

Report of the Strategic Director Place to the meeting of the Bradford South Area Committee to be held on 26 January 2023

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Subject:

PETITION – A647 QUEENSBURY

Summary statement:

This report considers a petition requesting speed reduction measures and pedestrian facility on the A647 at Queensbury.

EQUALITY & DIVERSITY:

It is expected that there would be no disproportionate impact from recommendations within this report.

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1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report considers a petition requesting speed reduction measures and pedestrian facility on the A647 at Queensbury.

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.

4. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE APPRAISAL

- 4.1 There are no direct financial implications associated with the recommendations within this report.

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.

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 The provision of additional pedestrian facilities would be beneficial to road safety.

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 Queensbury ward plan.

7.8 IMPLICATIONS FOR CHILDRE & YOUNG PEOPLE

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 NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS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 officers, in conjunction with Queensbury ward members, determine appropriate entries for the list of interventions to be given consideration by the Area Committee as part of future Safe Roads scheme prioritisation process.

10.2 That the petitioners be informed accordingly.

11. APPENDICES

11.1 Appendix 1 - Petition A647, Queensbury

12. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

None

APPENDIX 1

A647 from Ford Hill to Halifax, Queensbury (455 signatures)

Background Information

The petition

'We the undersigned petition the council to provide us with the measures to slow down traffic and safe ways for crossing the road

The section of the A647 from Ford Hill to Halifax Road is a notoriously busy road, along which drivers regularly speed, making it very dangerous for pedestrians of all ages, cyclists and other motor vehicle users alike. Vehicles travel at high speed around the corner at Ford Hill in both directions and there have been numerous minor accidents where residential walls and stationary vehicles have been damaged, as well as near misses with passing vehicles.

A child was recently knocked down and hospitalised whilst trying to cross the road to get to Patchett's Minimarket, and property was damaged when a vehicle lost control at the Roper Lane end of this stretch of road within days of each other.

Many young families access the local nursery and primary school, pensioners use the local shop and pubs, and residents of all ages are vulnerable on the road and on foot. We need safety measures implementing to slow traffic down and potentially needs a safe way of crossing the road.

Please sign our petition and help make it a safer place for residents and road-users because it feels like it is only a matter of time before there is a more serious accident. We would like Bradford South Area Committee to listen to our plea for help in order to improve road safety specifically in this area of Queensbury Ward.'

Officer comments

The A647 southwest of Queensbury centre is the main route between Queensbury and Halifax and also forms part of one of the Bradford to Halifax routes. Frontages are mainly residential with some small-scale commercial use. There are also link to further significant residential areas and schools on both sides of the road.

There were 5 recorded collisions resulting in injury on the A647 between Deanstones Lane and Roper Lane in the last 5 years. Of these, 4 resulted in slight injuries and 1 serious (a pedestrian). The route carries around 13,000 vehicles daily. The posted speed limit is 30mph. The average speed is 27mph and 85%ile speed is 31mph.

Previous concerns around traffic issues on this length of road have led to a number of items being added to the waiting list for funding, with the main focus being pedestrian facilities.

Recommendations

That officers, in conjunction with Queensbury ward members, review and determine appropriate entries for the list of interventions to be given consideration by the Area Committee as part of future Safe Roads scheme prioritisation process.