

Report to: Lead Member for Communities and Safety

Date of meeting: 28 June 2017

By: Director of Communities, Economy and Transport

Title: Traffic calming measures around Bourne Primary School, Eastbourne

Purpose: To consider a petition for traffic calming measures including additional parking restrictions and safer crossing points around Bourne School, Eastbourne

RECOMMENDATIONS: The Lead Member is recommended to advise the petitioners that:

- (1) Traffic calming measures around Bourne School are not a priority for the County Council at the present time;
 - (2) Consideration will be given to the installation of school warning signs in locations deemed appropriate by the Local Traffic and Safety Team; and
 - (3) Additional parking restrictions have been included for consideration as part of the Parking Team's 2017 Eastbourne Parking Review.
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1 Background Information

1.1 At the County Council meeting on 7 February 2017 Councillor Wallis presented a petition to the Chairman from a group of parents whose children attend Bourne Primary School. The group believe that the traffic situation around Bourne School requires urgent review with a view to:

- Install traffic calming features including safe crossing points
- Provide school warning signs
- Provide keep clear signs
- Provide addition parking restrictions

1.2 A copy of the petition is available in the Members' Room. Standing Orders provide that where the Chairman considers it appropriate petitions are considered by the relevant Committee or Lead Member and a spokesperson for the petitioners is invited to address the Committee. The Chairman has referred this petition to the Lead Member for Communities and Safety.

2 Supporting Information

2.1 Bourne Primary School, Eastbourne is located in Melbourne Road, with access also available from Bourne Street. All roads around the school are subject to a 30mph speed restriction.

2.2 Melbourne Road is one way southwards from its junction with Belmore Road. This continues round into Sydney Road with no entry into Sydney Road from Belmore Road.

2.3 Melbourne Road and Sydney Road are approximately 6m wide with parking taking place on both sides of the road. The area is predominantly residential in nature with limited or no off-street parking facilities available.

2.4 The latest three year crash data supplied by Sussex Police for the period up to 31/01/2017 shows that there have been three slight personal injury crashes on Bourne Street in the vicinity of the school, and two slight personal injury crashes on Belmore Road at its junctions with Melbourne Road and Sydney Road. The crashes were attributed to overshooting a junction, driving under the influence of alcohol and driver error such as driving in a careless manner. The locations are marked on the plan at Appendix 1.

2.5 The County Council has a limited amount of funding to develop local transport improvements and we need to ensure that we target our resources to those schemes which will be of greatest benefit to our local communities. To help us prioritise the numerous requests for improvements we developed a process to determine which schemes should be funded through our Integrated Transport programme. A traffic calming scheme for the roads around Bourne School has been assessed to determine if it might be a priority for future consideration. The proposal did not meet the benchmark score to enable it to be taken forward at this time.

2.6 Sussex Police are running a scheme called Operation Crackdown, which enables members of the public to report vehicles being driven in excess of the speed limit, or in a dangerous or antisocial manner. Residents and those connected with the school may wish to use Operation Crackdown to report vehicles they believe are being driven in a dangerous or antisocial manner. This will enable the Police to take appropriate action and target their resources to areas of greatest need.

2.7 It has been noted that there are currently no school warning signs in place for Bourne School. The Local Traffic and Safety Team will carry out a site visit to determine the most suitable location before arranging for the sign(s) to be installed if assessed to be appropriate in accordance with national criteria

2.8 The yellow school keep clear markings located on Bourne Street/Langney Road and Melbourne Road are enforceable by our Civil Enforcement Officers. Both sets of markings have accompanying signs stating the times of operation. If vehicles are parking on the markings during the times stated on the plates, enforcement action can be taken against the offending vehicle(s) by contacting the Parking Team on 0345 6801129.

2.9 A review of parking restrictions in Eastbourne Borough started in April 2017. The request for additional yellow lines has been added to the list for consideration and prioritisation. Requests identified as being of the highest priority will be subject to a formal legal procedure with introduction on street of approved measures expected in the next 12 to 14 months.

3 Conclusion and Reasons for Recommendations

3.1 It is therefore recommended that the Lead Member for Communities and Safety agrees that a traffic calming scheme for the roads around Bourne Primary School including additional crossing points is not currently a priority for funding from the County Council's budget for the reasons contained within this report.

3.2 The provision of School warning signs will be assessed against the national criteria by the Local Traffic and Safety Team who will arrange for any appropriate signing to be installed.

3.3 Additional parking restrictions will be considered as part of the ongoing review of parking in Eastbourne and, subject to their prioritisation, will be progressed as part of this review.

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BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

None