Crescent	19.7	24.2
Away from Wanstead Crescent	20.3	25.9
Allerton Grange Drive (outside No. 66)		
Towards Avenel Road	21.6	27.1
Away from Avenel Road	21.1	26.2

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

The collision data for Avenel Road and Allerton Grange Drive has also been studied and there has been 1 slight collision at the junction of Sonning Road and Avenel Road in the previous 5 years.

From the table above it can be seen that the majority of drivers are travelling within the speed limit. It would appear from these results that the layout of the roads and possibly the incidence of on-street parking are helping to regulate vehicle speeds. The mean vehicles speeds are already the aspirational or a traffic calmed road; 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.

Recommendation

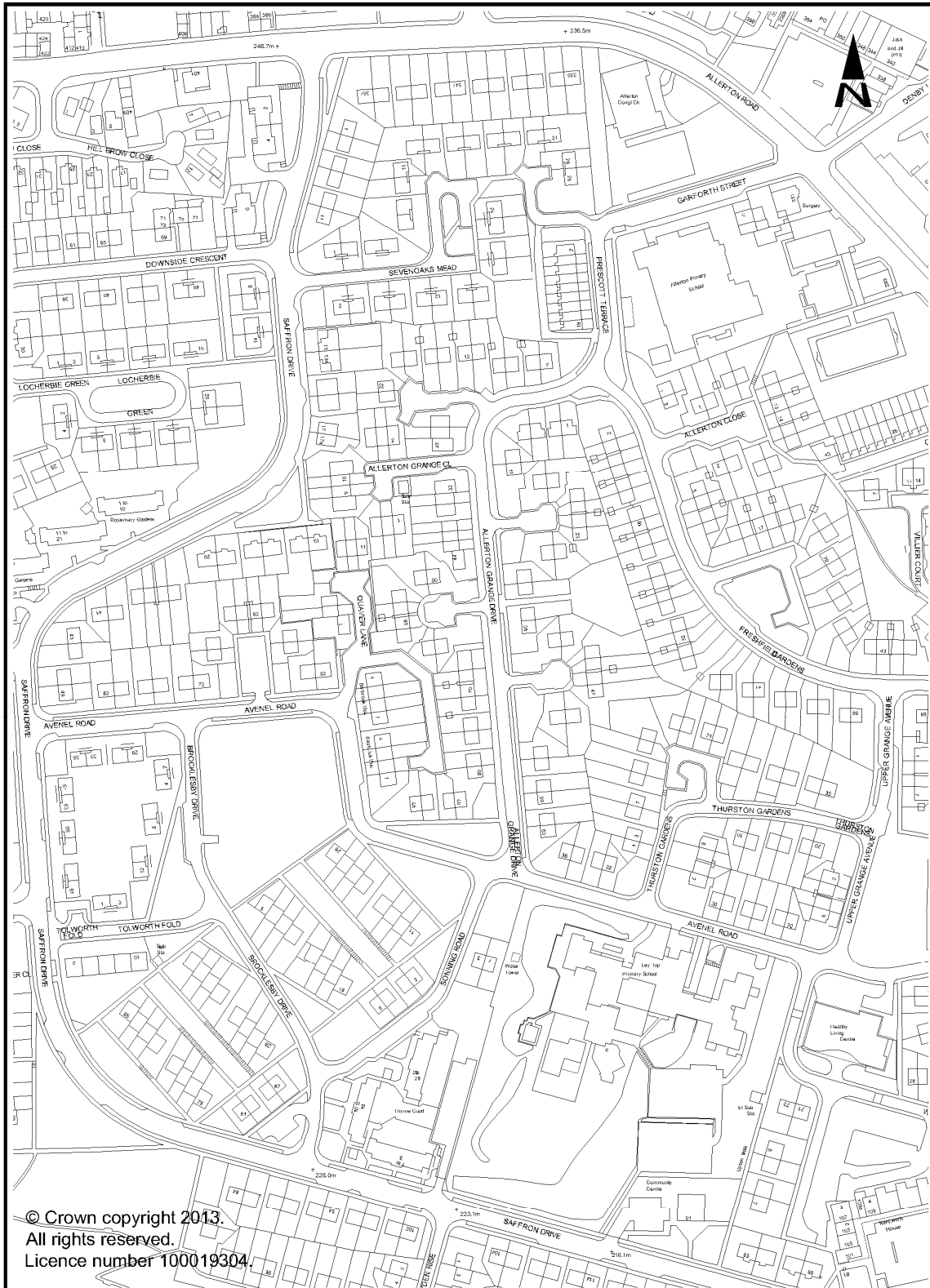
That no further action be taken

THIS IS A PETITION FOR SPEEDS BUMPS ON ALLERTON GRANGE DRIVE AND AVENEL
ROAD, ALLERTON BRADFORD BD15

NAME

ADDRESS

SIGNATURE



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Petition - Bull Royd Drive, Bull Royd Crescent and Bull Royd Avenue, Fairweather Green (27 Signatures)

Background information

The petitioners are very concerned about the safety of residents on Bull Royd Drive, Bull Royd Crescent and Bull Royd Avenue due to cars using the roads at speed and as a 'rat-run' particularly in the morning peak hours. The petitioners would therefore like the Council to introduce a 10 mph speed limit and make the roads access only.

All the roads in the Bull Royd estate are un-adopted highways. This means that they are maintained by the residents and not the Council, but are still public rights of way. Therefore pedestrians and motorists who do not live in the area can use them.

An automatic traffic survey was carried out on Bull Royd Crescent between the 21 June and the 23 June 2016. The survey equipment was attached to Lighting Column 3 outside property number 26. The results of the survey are as follows: -

Direction of travel	Mean speed (mph)	85 th percentile speed (mph)*
Towards Bull Royd Avenue	16.3	18
Towards Bull Royd Drive	13.5	13

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

From the table above it can be seen that all the drivers surveyed were travelling within the speed limit. The traffic count also showed that over a 24 hour period a total of 21 vehicles used Bull Royd Crescent; of these 13 of the vehicles were detected in the morning peak hour (8am-9am).

On the evidence above, the amount of daily traffic at this location is not significant, nor is it travelling at excessive speed.

The collision data for Bull Royd Drive, Bull Royd Crescent and Bull Royd Avenue has also been studied and there has been 1 slight collision in the previous 5 years.

The introduction of a 10mph speed limit would not be permissible within current legislation. An access only restriction requires the processing of a Traffic Regulation Order and is only enforceable by the Police. Such Orders are not easily enforceable or regularly policed due to resource issues.

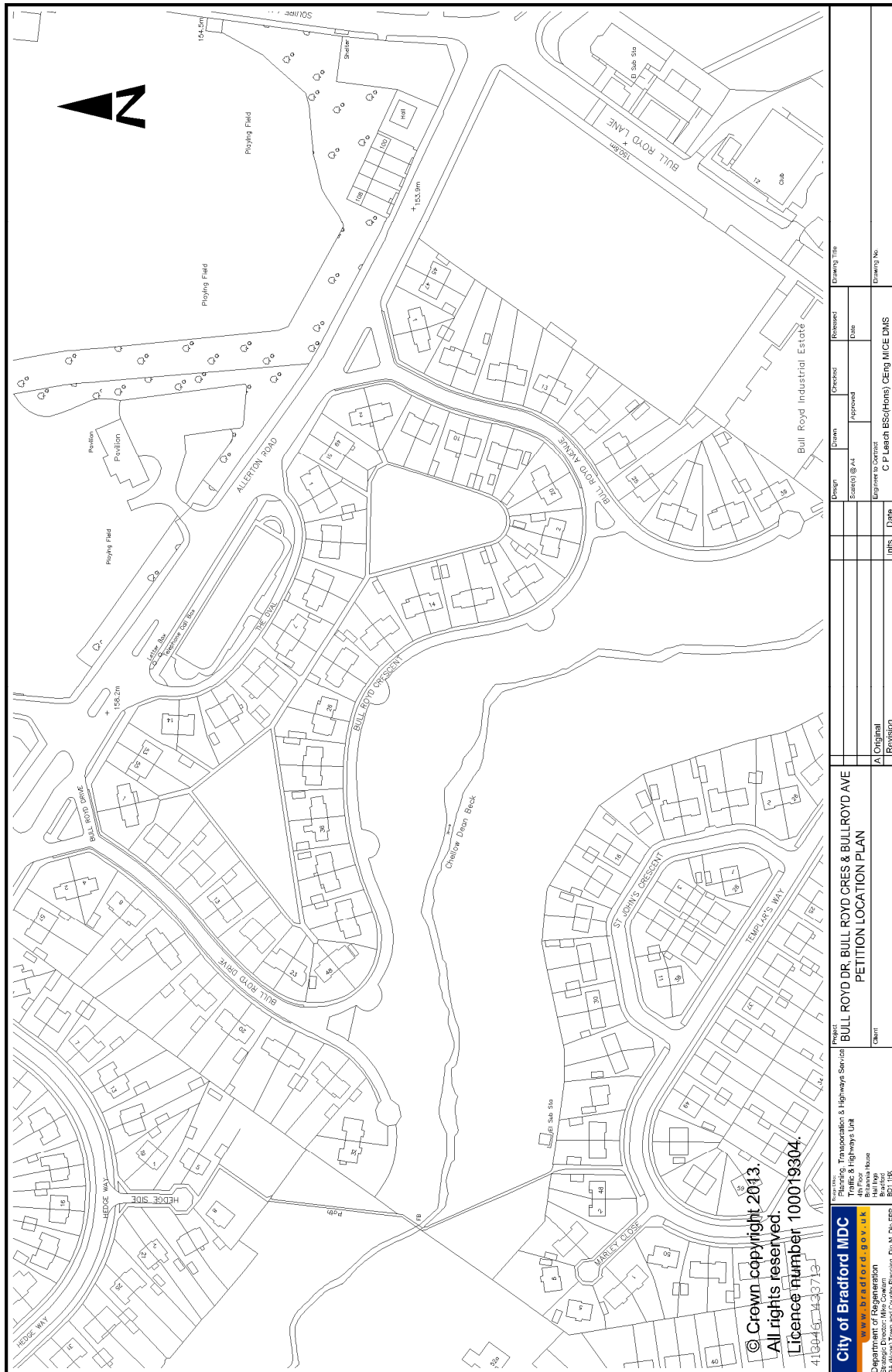
Further to the comments above in respect of the measures requested by the petitioners, there are also severe limitations on the type and extent of work that can be carried out on un-adopted roads.

The issue of overhanging vegetation has been referred to the Network Resilience team for action.

Recommendation That no further action be taken on the request for Traffic measures.

PETITION.

We, the undersigned are very concerned for the safety of residents on Bull Royd Drive, Bull Royd Crescent and Bull Royd Avenue, due to cars using the roads as a rat-run in the morning rush hour. These cars drive too fast, and someone is going to be knocked down. There is also a problem with overhanging trees outside No. 2 Bull Royd Ave. We would like Bradford Council to introduce a 10 MPH speed limit, and make the roads Access Only, as soon as possible: BEFORE AN ACCIDENT OCCURS.



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