

NON-KEY DECISION TAKEN BY A CABINET MEMBER UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY

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Title of report: Informal Consultation -Longthorton Road – Proposed Road Closure

Reason for exemption (if any) – N/A

Decision maker

Councillor Stephen Alambritis MBE, Cabinet Member for Transport

Date of Decision

Date report made available to decision maker

07 May 2024

Decision

Having considered the feedback received during the informal consultation, I approve officer's recommendation to abandon the proposal for a road closure on Longthorton Road.

Reason for decision

Although the Council's proposal was aimed at reducing speed and volume of through traffic, the informal consultation concluded in an overwhelming rejection of the proposal from those directly affected as well as the neighbouring roads.

Alternative options considered and why rejected

Do Nothing. Although this will do nothing to reduce speed of traffic or rat running and will not address the ongoing concerns from some residents, it would be in line with the majority of the responses received.

To consider a speed camera. However, due to strict criteria set out by the Police and TFL it is not possible to consider a speed camera as the criteria cannot be met and a speed camera is only effective for a small length of the road.

To consider speed humps. These would discourage speeding, however, would not be as effective as a road closure in addressing rat running / volume of traffic. Vertical deflections such as road humps are effective at reducing speed of all traffic when placed at regular intervals along the road, as it encourages motorists to travel at a consistent low speed. However, there is noise and vibration associated with these features with reported crack line damage to property. These features can also be expensive with an ongoing maintenance costs. Although some residents have mentioned traffic calming, the majority do not consider there is a problem that requires intervention.

To introduce chicanes or buildouts. This option was not considered as a viable option as it would involve the removal of significant amount of parking and will not address the reported run running or traffic volumes. In some instances, chicanes can result to an increase in speed as some drivers consider them as a challenge and at times resulting in motorists driving to on the wrong side of the road. And no one resident would want such a feature outside their home.

To introduce the proposed closure. This, however, will not be in line with the majority feedback received.



Documents relied on in addition to officer report

N/A

Declarations of Interest

N/A

Signature

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