



**Individual Cabinet Member
Decision**

Report of: Executive Director, Place

Date: 11 July 2013

Subject: Petition requesting a road safety scheme to reduce vehicle speeds in the Cannon Hall Road area.

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Summary: This report investigates a request by petitioners for measures to reduce vehicle speeds on Goddard Hall Road, Cannon Hall Road, Hampton Road, Crabtree Close and Fir Vale Road

Reasons for Recommendations:

Funding identified for the delivery of 20mph speed limit schemes during the financial year 2013/14 has been fully allocated to the installation of seven 20mph areas.

In future years funding will be allocated in accordance with the Sheffield 20mph Speed Limit Strategy. Scheme selection will be prioritised according to the accident record and delivery will be coordinated with the Streets Ahead maintenance programme.

There are waiting restrictions currently being progressed for this area which will address visibility issues around junctions, thus improving safety.

Recommendations:

- 7.1 Address the concerns of the petitioners by including their streets in a future 20mph speed limit area.
 - 7.2 Bring forward proposals for a 20mph speed limit as part of the city-wide roll out of the Sheffield 20mph Speed Limit Strategy in accordance with the approved prioritisation method
 - 7.3 Inform the lead petitioner of the decision.
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Background Papers: NONE

Category of Report: OPEN

Statutory and Council Policy Checklist

Financial Implications
NO Cleared by:
Legal Implications
NO Cleared by:
Equality of Opportunity Implications
NO Cleared by:
Tackling Health Inequalities Implications
NO
Human rights Implications
NO
Environmental and Sustainability implications
NO
Economic impact
NO
Community safety implications
NO
Human resources implications
NO
Property implications
NO
Area(s) affected
Burngreave
Relevant Cabinet Portfolio Leader
Councillor Leigh Bramall
Relevant Scrutiny Committee if decision called in
Economic and Environmental Wellbeing
Is the item a matter which is reserved for approval by the City Council?
NO
Press release
NO

PETITION REQUESTING A ROAD SAFETY SCHEME IN THE CANNON HALL ROAD AREA, NORWOOD

1.0 SUMMARY

1.1 This report considers a request by petitioners for measures to reduce vehicle speeds on Goddard Hall Road, Cannon Hall Road, Hampton Road, Crabtree Close and Fir Vale Road.

2.0 WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR SHEFFIELD PEOPLE

2.1 Should proposals to reduce speed be implemented, it is expected that it would, over time, bring about a reduction in the number and severity of traffic accidents, thus helping to create *safe and secure communities*. Implementing the 20mph speed limit described in this report together with an ongoing programme of publicity and driver education would contribute to the creation of a safer residential environment and a *Great Place to Live*.

3.0 OUTCOME AND SUSTAINABILITY

3.1 Measures to reduce speed would represent a step towards influencing driver behaviour and establishing 20mph as the default maximum appropriate speed in residential areas. This will contribute to the delivery of:

- the '*sustainable and safe transport*' objective of the Corporate Plan;
- Policy W of the Sheffield City Region Transport Strategy 2011-2026 (*To encourage safer road use and reduce casualties on our roads*);
- the Council's Vision For Excellent Transport In Sheffield (*a better environment; a culture where the car is not always the first choice*); and
- the Fairness Commission's recommendation for a 20mph speed limit on all residential roads in Sheffield.

4.0 REPORT

Petition

4.1 A petition containing 35 signatures has been received requesting a road safety scheme to reduce vehicle speeds on Goddard Hall Road, Cannon Hall Road, Hampton Road, Crabtree Close and Fir Vale Road. Receipt of the petition was reported to Cabinet Highways Committee on 13 October 2011.

4.2 Reporting on this petition has been delayed until now to enable officers to present it in the context of the roll out of the Sheffield 20mph Speed Limit Strategy and emerging proposals for parking restrictions in this area.

Accident data

- 4.3 In the five years to the end of August 2012 there have been eight reported injury accidents in the area covered by the petition. Three of the accidents occurred on Fir Vale Road, all resulting in slight injuries. Five of the accidents were between vehicles and one between a pedal cycle and a stationary car. Two child pedestrians have been injured, one of them seriously.

Parking issues

- 4.4 There is a longstanding history of demand for on-street parking being outstripped by supply in this residential area, primarily due to staff of and visitors to the Northern General Hospital. This leads some to park inappropriately, for instance leaving their cars close to junctions, which in turn impacts on the ability of pedestrians, cyclists and drivers to safely negotiate these streets.
- 4.5 In July 2010, following objections from residents, Cabinet Highways Committee decided against proceeding with an area-wide permit parking scheme. At that same meeting officers were asked to prepare proposals to rationalise on-street parking provision through the deployment of localised parking restrictions and time-limited parking bays. Residents are currently being consulted on these proposals through a formal Traffic Regulation Order.
- 4.6 The restrictions largely comprise preventing parking near junctions to improve the visibility for both pedestrians and vehicles and it is probable that this will improve the safety of all road users in the area.

20mph speed limit areas

- 4.7 On 8th March 2012 Cabinet Highways Committee approved the Sheffield 20mph Speed Limit Strategy, the long-term aim of which is to establish 20mph as the maximum appropriate speed in the residential areas of Sheffield¹.
- 4.8 These 20mph areas are indicated by traffic signs and road markings and do not include traditional traffic calming features such as road humps. Seven centrally-funded 20mph speed limit areas will be introduced by March 2014, one within each Community Assembly. The North East Assembly 20mph area will be Parson Cross (West).
- 4.9 Future centrally-funded 20mph schemes will be prioritised by both their accident record and the potential to co-ordinate their introduction with the Streets Ahead maintenance programme. This was also determined by Cabinet Highways Committee at the March 2012 meeting.

¹ [meetings - Cabinet Highways Committee Agenda, 8th March 2012](#)

Relevant Implications

- 4.9 No legal, financial or equality implications have been identified as officers are not recommending any action is taken at this time.

Conclusion

- 4.10 The introduction of restrictions to prevent parking in inappropriate places will help to improve visibility between drivers and pedestrians at junctions but this in itself is unlikely to satisfy the petitioners. It is suggested that the most appropriate road safety intervention would be the introduction of a 20mph speed limit. This should cover a wider area than suggested by the petitioners, likely to be an area bordered by classified roads (the A6102 Herries Road, the A6135 Barnsley Road and the C717 Norwood Road. See Appendix A)
- 4.11 Highway safety schemes are funded from the annual Local Transport Plan settlement and due to the limited funding available these will be prioritised on a 'worst first' basis, aligned to the Streets Ahead programme. There are currently approximately 50 residential areas of the city that have a higher accident record than the Cannon Hall Road area.
- 4.11 This area is not currently identified in the Streets Ahead programme until 2017 and so it is unlikely that sufficient central LTP funding will be available in the near future.

5.0 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 5.1 This report has investigated the requests made by the petitioners and has recommended that no immediate actions are needed. Under these circumstances no alternatives have been considered.

6.0 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 6.1 Funding identified for the delivery of 20mph speed limit schemes during the financial year 2013/14 has been fully allocated to the installation of seven 20mph areas.
- 6.2 In future years funding will be allocated in accordance with the Sheffield 20mph Speed Limit Strategy. Scheme selection will be prioritised according to the accident record and delivery will be coordinated with the Streets Ahead maintenance programme.
- 6.3 There are waiting restrictions currently being progressed for this area which will address visibility issues around junctions, thus improving safety.

7.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

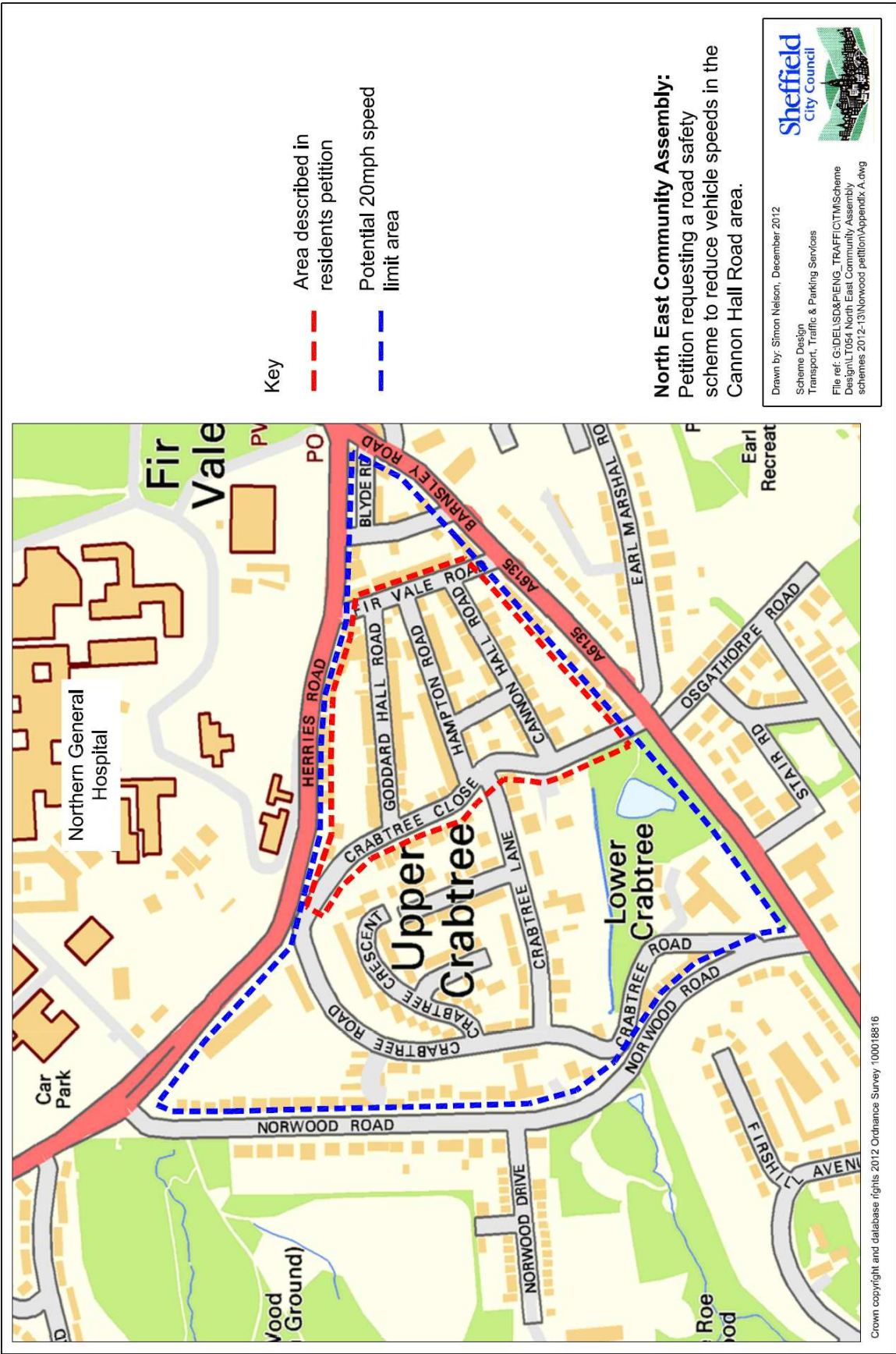
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