

# Traffic Management Requests & Petitions

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Chiltern Local Committee

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## 1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- a To inform members of:
  - i the requests received for various traffic management measures, of a significant nature, during the period 28 June and 26 September 2001 and the relative priorities for investigation allocated;
  - ii the petition received during the same period, and the action proposed or taken in response.

## 2 PROPOSED ACTION

- b **The Local Committee is invited to:-**
  - i **NOTE the requests for traffic management measures received and the priorities allocated in Appendix A;**
  - ii **NOTE the petition received, the action taken to date and/or the action proposed; and**
  - iii **COMMENT on the priorities allocated and action proposed.**

## 3 RESOURCES APPRAISAL

- c There are no direct financial implications at this time.

## 4 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- d The measures requested, including those contained within the petitions, are listed in Appendix A. An indication of the 'priority ratings for investigation' allocated is as follows:

High (H): 0                      Medium (M): 4                      Low (L): 2

N.B. Priorities are not allocated to traffic calming, pedestrian crossing and footway requests at this time. These are assessed each year (normally December/January time) prior to the confirmation of the next year's Local Safety and Area Strategy Schemes Programme. Priority is given to proposed measures where clear casualty accident reduction benefits can

be expected. Additional emphasis on facilities to improve conditions for public transport, Safer Routes to School, cyclists and pedestrians to meet the Council's commitment to the Integrated Transport Strategy (ITS) and Local Transport Plan (LTP) will also be given. Schemes not having an accident reduction potential or ITS/LTP constituent are therefore unlikely to receive a high priority.

- e Members should note that all petitions received are reported but not all requests are reported. If the measures are clearly not viable or have been reported in previous "Traffic Management Requests and Petitions" reports presented to members, the correspondent is informed accordingly.
- f Generally, high priority items are further investigated to enable schemes, if appropriate, to be identified, programmed and implemented following the normal consultative and programming procedures. Where schemes do not have an injury accident potential, they are unlikely to receive a high priority for implementation. Medium priority items will be left under review and incorporated with high priority items, where possible. Low priority items will have no further action taken.
- g The petitions received in this period and the decisions taken/recommended are set out for members' approval below.

**(i) Severalls Avenue, Chesham**

- h An 88 signature petition has been received from residents of Severalls Avenue requesting the introduction of traffic calming measures to control vehicle speeds along this residential road.
- i The petitioners claim that residents of this road suffer from increasing traffic flows and high vehicle speeds as drivers use this road at peak times to avoid delays on Berkhamstead Road.
- j It is felt that the installation of traffic calming features along this road would prevent it from being used as a rat-run.
- k Members will be aware that requests for traffic calming are assessed annually in line with the County Council's agreed policy of directing the funding available for this type of work towards those sites with a poor injury accident record.
- l During the last three year period, there have been no injury accidents reported in Severalls Avenue. Therefore, in view of the high demand for traffic calming schemes across the County, it is most unlikely that County Council funding will be made available to implement calming measures in Severalls Avenue.