

**REPORT:** Urban Renewal Policy and Performance Board  
**DATE:** 21 March 2007  
**REPORTING OFFICER:** Strategic Director, Environment  
**SUBJECT:** Petitions Relating to Traffic Calming  
Ditchfield Road & Halton Village  
**WARDS:** Ditton & Castlefields

## **1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.1 To report receipt of petitions relating to existing traffic calming on Ditchfield Road, Widnes and to proposed traffic calming on Norton Lane, Stockham Lane and Norton Village in Halton Village.

## **2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That**

**(1) the report be noted; and**

**(2) the Board supports the conclusions of the report:**

**(a) that the existing traffic calming adjacent Trewan House Nursing Home (no. 335) Ditchfield Road, Widnes be retained and the situation monitored with the petitioners informed accordingly and**

**(b) that the Norton Village petition be considered as part of the Consultation Review panel evaluation of the proposed traffic calming scheme for the area.**

## **3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

3.1 Ditchfield Road. A petition carrying 142 names has been received requesting removal of the existing traffic calming on Ditchfield Road in the area of Trewan House Nursing Home, together with another petition of 15 names requesting retention of same. In the case of the former petition, the overwhelming majority of signatories are not Ditchfield Road residents, in the case of the latter, all are residents of the immediate area. The front pages of the petitions are attached as Appendix 'A'.

3.2 The scheme was introduced in 2002 as part of the Quality Corridor works in the area. In the four years prior to the project there was one road traffic accident within 50 metres of the site, and since completion there has also been one accident in four years. Whilst the build out/cushion unit does cause some peak time traffic delays, removal would probably lead to an increase in use of this route. It is therefore proposed that the traffic calming scheme be retained and that the situation be monitored.

- 3.3 Halton Village. Consultation has been undertaken on the installation of traffic calming on parts of Norton Lane, Stockham Lane and Norton Village in Halton Village and this has led to the submission of a 31 name petition. The future of the scheme will be considered by a Consultation Review Panel, and the petition will be passed to the Panel to assist in this process.

#### **4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 There are no other implications arising from this report.

#### **5.0 OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 There are no other implications arising from this report.

#### **6.0 RISK ANALYSIS**

- 6.1 There are no other implications arising from this report.

#### **7.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES**

- 7.1 There are no other implications arising from this report.

#### **8.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

- 8.1 Background information held in the Traffic Section, Environmental Services, Grosvenor House, Halton Lea, Runcorn. Contact S.Johnson, Ext. 3010.