

ORIGINATING DIVISION: HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION - CAPITA
REPORT TO: BLACKBURN WITH DARWEN BOROUGH COUNCIL
PLANNING AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE
DATE: 17th November 2016
TITLE: PETITION – CLARENDON ROAD EAST, BLACKBURN
WARD: Little Harwood
COUNCILLORS: Pat McFall
Abdul Patel
Naushad Surve

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of the report is to advise the Committee of a petition received requesting traffic calming on Clarendon Road East, Blackburn.

2.0 BACKGROUND

A petition has been received from residents of Clarendon Road East and Tiplady Walk, Blackburn, requesting that the council install speed bumps. They say that vehicles are often speeding on the road and young motor cyclists race up and down the road causing much noise and nuisance.

The petition was signed by 17 residents of 16 properties from a total of 50 properties on Clarendon Road East and 3 residents from 2 properties on Tiplady Walk.

3.0 DETAIL

Clarendon Road East is a long straight cul-de-sac off Lilac Road. The petitioners complain of vehicles speeding mainly up, but also down, the road. They say that some of the drivers are residents of, or visitors to houses on the street but there are also drivers (mostly young men) who appear to drive to the end of the road, wait for a while and then speed back up the street and away.

They also complain of the street being used as a test track by young motorcyclists testing their bikes and scooters.

The petitioners feel that the introduction of speed humps would help to alleviate this problem and their concerns as to the safety of their children.

There is a severely limited budget available for implementing casualty reduction schemes such as this and this budget is currently targeted at known accident black spots. There have been no accidents recorded on Clarendon Road East in the last five years and therefore the road would not qualify for the introduction of a scheme at this time

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's recommendation that the petitioners request for the introduction of speed humps be refused
- the lead petitioner is informed of the decision.

6.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS: Petition

7.0 CONTACT OFFICERS: Gina Lambert

8.0 DATE PREPARED: 7th November 2016