

**Committee Name and Date of Committee Meeting**

Cabinet – 11 July 2022

**Report Title**

Outcomes from the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board relating to Road Safety concerns Cumwell Lane / Kingsforth Lane Petition

**Is this a Key Decision and has it been included on the Forward Plan?**

No, but it has been included on the Forward Plan

**Strategic Director Approving Submission of the Report**

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**Ward(s) Affected**

Hellaby and Maltby West

Bramley and Ravenfield

Dinnington

Thurcroft and Wickersley South

**Report Summary**

At the Council meeting on 13 April 2022, it was noted that a petition had been received in respect of a request to the Council to improve road safety on Cumwell Lane/Kingsforth Lane. As the petition met the threshold for consideration by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board, a meeting was held on 11 May 2022 to receive representations from the lead petitioners and also hear from the Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment and officers.

The Overview and Scrutiny Management Board made 7 recommendations which are presented at Section 3.1 of this report for consideration by Cabinet. The Constitution requires the Cabinet to respond to recommendations from Scrutiny within two months. This report is requesting Cabinet to consider the recommendations from the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board in respect of the petition along with the proposed measures identified by Council Officers and highlighted during the meeting by the Cabinet Member, Transport and Environment, outlined at Overview and Scrutiny Management Board recommendation 2.

## **Recommendations**

1. That Cabinet receive the recommendations and Council Officer proposed measures as detailed in Section 3 of this report.

## **List of Appendices Included**

None

## **Background Papers**

Petition - [ePetition - Improve Road Safety On Cumwell Lane/Kingsforth Lane - Rotherham Council](#)  
Council – 13 April 2022

Overview and Scrutiny Management Board –

<https://moderngov.rotherham.gov.uk/documents/g15293/Public%20reports%20pack%20Wednesday%2011-May-2022%2011.00%20Overview%20and%20Scrutiny%20Management%20Board.pdf?T=10>  
11 May 2022

## **Consideration by any other Council Committee, Scrutiny or Advisory Panel**

Council – 13 April 2022

Overview and Scrutiny Management Board – 11 May 2022

## **Council Approval Required**

No

## **Exempt from the Press and Public**

No

## **Outcomes from the Overview and Management Board relating to Road Safety concerns Cumwell Lane / Kingsforth Lane Petition**

### **1. Background**

- 1.1 At the Council meeting held on 13 April 2022, a petition to request the Council to improve road safety on Cumwell Lane/Kingsforth Lane was formally received. The petition contained 622 valid signatures (revised) under the Council's Petition Scheme and was accordingly referred to the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board for review.
- 1.2 The Overview and Scrutiny Management Board meeting was held on 11 May 2022 to receive representations from the lead petitioners and also hear from the Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment and officers.

### **2. Key Issues**

- 2.1 The petition requests the Council to improve road safety on Cumwell Lane/Kingsforth Lane.
- 2.2 The text of the petition is as follows:

*"We the undersigned ask RMBC Highways to take significant action such as making the road much slower, installation of barriers and resurfacing the road to ensure the potential for further loss of life is minimised. For a long time individuals have been complaining regarding the state of the road conditions on Kingsforth Lane/Cumwell Lane Thurcroft at the exit to the landfill site. Lorries exit the site on a daily basis and deposit sludge and muck over the road leaving a sludgy coating on the asphalt. With many twists turns and dips this contributes to the hazard of driving the road. Yes some will say drive within your limits but the surface represents black ice and can catch out the most experienced driver. Unfortunately lives have been lost and irrespective of individual complaints being made very little sustainable action seems to have been taken. A road sweeper constantly going up and down the road only seems to spread the problem.*

*We understand that drivers not driving to the conditions of the road cannot be catered for but 99% of people using the road are experiencing hazardous driving conditions when driving within their limits for the road.*

*ACTION needs taking now by RMBC Highways to address the root cause and to ensure the chance of further accidents and lives lost is reduced.*

*Increased signage, substantial cleaning on site before lorries exit, street lighting, speed bumps or dare I say reduced speed limit and cameras. All relatively cheap measures compared to the loss of human life."*

3. **Overview and Scrutiny Management Board Recommendations and Proposed Measures to Improve Road Safety on Kingsforth Lane/Cumwell Lane**

3.1 Detailed below are the recommendations from Overview and Scrutiny Management Board along with the proposed measures identified by Council Officers and highlighted during the meeting by the Cabinet Member, Transport and Environment which were also supported by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board.

1. That the call for action as outlined in the petition be supported.
2. That the following proposed actions outlined by the Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment be supported:

<b>Proposed measure</b>	<b>Programming information</b>	<b>Anticipated implementation date</b>
Reduce the existing speed limit along Kingsforth Lane, and Cumwell Lane (including sections of Sandy Lane and Newhall Lane to 50mph	Subject to Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) process. This is now on the Officer Decision Forward Plan. Consultation to start in May 2022	August 2022
Reduce existing speed limit through Newhall to either 20mph or 30mph (subject to consultation and legal advice)	Subject to TRO process This is now on the Officer Decision Forward Plan. Consultation to start in May 2022	August 2022
Resurface Kingsforth Lane (Thurcroft side)	To be programmed and implemented by RMBC, managed by Network Management	Start of June 2022
Remove existing central road studs and replace with bi-directional solar powered intelligent white units throughout	To form part of the Local Safety Scheme intervention measures	June 2022
Replace damaged, or missing highway signage	To form part of the Local Safety Scheme intervention measures	June 2022
Cut back vegetation to maintain forward visibility of the signs	To form part of the Local Safety Scheme intervention measures	June 2022

Provide edge of carriageway road markings and refresh existing	To form part of the Local Safety Scheme intervention measures	June 2022
Refresh existing centre line markings including Sandy Lane and Newhall Lane give way junctions.	To form part of the Local Safety Scheme intervention measures	June 2022
Provide red surfaced hatched markings at the dedicated right turn lane to the Landfill site entrance.	To form part of the Local Safety Scheme intervention measures	June 2022
Replace any missing verge marker posts	To form part of the Local Safety Scheme intervention measures	June 2022
Provide new verge markers (approx. 30 No.) at 5m centres opposite the fishing pond.	To form part of the Local Safety Scheme intervention measures	June 2022
Provide 10m red surfaced patches at each existing SLOW marking and any additional specified SLOW markings	To form part of the Local Safety Scheme intervention measures	June 2022
Arrange for the cut back and/ or removal of any self-seeded vegetation/ shrubs/ trees from the verges that may interfere with visibility	To form part of the Local Safety Scheme intervention measures	June 2022
Installation of two Solar Powered Vehicle Activated Signs either side of the Fishing Ponds bend to alert drivers travelling over a pre-set speed limit to slow down	To form part of the Local Safety Scheme intervention measures	July 2022
Assess the route for appropriateness of a Vehicle Restraint System using current standards	Route assessment to take place during road closure	July 2022
Install Vehicle Restraint System	Subject to outcome of assessment	Late 2022

3. That an evaluation is undertaken by the Strategic Director for Regeneration and Environment and the Speed Camera Partnership to assess the feasibility of installing average speed cameras on Cumwell Lane/Kingsforth Lane.
4. That this evaluation includes benchmarking of comparable local authorities with average speed cameras in their areas, any learning from the installation and their impact on road safety.

5. That Cabinet and the Speed Camera Partnership be asked to support the resourcing of the infrastructure required for the installation and maintenance of average speed cameras on Cumwell Lane/Kingsforth Lane, should their feasibility be established.
6. That the Council's response to and lessons learnt from the fatal traffic incidents in 2018 and 2019 on Cumwell Lane/Kingsforth Lane be circulated to Board Members and the Lead Petitioner by the Strategic Director for Regeneration and Environment.
7. That an update on progress in respect of the recommendations outlined, is provided to this Board in 6 months with a further report to be provided to Improving Places Select Commission in 12 months.

#### **4. Options considered and recommended proposal**

- 4.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Management Board recommend that the call for action as outlined in the petition be supported.
- 4.2 Recommendation 1 is that Cabinet approve the response to the recommendations and anticipated implementation date set out in Section 3.

#### **5. Consultation on proposal**

- 5.1 The Strategic Director - Regeneration and Environment has been consulted with regards to the report and recommendations.

#### **6. Timetable and Accountability for Implementing this Decision**

- 6.1 The report will go to Cabinet for a formal response on the recommendations.

#### **7. Financial and Procurement Advice and Implications**

- 7.1 Consideration should be given to the procurement and financial implications arising from the report's recommendations as part of the Executive's response.

#### **8. Legal Advice and Implications**

- 8.1 Consideration should be given to the legal implications arising from the report's recommendations as part of the Executive's response.

#### **9. Human Resources Advice and Implications**

- 9.1 Consideration should be given to the Human Resources advice and implications arising from the report's recommendations as part of the Executive's response.

## **10. Implications for Children and Young People and Vulnerable Adults**

10.1 In considering the petition Overview and Scrutiny Management Board sought assurances that the implications for children and young people and vulnerable adults have been addressed.

## **11. Equalities and Human Rights Advice and Implications**

11.1 Members have had regard to equalities and human rights implications when developing recommendations.

## **12. Implications for CO2 Emissions and Climate Change**

12.1 Consideration should be given to the implications for CO2 Emissions and Climate change arising from the report's recommendations as part of the Executive's response.

## **13. Implications for Partners**

13.1 Consideration should be given to the implications for CO2 Emissions and Climate change arising from the report's recommendations as part of the Executive's response.

## **14. Risks and Mitigation**

14.1 Members have regard to the risks and mitigation factors associated with the petition and have made recommendations accordingly.

## **15. Accountable Officers**

Emma Hill, Head of Democratic Services

Approvals obtained on behalf of Statutory Officers: -

	<b>Named Officer</b>	<b>Date</b>
Chief Executive	Sharon Kemp	27/06/22
Strategic Director of Finance & Customer Services (S.151 Officer)	Judith Badger	23/06/22
Assistant Director, Legal Services (Monitoring Officer)	Phil Horsfield	21/06/22

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