

Petitions Update Report

Petition No.	Description	Presented (date)	Presented (at)	Submitted (by)	Status
578	Petition for a 20mph limited in South Ockendon, in West Road, Tamarisk Road and the roads of the Flowers Estate.	July 2023	Council	Resident	<p>Thurrock Council has adopted an evidence-based approach to all road safety traffic intervention schemes. The Policy which covers the Integrated Transport Budget (ITB) programme of works and road safety schemes is Policy TDP 3 - Area Intervention Programme (AIP) which is in place to allow the limited funding available to be targeted where it will achieve the maximum benefit. The priority areas under the Programme for the 23/24 financial year are Area 27 (Ockendon West) and Area 11 (Stanford-le-Hope West). Tamarisk Road and the Orchards estate lie within AIP Area 28 (Ockendon East) which is currently ranked 16th out of the 28 areas in Thurrock. Following receipt of this petition this area has been reviewed again and there is no evidence to suggest that there is an accident issue in this location and therefore this request cannot be covered under emergency works. This request will therefore be investigated along with other Highway and Road Safety concerns in due course, once Area 28 is the Priority Area. It should be noted that West Road was subject to an experimental Traffic Regulation Order between December 2020 and November 2021 when a 20mph limit was put in place. This was backed up with traffic calming along the length of the road. Traffic surveys taken before and during this period indicated that, whilst traffic calming did reduce the traffic speeds down slightly there was no compliance with the 20mph limit. The 20 limit was removed, but the traffic calming was retained. On that basis there would be no justification for considering reintroducing a 20 limit on West Road again in the future. All moving vehicle offences (including exceeding the speed limit of the road) are a matter for Police enforcement.</p>

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579	Reinstate 374 Bus service for East Tilbury	September	Council	Resident	Update will be provided at November Council meeting.
580	Anti-Social Behaviour in Balstonia Park, Homesteads	September	Council	Cllr Collins	Update will be provided at November Council meeting.
581	Independent Enquiry into the financial collapse of Thurrock Council	September	Council	Cllr Byrne	Update will be provided at November Council meeting.