

Report of the Strategic Director, Regeneration to the meeting of Bradford West Area Committee to be held on 18 November 2015

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Subject:

PETITION RELATING TO TRAFFIC MATTERS

Summary statement:

This report considers a petition requesting that the Council introduce traffic calming on West Lane, Thornton

Ward 23 Thornton & Allerton

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Overview & Scrutiny Area:

Environment & Waste Management



1.0 SUMMARY

- 1.1. This report considers a petition requesting that the Council introduce traffic calming on West Lane, Thornton

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1. Petition – West Lane, Thornton (39 signatures)

The petitioners are concerned about the number of vehicles that travel at high speed up and down West Lane, Thornton. They state that this is a potentially lethal situation, due to the number of children who play in the area. The petitioners are therefore requesting that some sort of traffic calming measures are installed.

A traffic survey was carried out between the 27 November and the 5 December 2014. The results of the survey showed that the average speed was found to be 28mph. The accident statistics for the most recent 5 year period have also been studied and records show there have been no injury accidents during this time.

It is the Council's aim to maintain traffic speeds of 20mph in residential areas. This could be achieved, on West Lane, with the introduction of traffic calming features in the form of thermoplastic humps. However a traffic calming scheme would need to be funded from this Committee's Safer Roads Budget. The funding for the current financial year has already been allocated. The petitioners request can be included on the list of potential schemes to be considered by this Area Committee for future funding.

3.0 OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1. The request made by the petitioners is supported by local ward members.

4.0 FINANCIAL & RESOURCE APPRAISAL

- 4.1. There are no direct financial or resource implications arising from this report. If members resolve to add this request to the list of potential future schemes, consideration of funding implications will be given when the next scheme programme selection report is presented.

5.0 RISK MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES

- 5.1. There are no significant risks arising from this report.

6.0 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 power as Highway Authority.

7.0 OTHER IMPLICATIONS

7.1. EQUALITY & DIVERSITY

There are no issues arising from the Council's Equality & Diversity Strategy.

There are no issues arising from the Initial Equality Impact Assessment.

7.2. SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

There are no significant 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 gasses 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

Thornton and Allerton ward members have been consulted on this petition.

7.8. AREA COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN IMPLICATIONS

None

8.0 NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS

None

9.0 OPTIONS

9.1. That the request for traffic calming measures on West Lane, Thornton be added to the Bradford West Area Committee's list of potential schemes for inclusion in a future Safer Roads Schemes Programme subject to funding being available.

9.2. That no action be taken on the request for traffic calming on West Lane Thornton

9.3. Members may propose a different course of action to those listed and, in that case, will receive appropriate guidance from officers.

10.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

10.1. That the request to traffic calm West Lane be added to the Bradford West Area Committee's list of potential schemes for inclusion in a future Safer Roads Schemes Programme subject to funding being available.

10.2. That the petitioners are informed accordingly

11.0 APPENDICES

11.1. Appendix 1 West Lane, Thornton – Petition

11.2. Appendix 2 West Lane, Thornton – Location Plan

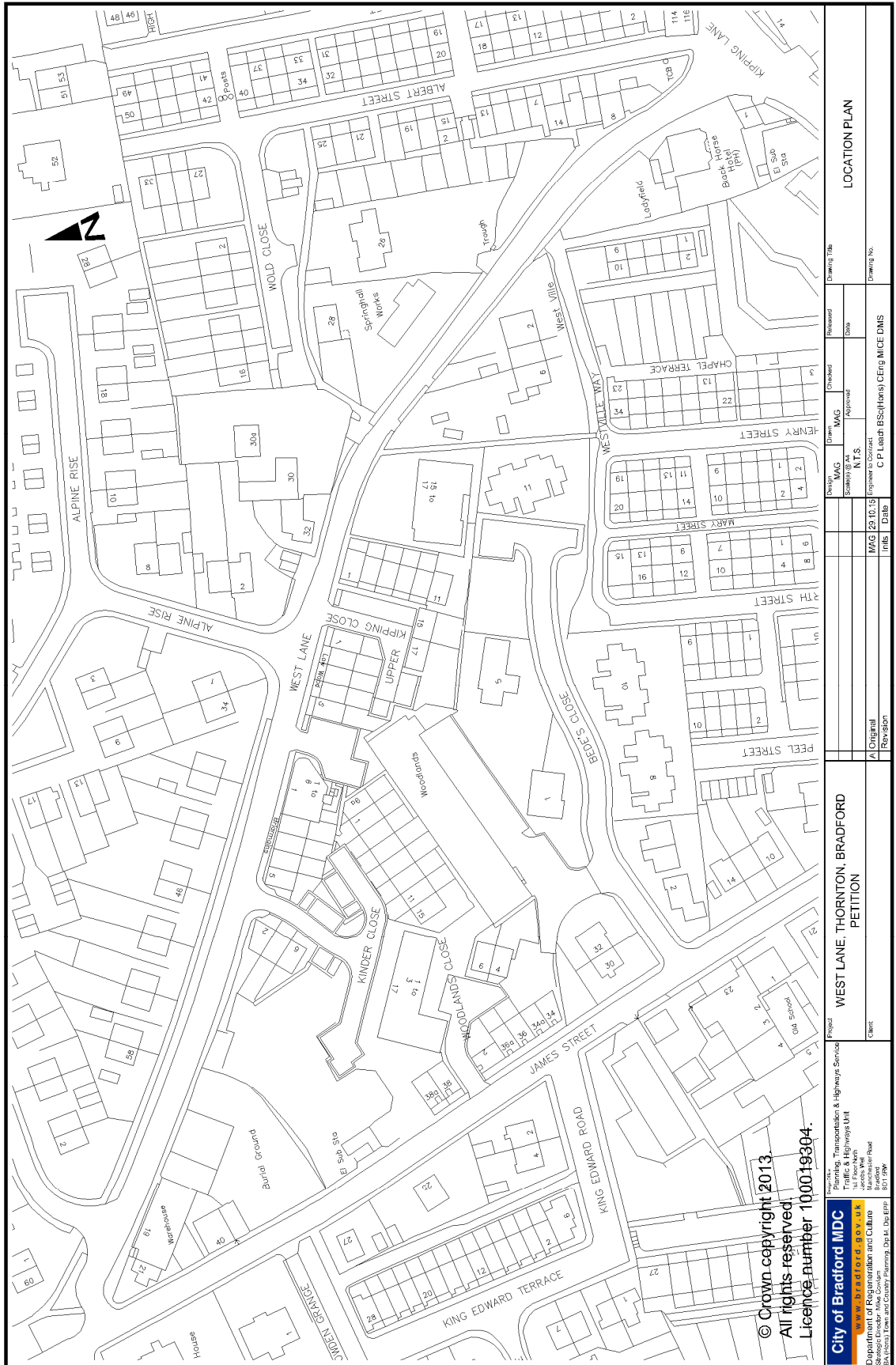
12.0 BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

12.1. none

THIS IS A PETITION TO OUR LOCAL COUNCILLORS SUE DUFFY AND RICHARD DUNBAR & Local members of the Bradford No. 17 Area Committee

I AM SURE YOU ARE AWARE OF THE NUMBER OF VEHICLES THAT TRAVEL AT HIGH SPEED UP AND DOWN WEST LANE. AS THIS IS A POTENTIALLY LETHAL SITUATION, DUE TO THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN WHO PLAY IN THE AREA SURELY IT IS TIME SOME SORT OF TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES WERE IMPLEMENTED. YOUR SUPPORT IS NEEDED AND WILL BE APPRECIATED. THANK YOU.

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