

Briefing Note : Highways Committee – 20th October 2005

Traffic Congestion Sherrick Green Road

This briefing note considers a petition received from the residents of Sherrick Green Road and seeks Committee authority to

- Carry out further investigations into the residents concerns regarding congestion on the local roads in the area and their request for the introduction of a one-way working along Sherrick Green Road in particular, and to
- Bring back a full report to the next committee following completion of the investigation.

Residents Concerns

Representations in the form of a petition dated 2nd Aug 2005 have been received via Sarah Teather MP from over 50 local residents regarding congestion issues on Sherrick Green Road. The residents of Sherrick Green Road expressed concerns regarding traffic volumes on the roads around Gladstone Park area and suggested that the traffic volumes are excessive especially during peak hours and during the school run which occur twice a day. Residents argue that the congestion experienced by local people is generated from traffic traveling south along Dudden Hill from Neasden and beyond, turning left into Burnley Road and then along Sherrick Green Road.

The petition calls for Sherrick Green Road to be made one-way to discourage commuters from using Sherrick Green Road as a “rat run” which increases traffic levels along this local road to the detriment of residents.

Background

Sherrick Green Road forms a residential road network around the Gladstone Park area, most of which, have been treated with traffic calming measures. (Please see appendix A). The latest available accident data shows 8 personal injury accidents occurred between 2002 and 2005 along both Burnley Road and Sherrick Green Road. Of these, two were serious and six were slight. See appendix B. In order to reduce the level of commuter parking (Dollis Hill Station

lies to the south with access from Burnley Road), residents have been consulted on the extension of the GB CPZ zone, and it is intended to introduce these restrictions by the end of the year. There are also proposals in the current Borough Spending Plan (BSP) for 2005/2006 to design and implement footway and access improvements and extension of existing waiting restrictions as part of our commitments to the Safe Route to School proposals.

Initial Response

In response to an inquiry prior to the receipt of the petition, an initial investigation was carried out to determine the impact that one-way working would have on Sherrick Green Road and the surrounding area. The findings and initial comments from officers were then communicated to P. Chauhan and J Chauhan on behalf of Sherrick Green Road residents. These comments stated that the one-way proposals would increase vehicular speeds and disadvantage some residents by increasing journey times to and from their homes. Subsequent to this, the attached letter and petition dated 2nd August 2005 was received from Sarah Teather MP challenging these initial comments by pointing out that the existing traffic calming in the area should control vehicular speeds within the proposed one-way road section. The petition also confirmed that residents have no objection to the one-way proposal in terms of journey times.

Response to petition

In order to assess the effect of the resident recommendations, further investigations are required to determine the full traffic impact. Vehicular speeds and volume surveys will be carried out and a full report will be presented at the next Committee Meeting.

Given the current work load and limited resources it has not been possible to progress residents concerns in full detail up till now.

Recommendations.

That the Committee ;

- 1) Notes the receipt of the Petition,
- 2) Instructs the officers to carry out further investigations into concerns raised by the residents and report the results to the next Committee,
- 3) Inform the Petitioners accordingly.

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