

<b>HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE</b>	<b>DATE</b> 02.06.2021	<b>ITEM NO</b> 6
<b>TITLE</b> Response to a Petition regarding the School Streets Scheme in Ivor Grove	<b>WARD(S)</b> Eltham South	
<b>CHIEF OFFICER</b> Director of Regeneration, Enterprise and Skills	<b>CABINET MEMBER</b> Environment, Sustainability & Transport	
<b>DECISION CLASSIFICATION</b>  Non-Key  Non-Exempt	<b>IS THE FINAL DECISION ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN THIS REPORT TO BE MADE AT THIS MEETING?</b> No Recommendations endorsed by Highways Committee will be reported to the next available meeting of Full Council for approval.	

1. **Decision required**

The Highways Committee is requested to:

- 1.1 Note the petition requesting that the Council stops the School Street Scheme on Ivor Grove.
- 1.2 Note and comment upon the proposed approach to deal with the petition outlined in the report, which will be summarised and reported to Full Council on 23rd June 2021.

2. **Links to the Royal Greenwich high level objectives**

- 2.1 This report relates to the Council's agreed high-level objectives as follows:
  - A Healthier Greenwich
  - A Safer Greenwich
  - A Great Place to Grow Up
  - A Great Place to Be

### 3. **Purpose of Report and Executive Summary**

- 3.1 A petition containing 538 signatures was presented to the meeting of Council on 25 November 2020 by Councillor Matt Clare.
- 3.2 The petitioners have requested that consideration be given to ceasing to operate the School Street scheme on Ivor Grove.
- 3.3 The substance of the petition reads:

*“Please stop the school streets scheme on Ivor Grove”*

- 3.4 The proposed approach to the response to the petition is set out in this report. In summary, the petition should be noted and its content considered within the analysis of the Ivor Grove School Streets Scheme, so that it can be considered alongside other local feedback received in line with the statutory process. The experimental period is still ongoing and a consultation survey will be launched in June 2021, whereby residents will be able to provide feedback to the measures and these responses will be collated.

### 4. **Introduction and Background**

- 4.1 The petition was referred to the Director of Regeneration, Enterprise & Skills as the relevant Chief Officer, for investigation and response. This report sets out the outcome of that investigation and the available options for response.
- 4.2 The Ivor Grove School Street Scheme serves Wyborne Primary School in Eltham was introduced in October 2020 by means of an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order. This allows the Council to trial the closure, to see how the School Street Scheme works, and gives stakeholders the opportunity to comment based on actual experience after the scheme has been implemented and settled in. These comments will then be taken into account by the decision maker when deciding whether the scheme should be amended, removed or made permanent. This typically happens about six months after commencement, however, following concerns raised by residents at the time that the Ivor School Street Scheme was introduced in October 2020 the Council had agreed to a shorter period of twelve weeks. This period would have expired at the end of December, with a review to have taken place in the New Year. However, as schools have been either entirely or partially closed during Covid-19 lockdown the process has been delayed. The consultation survey is now planned to be launched in June 2021.

## 5. **Available Options**

5.1 The available options are as follows:

- i) The receipt of the petition be noted by the Highways Committee, and its contents be considered within the analysis of the Ivor Grove School Streets Scheme, so that it can be considered alongside other local feedback received in line with the statutory process.
- ii) To recommend the pausing of the operation of the Ivor Grove School Street Scheme: in advance of the formal process for considering the future of the experimental scheme; and without evidence of the views of those not represented by the petition.

## 6. **Preferred Option**

6.1 The preferred option is Option (i), that the receipt of the petition be noted by the Highways Committee, and its contents be considered within the analysis of the Ivor Grove School Streets Scheme, so that it can be considered alongside other local feedback received in line with the statutory process.

## 7. **Reason for Recommendation**

7.1 Including the petition within the public engagement analysis is in line with the statutory requirements of an experimental traffic order and will ensure the views of residents of all affected areas are considered when deciding how the Council should proceed in regards to a decision on the outcome of the Ivor Grove School Street Scheme.

7.2 It would be inappropriate for the Council to acknowledge any further details or engage in discussions until the consultation survey closes in July 2021 and the results have been analysed.

## 8. **Consultation Results**

8.1 The outcome of the consultation stage will be collated and analysed at the close of the consultation period in July 2021, in line with the statutory process.

8.2 Meanwhile and separate to the forthcoming consultation, officers have been liaising closely with the school in discussions over the installation of the school street in Ivor Grove.

9. **Cross-Cutting Issues and Implications**

Issue	Implications	Sign-off
<p><b>Legal</b> including Human Rights Act</p>	<p>The Highways Committee is requested to note the petition presented by Councillor Matt Clare to the Council meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2020, and to comment upon the proposed approach to respond to this petition, as outlined in this report.</p> <p>Article 3.01(a) of the Council’s Constitution provides that residents of the Borough may bring concerns to the direct attention of the Council by asking a member to present a petition.</p> <p>Paragraph A1.19 of Part 4 of the Constitution requires that petitions are referred to the relevant Chief Officer for investigation and response. The outcome of the investigation is to be reported back to full Council within two meetings.</p>	<p>Eleanor Penn, Assistant Head of Legal Services, 20<sup>th</sup> May 2021</p>
<p><b>Finance</b> and other resources</p>	<p>The Highways Committee is requested to note the petition requesting that the Council stops the School Street Scheme on Ivor Grove and note the response to the petition as set out in this report which will be reported to Council on 14 June 2021. There are no financial implications arising from this report</p>	<p>Sue Rock Accountancy Business Change Manager 18/05/2021</p>
<p><b>Equalities</b></p>	<p>The decisions recommended through this paper have a remote or low relevance to the substance of the Equality Act. There is no apparent equality impact on end users.</p>	<p>Mark Bunting, Principal Road Safety Officer. 19 May 2021</p>

<b>Climate change</b>	The decisions recommended in the report have low relevance to or impact on climate change or the Councils carbon reductions commitments.	Mark Bunting, Principal Road Safety Officer. 19 May 2021
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10. **Report Appendices**

None

11. **Background Papers**

None

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