

Report of the Strategic Director Place to the meeting of the Bradford West Area Committee to be held on 22 September 2022

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Subject:

PETITION - VINE TERRACE WEST, FAIRWEATHER GREEN, BRADFORD

Summary statement:

This report considers a petition requesting traffic calming measures on Vine Terrace West.

EQUALITY & DIVERSITY:

It is expected that there would be no disproportionate impact from the scheme recommended for future consideration within this report. Where a scheme is prioritised for funding it will be subject to Equality Impact Assessments if potential disproportionate impact is identified through more detailed investigation and design.

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1. SUMMARY

1.1 This report considers a petition requesting traffic calming measures on Vine Terrace West.

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 Background information is provided in Appendix 1 to this report

3. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

3.1 Local ward members have been consulted and correspondence supporting the petitioners' request has been received. Members would like traffic calming measures installed as soon as possible.

4. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE APPRAISAL

4.1 There are no direct financial implications associated with the recommendations within this report. Funding would be subject to future prioritisation by the Bradford West Area Committee as and when the Safe Roads budget is next determined.

5. RISK MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES

5.1 There are no significant risks arising out of the implementation of the proposed recommendations.

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.

7. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

7.1 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

7.1.1 None

7.2 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS IMPACTS

7.2.1 None

7.3 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

7.3.1 There are no community safety implications arising from the report recommendations.

7.4 HUMAN RIGHTS ACT

7.4.1 There are no implications on the Human Rights Act

7.5 TRADE UNION

7.5.1 There are no implications for the Trade Unions.

7.6 WARD IMPLICATIONS

7.6.1 Ward members have been consulted on the petition.

7.7 AREA COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN IMPLICATIONS

7.7.1 There are no relevant priorities within the Clayton & Fairweather Green ward plan.

7.8 IMPLICATIONS FOR CORPORATE PARENTING

None.

7.9 ISSUES ARISING FROM PRIVACY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

None.

8. NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS

8.1 None.

9. OPTIONS

9.1 Members may propose alternative actions from those recommended on which they will receive appropriate officer advice.

10. RECOMMENDATIONS

10.1 That the request for traffic calming on Vine Terrace West be retained on the list of schemes to be given consideration by the Bradford West Area Committee when the 2023-24 Safe Roads schemes programme is determined.

11. APPENDICES

11.1 Appendix 1 - Petition Vine Terrace West, Clayton & Fairweather Green, Bradford.

12. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

None

APPENDIX 1

Petition Vine Terrace West, Bradford (20 signatures)

Background Information

The petition

The petitioners have submitted this petition to "request the installation of appropriate traffic calming procedures on our street, as traffic calming will improve the quality of life for the residents by forcing slower speeds of motor vehicles and increasing the safety of all road users i.e. children seniors and those walking or cycling".

Officer comments

Vine Terrace West is one of 3 roads that links Bull Royd Lane and Thornton Road. it is a one-way street in the direction from Bull Royd Lane to Thornton Road. it has residential properties along one side and Crossley Hall Primary School opposite.

Two site visits was carried out on 21 July 2022 to assess the reported problems. At the start and end of the school day it was found, that due to the level of traffic and congestion in the area, there were no issues with speeding. Outside school start and finish times Vine Terrace West was very quiet. Vehicles that were observed appeared not to be speeding or driving dangerously.

Some roads in close proximity to Vine Terrace West have previously been traffic calmed. This work was undertaken in excess of 10 years ago; it isn't documented why traffic calming was not installed at that time on Vine Terrace West.

A request to traffic calm Vine Terrace West has been on the list of schemes awaiting funding since 2015/16.

The allocation of funding for highways schemes is subject to the project conforming with the West Yorkshire Transport Strategy. In terms of Safe Roads themes, the strategy includes a specific aim to reduce road accidents, aspiring to 'zero tolerance' of transport-related deaths. There are also aspirations to encourage walking and cycling by improving safety. The Strategy includes a casualty reduction target, that equates to a 42% reduction in the number of people killed or seriously injured in road collisions by 2027. The current level of funding dictates that individual Area Committees are restricted in the scale of projects that can be progressed and it has to prioritise works where there is a proven history of road traffic collisions that have resulted in injury. The Council also has to be confident that any works proposed are likely to address the specific casualty patterns. The prioritisation of funding for Casualty Reduction schemes has been an important contributor to the continuing downward trend in casualty rates within the district.

The accident data for Vine Terrace West has been studied and there have been no collisions resulting in injury in the previous 5 year period.

Recommendations

It is recommended that Vine Terrace West be retained on the list of schemes to be given consideration by the Bradford West Area Committee when the 2023-24 Safe Roads schemes programme is determined.

