

Petitioner:	Michael O'Byrne
Petition:	To address “rat running” and overall traffic volumes along Kidbrooke Gardens
Number of signatures:	41
The petition read as follows:	We the undersigned of Kidbrooke Gardens urge Greenwich Council to address “rat running” and overall traffic volumes along Kidbrooke Gardens SE3. As part of the proposed "Quietways" extension, decisive action is required to reduce traffic volumes to levels recommended by TfL's design standards to ensure the route is safe for all road users.

Cabinet Member:	Air Quality, Sustainability and Transport
Ward(s):	Blackheath & Westcombe
Directorate:	DRES

Submitted to Council on:	17 July 2019
Presented by:	Councillor Geoffrey Brighty

1. **Petition Response**

- 1.1 Kidbrooke Gardens is a residential road to the south of the A2 Shooters Hill Road, and the west of the A2213 Kidbrooke Park Road, SE3. See Appendix A – Plan.
- 1.2 The speed limit on Kidbrooke Gardens is 30mph but it is included in the Royal Borough's proposed 20mph zones programme (zone ref. PR021).
- 1.3 The road is currently a two-way street, with access available from the east from the A2213 Kidbrooke Park Road or from the west from Southern Row, which is a London Borough of Lewisham road. There are traffic calming features on Kidbrooke Gardens.
- 1.4 All of the roads leading off Kidbrooke Gardens are either dead ends (Kidbrooke Grove south), closed (Kidbrooke Grove north) or lead to a closed road (Liskeard Gardens).

- 1.5 Collision data for the latest three year period was reviewed and no evidence of collisions resulting in a personal injury being sustained were found on the street itself. There was a collision in early 2017 which resulted in a slight casualty at the roundabout where Kidbrooke Gardens meets South Row and St Germans Place.
- 1.6 Speed and traffic surveys available from 30th March 2019 - 5th April 2019 show, that vehicular 85thile speeds (the speed at or below which 85% of all vehicles observed to travel under free flowing conditions) are 23.4mph with an average of only 4 vehicles per week exceeding the current 30mph zone speed limit.
- 1.7 The survey information shows an average of 6,505 vehicles use the street over a seven day period. Flows are consistent across all days except Saturday which has slightly less. In the week, traffic flows are highest around the AM and PM peaks (maximum hourly flow of 589 vehicles) whereas on weekends traffic flow are highest around the middle of the day (maximum hourly flow of 780 vehicles).
- 1.8 No data is available for air quality or noise levels along the street.
- 1.9 The Royal Borough has received *Cycleways* funding from Transport for London (TfL) to develop proposals for Kidbrooke Gardens (and Westbrook Road West) to become a safer, quieter street suitable for people of all ages to cycle along. This aspiration would appear to be in line with the concerns expressed by residents in their petition.
- 1.10 As part of the cycleway development, TfL has undertaken modelling on potential design options to reduce traffic flows on Kidbrooke Gardens. However, TfL has concerns about the potential impact on the A2 (an adjacent TfL managed road) of some of the design options.
- 1.11 Prior to receiving the petition, on 26th June 2019 a member of the Transport Strategy team attended a site visit with all three local ward Councillors, two Lewisham Councillors from the adjacent ward, the Lead Petitioner and a representative of Greenwich Cyclists. Issues since included in the petition were discussed.
- 1.12 At the time of the meeting, TfL had agreed to undertake further modelling, this time of the potential signalisation of the junction of Kidbrooke Gardens and Kidbrooke Park Road to understand how this could contribute to

reducing traffic flows on Kidbrooke Gardens. Unfortunately, since the meeting, TfL has communicated to the Council that it does not have capacity to complete this work so it will be need to be commissioned and carried out by a third party.

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

- 2.1 The Royal Borough has agreed with TfL to commission a third party to model the signalisation of the junction of Kidbrooke Park Road and Westbrook Road, use the Cycleways funding provided by TfL This information will be used to inform the development of design options for reducing traffic flows on Kidbrooke Gardens.
- 2.2 Once the modelling has been completed and design option(s) which are acceptable to TfL and Lewisham Council have been agreed, concept designs can be brought forward for public consultation. It is anticipated this consultation could take place in Spring 2020.