



Report to Wendover and Villages Community Board

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Title:	Report in response to ePetition - Buckland Wharf Traffic Calming
Relevant councillor(s):	Bill Chapple OBE / Michael Collins / Julie Ward
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Ward(s) affected:	Aston Clinton and Bierton
Recommendations:	<p>(i) That the Community Board await the outcome of the Statutory Consultation on the S106 funded traffic calming scheme to determine the exact extents of the scheme and the effect it has on traffic volumes and speed on the section of London Road which is subject to this ePetition.</p> <p>(ii) Those traffic calming elements included in the initial S106 proposal, but currently unfunded, are considered for implementation should future funding become available.</p>

1. Executive summary

- 1.1 Buckinghamshire Council have received an ePetition requesting the introduction of “effective” traffic calming measures on London Road through Buckland Wharf signed by 27 people.

2. Content of report

Background

- 2.1 TfB receive many requests to introduce additional traffic calming measures on sections of roads and/or junctions of public concern throughout the county on a

regular basis. Our policy is to direct the available funding for this type of work towards those sites which have a demonstrable personal injury collision record meeting an agreed intervention level. This supports our work to reduce the frequency and severity of injuries across Buckinghamshire. This policy has been adopted so that the casualty data provided by Thames Valley Police (TVP) can be analysed in detail to ensure that schemes are designed to address the particular factors that have been attributed to the recorded collisions at those locations.

- 2.2 At present we work with two intervention levels. For defined sites (e.g. junctions, isolated bends, etc) our intervention level is 5 injury incidents within 50m within a 5 year period. For routes or sections of road we analyse the injury data provided by TVP and produce a ranked table accounting for the number of injury collisions along each route and calculate the number of injuries per kilometre. This ranked table generally identifies in excess of 75 individual sections/routes which warrant further investigation.
- 2.3 The section of London Road subject of this ePetition has recorded 5 injury incidents (resulting in 6 casualties) within 1000m within the 5 year period 01/04/17 – 31/03/22. This section of London Road has not been identified as an area warranting further investigation during the most recent route analysis exercise.
- 2.4 As this section of London Road does not meet the intervention levels stated Buckinghamshire Council would not approve Network Safety capital expenditure to install extensive traffic calming measures.
- 2.5 However, S106 money has been secured to develop outline traffic calming measures along London Road through Buckland Wharf and Aston Clinton. The initial outline design has, in consultation with Aston Clinton Parish Council and local members, been amended to suit the available S106 contribution to facilitate delivery. The amendments to the initial outline design mean that the traffic calming measures which are unlikely to progress, at this time, are generally on the section of London Road which is the subject of this ePetition.
- 2.6 The exact extents of the amended scheme are not yet finalised as the scheme is progressing to Statutory Consultation later this month. Once the Statutory Consultation period is complete the final design can progress which will define the extents of the scheme.
- 2.7 The installation of the proposed traffic calming scheme is likely to affect traffic volume and speeds on the section of London Road subject to this ePetition, the magnitude of which can only be determined once construction is complete and a 3-6 month “bedding in” period has elapsed. This is likely to late Summer 2023.

2.8 The currently unfunded elements of the initial traffic calming proposal could be considered for implementation should funding become available, such as through further relevant S106 agreements.

3. Other options considered

3.1 Non identified.

4. Legal and financial implications

4.1 Non identified.

5. Corporate implications

5.1 Non identified

6. Local councillors & community boards consultation & views

6.1 N/A

7. Communication, engagement & further consultation

7.1 N/A

8. Next steps and review

8.1 The Community Board may approve the officer response to the ePetition and their recommendation.

9. Background papers

9.1 Details of the planning application and associated documents relating to the proposed traffic calming scheme, including the S106 agreement, are available on the Council website.

9.2 Buckinghamshire road safety policy: [Road traffic collisions | Buckinghamshire Council](#)

10. Your questions and views (for key decisions)

10.1 N/A