



Leicester
City Council

**WARDS AFFECTED:
HIGHFIELDS**

**Cabinet Lead
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT BOARD**

**28th May 2008
18th June 2008**

**ROAD SAFETY PETITION
SPEEDING VEHICLES – HIGHFIELDS AREA**

Report of the Service Director – Regeneration, Highways and Transportation

1 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report is in response to a petition presented to full Council, on November 22nd, 2007 by Councillor Dawood on behalf of residents requesting “that speed limit signs be erected 20 m.p.h. or less on the top of Beaumont Road and all Highfields area and possibly speed cameras as cars are racing by – this year has been the worst”.

2 Summary

- 2.1 The Service Director has approved the recommendations in this report which details how the concerns of the petitioners are to be addressed.

3 Recommendations

- 3.1 It is recommended that the decisions of the Service Director as set out below, be supported:
- a) To note the petitioners concerns,
 - b) To agree that officers take no further action to implement additional signing or speed cameras in the area.
 - c) That the petitioners be informed accordingly,

4 Report

Accidents and Vehicle Speeds

- 4.1 In the period between 1st January 2004 and 31st December 2006 there were no recorded personal injury accidents on Beaumont Road.
- 4.2 The Road is traffic calmed and lies within a 20 mph zone area covered by a suitable Traffic Regulation Order and sufficient traffic calming to reduce speeds to that level.

- 4.3 As such according to the Traffic Signs and General Direction Orders 2002 only signs at the entrances to the 20 m.p.h. Zone have to be provided. Repeater signs are not allowed.
- 4.4 With the level of road traffic accidents here and the fact that it is a 20 mph zone, the road would not justify police enforcement under current enforcement criteria.
- 4.5 That Beaumont Road lies within a traffic-calmed 20 mph zone, where repeater signs are not allowed according to Traffic Signs and General Direction Orders 2002.
- 4.6 That the road does not meet the criteria for speed enforcement.

5 Financial Implications

- 5.1 None.

Martin Judson, Head of Finance R. & C. (ext 297390)

6 Legal Implications

No legal implications arise directly from this report.

Anthony Cross, Head of Environment & Advocacy Law (ext 296362)

7. Other Implications

OTHER IMPLICATIONS	YES/NO	Paragraph references within the report
Equal Opportunities	NO	
Policy	NO	
Sustainable and Environmental	NO	
Crime and Disorder	NO	
Human Rights Act	NO	
Elderly/People on Low Income	NO	

8 Risk Assessment Matrix

Risk	Likelihood L/M/H	Severity Impact L/M/H	Control Actions (if necessary/or appropriate)
1 – If no improvements are made collisions between vehicles and other road users could occur.	L	L	

L – Low
M – Medium
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9 Background Papers – Local Government Act 1972

- a. Petitions presented to Full Council by Councillor Dawood on 22nd November, 2007.

10 Powers under which decision is made.

- 10.1 No Powers required.

11 Decision By Service Director

The recommendations contained in this report are approved

Signed Jeff Miller
Service Director of Highways and Transportation

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