

# Southend-on-Sea Borough Council

Agenda  
Item No.

Report of Executive Director  
(Neighbourhoods & Environment)

to

**Traffic Regulations Working Party  
and Cabinet Committee**

on

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**Petition - Burges Road (Traffic Calming Request)**

**Cabinet Member: Councillor Woodley  
Part 1 Public Agenda Item**

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## **1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 For the Traffic Regulations Working Party and the Cabinet Committee to agree to further monitoring of Burges Road following receipt of the petition for traffic calming measures to be introduced as submitted in the petition that appears in appendix 1 below.

## **2. Recommendation**

- 2.1. **That the Traffic Regulations Working Party approve further monitoring of traffic speeds and accidents in Burges Road and the submission of a further report, with recommendations to be submitted in 6 months. and recommend the Cabinet Committee to :**

- a) **Agree to further speed monitoring and the submission of an updating report in 6 months.**  
b) **Take no further action.**

## **3. Background**

- 3.1 The petition that appears in appendix 1 refers to residents' observations of vehicles driving at excessive speeds and a history of numerous accidents in Burges Road and the surrounding junctions. The petition proposes the following measures to be introduced:-
- An illuminated automatic speed warning sign
  - Implementation of a 20mph speed limit
  - The change of the priority for the north and south junctions
  - The implementation of cul-de-sacs in parts of Burges Road
  - Projections of the footway
  - The introduction of speed humps

- 3.2 The Council has carried out speed monitoring in Burges Road on 2 separate occasions. The results were as follows:-  
November 2014 – 26.20% of vehicles exceeded the speed limit.  
January 2020 – 27.90% of vehicles exceeded the speed limit.  
This ranked Burges Road as 152 in the list of roads that have been monitored for traffic speeds.
- 3.3 The accident/collision data in the last 3 years shows there have been 4 accidents. This does not meet the Council's intervention criteria.
- 3.4 Taking into consideration all of the evidence on file, the safety criteria that is needed to be met, the other roads which have a higher percentage of vehicles exceeding the speed limit and with a greater accident history, it would be an inappropriate use of the council's resources and funds to currently intervene with the matters raised in the petition.

#### **4. Reasons for Recommendations**

- 4.1 The introduction of traffic calming measures does not meet the Council's intervention criteria.

#### **5. Corporate Implications**

##### **5.1 Contribution to the Southend 2050 Road Map**

- 5.1.1 There are no implications if no action is taken as other roads need to be addressed where there are safety concerns and which meet the Council's intervention criteria.

##### **5.2 Financial Implications**

- 5.2.1 There are no financial implications for this recommendation.

##### **5.3 Legal Implications**

- 5.3.1 No legal implications have been identified for not progressing with traffic calming measures

##### **5.4 People Implications**

- 5.4.1 There are no staff implications as a result of this recommendation.

##### **5.5 Property Implications**

- 5.5.1 None

##### **5.6 Equalities and Diversity Implications**

- 5.6.1 There are no implications as a result of this recommendation.

## **5.7 Risk Assessment**

5.7.1 The risk of not intervening is minimal given the results of speed monitoring and the accident history in Burges Road.

## **5.8 Value for Money**

5.8.1 There are financial implications relating to value for money.

## **5.9 Community Safety Implications**

5.9.1 The recommendation has no community safety implications taking into account the results of speed monitoring and the accident history in Burges Road.

## **5.11 Environmental Impact**

5.11.1 There is no significant environmental impact as a result of not introducing traffic calming measures.

## **5. Background papers**

None

## **6. Appendices**

**Appendix 1 – Petition**



**Canvass of the whole of Burges Road Undertaken By  
Malcolm Webster(No 148) & Ian Stobart ( 144)**

1. Initial problem- Continuing and increasing traffic recklessly speeding at up to 60mph and using Burges road as a cut through. Over a long period there have been numerous accidents at all junctions & it is clear that this will get worse and lives will be lost.
2. Object- To evaluate the level of evidential support from Burges Road residents & to urgently instigate the best traffic calming methods.
3. Method- To approach all possible residents & acquire signatures from all available households to show the level of urgent support. To then present copy of this support to BERA and to our current local councilor, Mr. Ron Woodley to endorse his efforts to instigate local traffic calming of 20mph. Furthermore, to present copies of the Burges Road residents' signatories both to the Southend Council and to the local police authority to urgently motivate them into action to resolve this serious situation
4. Results of the Survey- Massive overall support from every household that we were able get an answer to the door. From a total of 123 Burges Road households we achieved a total of 107 positive signatures, none negative and only met 3 who were nervous to sign anything.
5. Overview of Resident's Opinion Gathered- We totally appreciate that we & the residents are not qualified to deliberate over this but present it to the authorities as a point of interest. There were inevitable suggestion & are listed in some order of seeming popularity  
An automatic illuminated sign telling the motorist when the limit is being broken similar to that in Church Rd Shoebury. This appears to be the least interruptive to the traffic streaming. An improvement to this might be where the actual excess speed is displayed until the legal limit achieved.  
Traffic calming of 20mph  
Priority of North-South junctions being changed.  
Some part or parts of Burges Rd to be cul-de-sac,  
Chicane one lane projections of footway  
Speed humps (a number of residents did comment that they were not in favour of this option.

We have undertaken this canvass only in the best interests of the community and trust this will be of benefit to the authorities to take much overdue action to resolve this desperately dangerous situation Malcolm Webster & Ian Stobart