

Report to: Lead Cabinet Member for Communities and Safety

Date of meeting: 22 October 2019

By: Director of Communities, Economy and Transport

Title: Petition for traffic calming measures – Cavendish Avenue, Eastbourne

Purpose: To consider the need for traffic calming measures in Cavendish Avenue, Eastbourne

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

- (1) A potential traffic calming scheme for Cavendish Avenue has been assessed through our approved High Level Sift process and is not a priority for the County Council at the present time; and**
 - (2) Petitioners may wish to consider taking a potential scheme forward through Community Match. A Feasibility Study (at a cost of £500) and speed data (at a cost of £400 per site) would be required prior to a Community Match application**
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1 Background Information

1.1. At the County Council meeting on 9 July, a petition was presented to the Chairman from a group of residents from the Cavendish Avenue area of Eastbourne. The group believe that the traffic situation around Cavendish Avenue requires urgent review with a view to:

- Implement a traffic calming scheme to reduce vehicle speeds and improve road safety

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. The Chairman has referred this petition to the Lead Member for Communities and Safety.

2 Supporting Information

2.1. Cavendish Avenue is covered by a 30mph speed limit as indicated by the system of street lighting in the road.

2.2. Cavendish Avenue is a mainly residential road, with many properties having off-street parking facilities. On street parking is restricted to one side of the road, with double yellow lines on the western side of the road. This is shown at Appendix 1. Site photographs can be found at Appendix 2.

2.3. The crash data supplied by Sussex Police for the period 1 August 2016 to 31 July 2019 shows that there have been no crashes resulting in personal injury within Cavendish Avenue. There has been a total of 4 personal injury crashes recorded at the junctions of Cavendish Avenue with Bourne Street and Firle Road. This is shown at Appendix 3.

2.4. Concerns have previously been received by the County Council regarding road safety in Cavendish Avenue and it has been assessed for a possible traffic calming scheme and a pedestrian crossing.

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 received for improvements, we developed a process to determine which schemes should be funded through our Integrated Transport Programme. The request for traffic calming measures has been assessed to determine if it might be a priority for further consideration. The proposal did not meet the benchmark score to enable it to be taken forward.

2.6. In relation to concerns about dangerous or antisocial driving, or vehicles travelling in excess of the speed limit, residents are advised to contact Sussex Police via their Operation Crackdown scheme. Residents are also advised to consider using the Community Speed Watch programme.

3 Conclusion and Reasons for Recommendations

3.1. It is recommended that the Lead Member for Communities and Safety agrees that the installation of traffic calming measures is not presently a priority for funding from the County Council's budget. However, appropriate improvements could be considered should an alternative source of income become available or if an application through Community Match was successful.

3.2. In order to determine what measures could be suitable in Cavendish Avenue prior to a Community Match application, it is suggested that the residents contact the Borough Council to ascertain whether they would be interesting in supporting a scheme to try and influence traffic conditions in this road. They would then need to commission a Feasibility Study at a cost of £500 and speed data at a cost of £400 per site. This will help to identify possible improvements for further discussions and provide the group of residents and Borough Council with an estimate of what they might cost to assist in their budget considerations.

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BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

None