

Petitioner:	Lee Golesworthy
Petition:	Stop West Hallows being used as a cut through to the A20
Number of signatures:	74
The petition read as follows:	<p>Why we need this petition</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • West Hallows has become a rat run due to the dramatic increase in vehicles including lorries and coaches using the road to access the A20 • A child of one of the residents was hit by a car speeding down West Hallows • The speed bumps have done little to reduce speeding - drivers accelerate between the bumps, often above the 30mph speed limit • There have been 3 car accidents • Residents suffer verbal and intimidating behaviour from impatient drivers whilst trying to pull in and out of their driveways <p>How long before someone is seriously injured or killed on West Hallows? Take Action And Stop This Happening!</p>

Previous Cabinet Member:	Environment Sustainability and Transport
Current Cabinet Member:	Climate Change, Environment and Transport
Original Ward:	Coldharbour and New Eltham
Current Ward:	Mottingham, Coldharbour and New Eltham
Directorate:	DCEC

Submitted to Council on:	24 February 2022
Presented by:	Councillor Matt Hartley

I. **Petition Response**

- I.1 The petition has been considered by Officers and a report was presented to the Highways Committee on 22 June 2022.
- I.2 The proposal in the report to the Highways Committee was that

- a) the Council is not prepared to consider measures to reduce traffic levels in West Hallowes in isolation of measures to mitigate the consequential impacts on the area-wide road network.
- b) In consultation with the Cabinet Member for Environment, Sustainability & Transport, the Director of Communities, Environment and Central will in September prioritise whether to bid for funding to undertake the traffic surveys and public consultation to inform a potential area-wide scheme that includes West Hallowes, noting that any resultant scheme (if proposed) would not be implemented before Autumn/Winter 2024.
- c) residents are encouraged to contact the Community Roadwatch team at the Metropolitan Police Service

- 1.2 At the meeting the petitioners and Ward Councillors emphasised the problems experienced. Some proposals were suggested which Officers noted. Officers appreciate that residents want measures implemented as quick as possible.
- 1.3 Officers advised at the meeting that stopping or restricting through traffic by whatever means to West Hallowes in isolation would push all the traffic down West Park, hence the requirement not to simply consider the matter in isolation.
- 1.4 The Highways Committee recommended amending the proposed options. Officers took note of the Highways Committees' recommendations, and they will be considered by the Cabinet Member for Climate Change, Environment and Transport and the Director of Communities, Environment and Central when making any decision.

2 Current actions being taken in relation to matter raised in petition

- 2.1 The Head of Highways and Traffic is carrying out a preliminary scheme assessment to broadly establish the relative scale of the issues in West Hallowes compared with those that have been reported elsewhere in the borough. This assessment will establish the shortlist of traffic reduction schemes for inclusion in the annual spending submission for 2023/24.
- 2.2 In consultation with the Cabinet Member for Climate Change, Environment and Transport, the Director of Communities, Environment and Central will in September 2022 decide whether to bid for funding to undertake the traffic surveys and public consultation to inform a local or a potential area-wide traffic reduction scheme that includes West Hallowes.