

ORIGINATING DIVISION: HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION - CAPITA

REPORT TO: BLACKBURN WITH DARWEN BOROUGH COUNCIL
PLANNING AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE

DATE: 17th March 2016

TITLE: PETITION – LINCOLN ROAD BLACKBURN

WARD: AUDLEY

COUNCILLORS: Yusuf Jan-Virmani
Zamir Khan
Salim Sidat

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of the report is to advise the Committee of a petition from residents of Lincoln Road, Blackburn regarding traffic calming measures.

2.0 BACKGROUND

A petition was received by the traffic team on the 6th January 2016 stating that the residents of Lincoln Road are concerned about cars speeding on their road. The petitioners report that vehicles are driving at excessive speed on Lincoln Road and therefore request speed reducing measures such as speed humps.

The petition was signed by 42 residents. The majority of the signatories reside at properties within numbers 1- 49 with a few residing at higher house numbers.

The petition has the support of Councillor Zamir Khan.

3.0 DETAIL

Lincoln Road is located in the Audley Ward, linking Queens Park Road to Audley Range and is therefore is a busy through route.

Accident statistics recorded by the police show a total of seven injury accidents on Lincoln Road in the last five years.

Accident 1 - recorded causation factor was failing to look properly at a marked give way on Pringle Street.

Accident 2 - Driver failed to give way at a marked cross road.

Accident 3 - A cyclist masked by parked vehicles was struck by an emerging vehicle whose driver failed to look properly at a junction.

Accident 4 - A vehicle travelling towards Audley Range collided head on with another vehicle whose driver made a poor turn from Walter Street and failed to give way.

Accident 5 - The drivers involved in the accident may have been unsighted due to parked cars. The driver of one vehicle was under the influence of alcohol.

Accident 6 - The driver made a poor turn and failed to give way at a marked junction.

Accident 7 – A vehicle reversing round a corner at junction of Queens Road was hit by another vehicle.

Of these seven accidents, one was serious and six were slight. Speed was not a recorded causation factor in any of those collisions. Drivers failing to look properly and making poor manoeuvres are the main factor.

An automated traffic volume and speed survey was undertaken on Lincoln Road adjacent to the homes of the petitioners, to establish if speeds indicate a justification for the installation of traffic calming measures. The survey showed that average speed was 24 mph and an 85th percentile speed of 29 mph. The speed limit on Lincoln Road is 30mph. These speeds do not support the introduction of traffic calming measures not do the causation factors for the collisions which occurred.

4.0 IMPLICATIONS

Customer	None
Financial	None
Anti-poverty	None
Crime and Disorder	None

5.0 RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that:

- the Committee support the officer recommendations that the petitioners' request be declined.
- the lead petitioner is informed of the decision.

6.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS: Petition

7.0 CONTACT OFFICERS: Gina Lambert

8.0 DATE PREPARED: 1st March 2016