
To: Audit, Scrutiny & Petitions Board

On: 1 June 2015

Report by: Director of Finance and Resources

Heading: **Petition: Sandy Road, Renfrew**

1. Summary

1.1 A petition in the undernoted terms was considered by the Board at its meeting held on 16 February, 2015.

“This petition is for something to be done to prevent further accidents at corner of Sandy Road and Newmains Road and also Broadloan/Sandy Road (both Renfrew). I realise traffic lights could be the only answer, before some-one is killed or badly injured.”

1.2 The Board noted that Sandy Road was a distributor road within a residential area; it was a bus route and provided access to Newmains and Renfrew Primary Schools and Tesco Supermarket, and it had traffic calming at the junctions identified in the petition. In addition zebra crossings were installed at these junctions to assist pedestrians. In the three-year period 2011/13, there had been one reported injury accident which was at the junction of Sandy Road and Broadloan and involved two vehicles. General issues were raised from time to time by Renfrew Community Council.

1.3 Having heard from the principal petitioner and her supporter, the Board agreed that matters contained in the petition be referred to the Director of Community Resources for further investigation and that a report on the outcome be submitted to a future meeting of the Board.

- 1.4 The Traffic, Street Lighting & Asset Manager and Transportation Officer (both Community Resources) met with an officer of Police Scotland on site at Sandy Road on 5th March 2015 to discuss the issues raised at the Board and look at the overall operation of the road. The findings are noted below:
- No obvious issue with the road operation could be seen. Although there is a significant volume of cars that use Sandy Road, traffic was running efficiently.
 - The crossing points were found to be well signed and the white lining is fresh. The speed cushions were also found to be in a good condition.
 - Although cars are parking along Sandy Road no evidence of this causing a problem could be seen, and indeed parked cars assist with reducing vehicle speeds at this location.
 - The representatives from Community Resources and Police Scotland did not see any issue with the location of the crossing points. The crossings operated effectively during the site visit and provided good pedestrian links to the two schools over both legs of the T-junctions.
 - The traffic speeds on Sandy Road were recorded for the period from 2nd April until 9th of April, 2015. The signs remained blank during this time to mitigate the effect that they would have on the natural speed of traffic.
 - The results showed an average speed of 25 mph for the period with an 85th percentile speed (this is the speed which 85% of the vehicles are not exceeding) of 32mph. This is the same as in the previous survey. The police have also carried out independent speed checks and do not feel that speeding is an issue here.
- 1.6 The Head of Amenity Services has indicated that he is looking at a more holistic view to addressing the traffic problems in Renfrew and is about to commence a review of the phasing of the signals on Paisley Road with a view to making this road more efficient, thus negating the need for drivers to use alternative routes. Alterations to the signals are likely to commence over summer.
- 1.7 A plan and photograph of the area is appended to the report.
- 1.8 The principal petitioner, together with her supporter, has been invited to this meeting of the Board in order that the Board may further consider the petition.

2. **Recommendations**

2.1 That the Board give further consideration to the petition.

2.2 The Board consider its decision in relation to the petition which will be either (a) to take no action; (b) refer the petition to a Director or Policy Board with or without a recommendation; or (c) where the petition relates to another organisation, refer it to that organisation, with or without a recommendation.

Implications of the Report

1. **Financial** – *none*

2. **HR & Organisational Development** - *none*

3. **Community Planning** – *none*

4. **Legal** - *none*

5. **Property/Assets** - *none*

6. **Information Technology** – *none*

7. **Equality & Human Rights**

(a) The Recommendations contained within this report have been assessed in relation to their impact on equalities and human rights. No negative impacts on equality groups or potential for infringement of individuals' human rights have been identified arising from the recommendations contained in the report. If required following implementation, the actual impact of the recommendations and the mitigating actions will be reviewed and monitored, and the results of the assessment will be published on the Council's website.

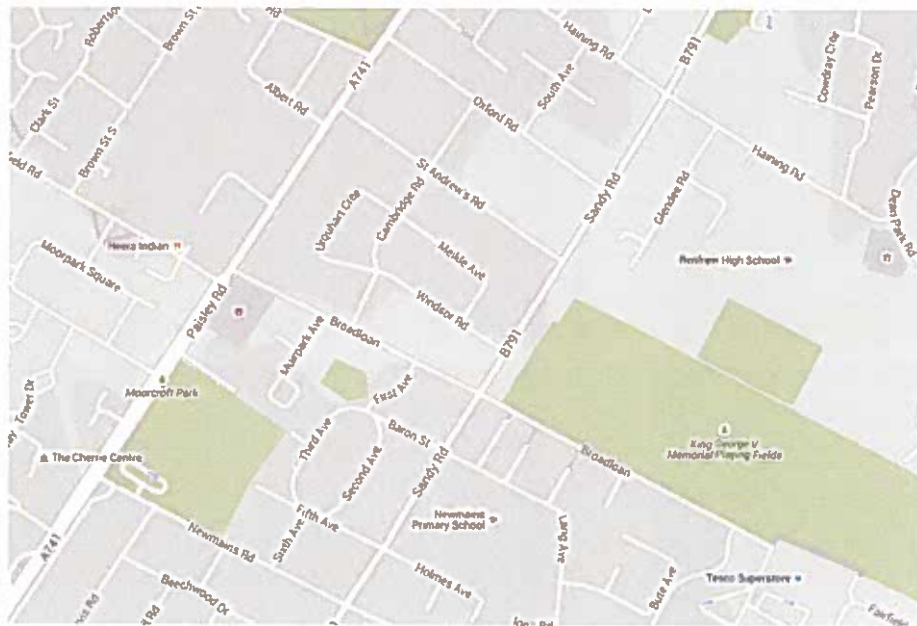
8. **Health & Safety** - *none*

9. **Procurement** – *none*

10. **Risk** - *none*

11. **Privacy Impact** - *none*

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Plan of Sandy Road, Renfrew



Looking north east along Sandy Road to pedestrian crossing