

Leicester  
City Council

**WARDS AFFECTED  
THURNCOURT**

**Highways and Transportation Scrutiny Committee**

**18<sup>th</sup> June 2003**

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**PETITION – TRAFFIC CALMING - BOWHILL GROVE, THURNBY LODGE**

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**Report of the Service Director of Highways and Transportation**

**1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 This report is in response to a petition presented to Full Council on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2003 by Mr Williams on behalf of residents requesting traffic calming measures be introduced on Bowhill Grove, Thurnby Lodge.

**2. Summary**

- 2.1 The supporting information details approved City Council programmes for Traffic Calming, Local Safety Schemes and Safer Routes. A plan showing the area including Bowhill Grove is attached as Appendix 1.

**3. Recommendations**

**It is recommended that the decision of the Service Director as set out below, be supported:**

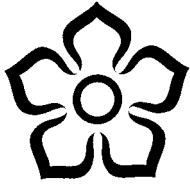
- 3.1 note the petitioners' concerns,
- 3.2 agree that traffic calming on Bowhill Grove will be considered as part of the programme of highway works for the Humberstone, Hamilton and Thurncourt Safer Routes Project which is programmed for 2004/2005 subject to the availability of finance, and
- 3.3 notify the petitioners accordingly.

**4. Financial and Legal Implications**

- 4.1 None arise directly from this report.

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### SUPPORTING INFORMATION

#### Report of the Head of Traffic

#### 1 Summary

- 1.1 This report is in response to a petition with 32 signatures presented to full Council by Mr M.J Williams, 223 Thurncourt Road, Thurnby Lodge, Leicester, LE5 2NL on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2003, requesting that traffic calming be introduced on Bowhill Grove. Mr Williams sent a further 238 signatures in support of the petition in February making a total of 260 signatures. The report explains how Bowhill Grove is included in existing and relevant approved programs to reduce road danger on residential roads in Leicester.
- 1.2 The Service Director Highways and Transportation is requested to agree consideration be given to including traffic calming on Bowhill Grove as part of the Safer Routes Project for the Humberstone, Hamilton and Thurncourt area programmed for after 2004/2005.

#### 2 Recommendations

The Service Director Highways and Transportation is recommended to:

- 2.1 note the petitioners' concerns.
- 2.2 agree that traffic calming on Bowhill Grove will be considered as part of the programme of highway works for the Humberstone, Hamilton and Thurncourt Safer Routes Project which is programmed for 2004/2005 subject to the availability of finance, and
- 2.3 notify the petitioners accordingly.

#### 3 Financial and Legal Implications

- 3.1 None.

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## **4 Report**

### **4.1 Petition**

4.1.1 A petition with 32 signatures was presented to Full Council by Mr M.J Williams, on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2003. Mr Williams sent a further 238 signatures in support of the petition in February making a total of 260 signatures

4.1.2 The petition reads;

"We the undersigned residents of Thurnby Lodge or residents within the area of Leicester City would like to see some kind of Traffic calming on Bowhill Grove, Thurnby Lodge, Leicester.

With the influx of heavy traffic, there is a fear of safety for local children, as on many occasions, several vehicles have come rearing down Bowhill at quite a high speed.

We therefore ask Leicester City Council to support this petition and carry out the relevant requirements that are necessary to resolve this problem. "

### **4.2 Accidents**

4.2.1 Leicestershire Constabulary records Road Traffic Accidents that result in personal injury. Between 1<sup>st</sup> January 1999 and 31<sup>st</sup> December 2001 there were 5 accidents resulting in 6 casualties on Bowhill Grove. Of these 6 casualties, one was a child cyclist who was seriously injured, and 2 were pedestrians who were slightly injured.

4.2.2 In 2002 there were 3 accidents none of them serious, one of which was a pedestrian and one of which was a child.

### **4.3 Vehicle Speeds**

4.3.1 A survey was carried out on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2003. The speed of 100 vehicles were recorded (50 in each direction) travelling on Bowhill Grove. The results showed that the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speeds was 33 mph for vehicles travelling in both directions. The speed limit is 30mph.

### **4.4 Traffic Calming**

4.4.1 Since 1993 it has been City Council policy to prioritise all residential areas for traffic calming using personal injury accidents per kilometre to ensure that the limited resources available for traffic calming are targeted to those areas where they will have the most benefit.

4.4.2 Following a review of priorities using accident data for the three years 1<sup>st</sup> January 1999 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2001 a new priority list was agreed by the Service Director of Highways and Transportation on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2002. It was agreed that the first 15 residential areas would be investigated for inclusion in future programmes for traffic calming works.

4.4.3 In the three years 1<sup>st</sup> January 1999 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2001 there were 7 reported injury accidents in the area which includes Bowhill Grove, and the area was ranked 46<sup>th</sup> in the list of residential areas.

#### 4.5 Safer Routes to School

4.5.1 As part of The Safer Routes Strategy it has been agreed that priority be given to traffic calming schemes which will assist in the development of Safer Routes as part of the 10 Year Safer Routes Project Strategy, including 20 mph zones outside schools. It is therefore proposed to consider traffic calming on Bowhill Grove as part of the Humberstone, Hamilton and Thurncourt Project after 2004/2005.

### 5 Other Implications

OTHER IMPLICATIONS TABLE	YES / NO	PARAGRAPH REFERENCES WITHIN SUPPORTING PAPERS
Equal Opportunities	NO	
Policy	NO	
Sustainable and Environmental	NO	
Crime and Disorder	NO	
Human Rights	NO	
Elderly/People on Low Income	NO	
Local Transport Plan	NO	

### 6 Consultations

A copy of this report has been sent to the presenter of the petition and to the Thurncourt Ward Councillors for comment.

### 7 Background Papers

Traffic Calming In Residential Areas - Report to the Urban Management Sub-Committee on 6<sup>th</sup> January 1999.

Traffic Calming In Residential Areas - Approved by the Service Director of Highways and Transportation on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2002.

Report to Cabinet 5<sup>th</sup> November 2003 - School Travel Planning, Safer Routes Strategy, Update on Progress

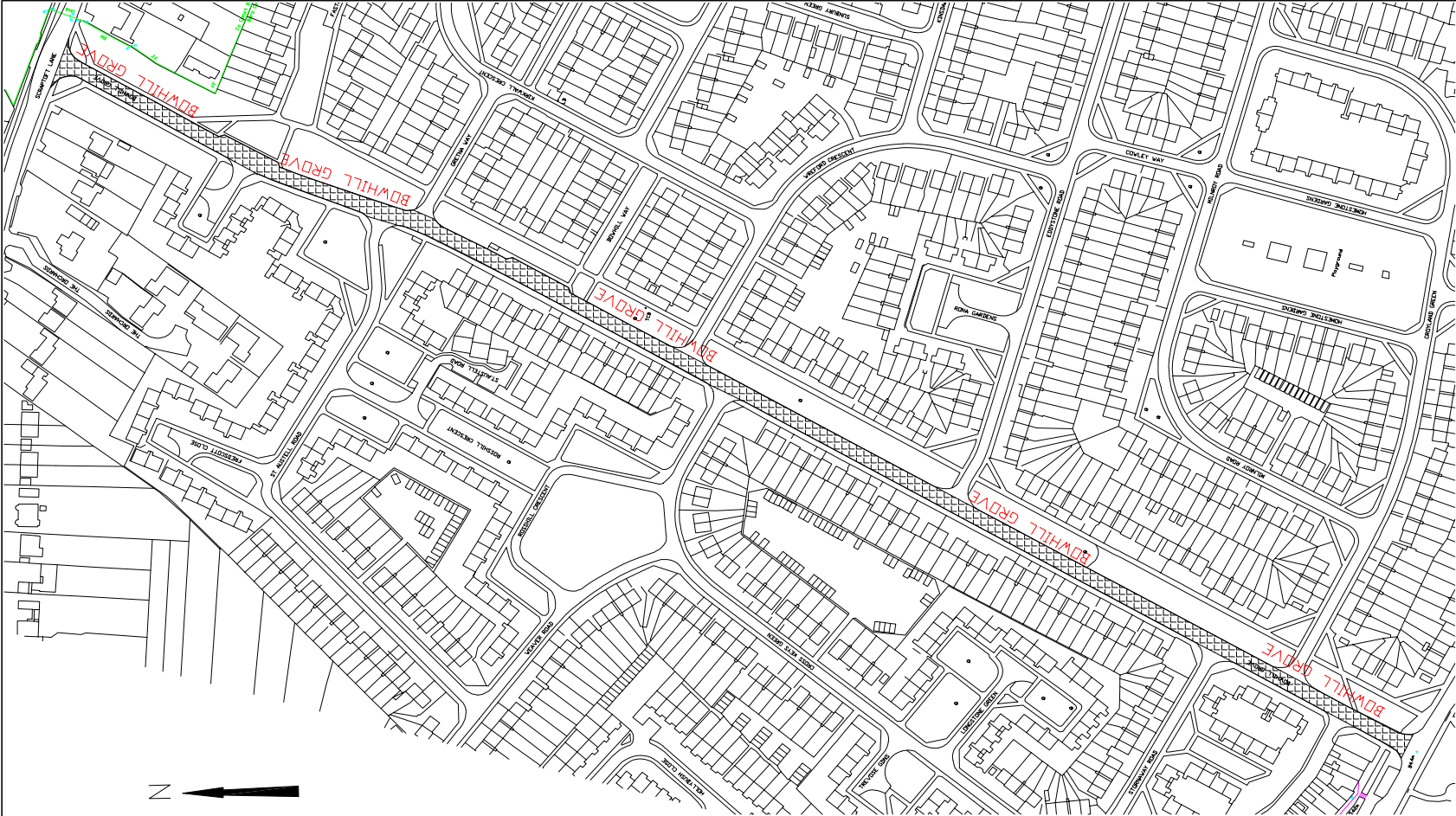
**8. Decision By Service Director**

**The recommendations contained in this report are approved**

**Signed... ..  
Service Director of Highways and Transportation**

**Date: .....**

**Appendix 1 - PETITION – TRAFFIC CALMING - BOWHILL GROVE, THURNBY LODGE**



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