

**REPORT TO:** CABINET MEMBER – TECHNICAL SERVICES  
**DATE:** 13 JANUARY 2010  
**SUBJECT:** PETITION – HAWTHORNE ROAD / MARINA AVENUE, LITHERLAND TRAFFIC CONDITIONS  
**WARDS AFFECTED:** FORD  
**REPORT OF:** ANDY WALLIS – PLANNING & ECONOMIC REGENERATION DIRECTOR  
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**EXEMPT/CONFIDENTIAL:** NO

**PURPOSE/SUMMARY:**

To report the receipt of a petition requesting a prohibition of driving order for Hawthorne Road, Litherland. The effect of which will restrict right turns out of the KFC restaurant and petrol station onto Hawthorne Road. The petition also requests that traffic conditions be improved in Marina Avenue, Litherland.

**REASON WHY DECISION REQUIRED:**

This matter has been referred to Cabinet Member from Litherland and Ford Area Committee.

**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

It is recommended that:-

- (i) the Cabinet member note the contents of the Committee report.
- (ii) the Traffic Services Manager write to advise the petitioners of the resolution of this Committee regarding this matter

**KEY DECISION:** No  
**FORWARD PLAN:** Not appropriate  
**IMPLEMENTATION DATE:** N/A

**ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:** None available

**IMPLICATIONS:**

**Budget/Policy Framework:**

**Financial:**

<b><u>CAPITAL EXPENDITURE</u></b>	<b>2009/ 2010 £</b>	<b>2010/ 2011 £</b>	<b>2011/ 2012 £</b>	<b>2012/ 2013 £</b>
Gross Increase in Capital Expenditure				
Funded by:				
Sefton Capital Resources				
Specific Capital Resources				
<b><u>REVENUE IMPLICATIONS</u></b>				
Gross Increase in Revenue Expenditure				
Funded by:				
Sefton funded Resources				
Funded from External Resources				
Does the External Funding have an expiry date? Y/N	When?			
How will the service be funded post expiry?				

**Legal:**

**Risk Assessment:** N/A

**Asset Management:** N/A

**CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN/VIEWS**

**CORPORATE OBJECTIVE MONITORING:**

<b><u>Corporate Objective</u></b>		<b><u>Positive Impact</u></b>	<b><u>Neutral Impact</u></b>	<b><u>Negative Impact</u></b>
1	Creating a Learning Community		√	
2	Creating Safe Communities	√		
3	Jobs and Prosperity	√		
4	Improving Health and Well-Being	√		
5	Environmental Sustainability		√	
6	Creating Inclusive Communities		√	
7	Improving the Quality of Council Services and Strengthening local Democracy		√	
8	Children and Young People		√	

**LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS RELIED UPON IN THE PREPARATION OF THIS REPORT**

NIL

## **CABINET MEMBER - TECHNICAL SERVICES – 13 January 2010**

### **PETITION – TRAFFIC CONDITIONS HAWTHORNE ROAD / MARINA AVENUE, LITHERLAND.**

#### **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 A petition from Litherland Village Community Group containing 21 signatures from residents of Hawthorne Court and Marina Avenue was submitted to the 28 October 2009 meeting of the Litherland and Ford Area Committee.
- 1.2 The petitioners object to vehicles turning right into oncoming traffic on Hawthorne Road and also drivers obtaining unnecessary access to, and speeding along Marina Avenue. The Group has requested whether any action can be taken to address this perceived dangerous driving.

#### **2.0 ACCIDENT RECORDS**

- 2.1 Examination of the personal injury accident records for the latest three year study period for both the affected sections of Hawthorne Road and Marina Avenue has been undertaken.
- 2.2 The records show that whilst there has been five accidents on Hawthorne Road, none of which has involved right turning traffic out of the KFC restaurant or the petrol station. The records also show that there have been no personal injury accidents on Marina Avenue in the latest three year study period.

#### **3.0 COMMENTS**

- 3.1 The introduction of an enforced left turn only restriction whilst exiting the KFC restaurant and the petrol station should be backed up by the introduction of a legal order. As this is a moving traffic offence officers of Merseyside Police can only enforce it. Merseyside Police do not support the introduction of such Traffic Regulation Orders without the introduction of physical features to restrict the illegal manoeuvre, as this will require constant attention from officers to educate drivers that this is an illegal manoeuvre.
- 3.2 It is estimated that the introduction of such physical measures will cost at least £5000. Technical Services does not currently have funding to finance this project and given the absence of personal injury accidents the scheme cannot currently be justified.
- 3.3 Merseyside Police are the enforcement authority with regard to alleged speeding vehicles in Marina Avenue. In the absence of any personal injury accidents further action is not currently justified.
- 3.4 As Marina Avenue has an existing 'Access only' traffic regulation order imposed on it, vehicular access is restricted to residents, visitors, deliveries to residential properties and service vehicles requiring necessary access. Merseyside Police are the enforcement authority for this type of Traffic Regulation Order. Officers of Merseyside Police can enforce all unnecessary traffic movements in Marina Avenue.

### **3.0 RECOMMENDATION**

3.1 It is recommended that :

- 3.1.1 given the information supplied in paragraphs 2.2, 3.1 and 3.2 there is no current justification to introduce a prohibition of driving Traffic Regulation order on Hawthorne Road, Litherland.
- 3.1.2 given the information supplied in paragraph 3.3 and 3.4 there is no current justification for any further action relating to speeding vehicles and unnecessary traffic movements in Marina Avenue. Merseyside Police will be advised of the receipt of the petition and requested to carry out any enforcement they consider necessary at this location.

**Andy Wallis**  
**Planning & Economic Regeneration Director**

Litherland Village Community Group

Petition Against Vehicles Driving out of the KFC and Turning Right into on coming traffic on Hawthorne Road. The same thing is happening at the Garage on Hawthorne Road. We have drivers also speeding along Marina Avenue which is Access Only, This Avenue is used as a short cut for drivers going to Field Lane. We also have Cars and Vans Parking in Marina Avenue outside the Subway Outlet and also parking on both sides at the bottom of Marina Avenue at the junction with Sefton Street which is blocking the Road. At times it would be very hard for Emergency Vehicles to gain access here. Residents are terrified of the risk of accidents and near misses here. Many residents that live in Marina Avenue are elderly and disabled. Would it be possible to have some action to improve this situation please.

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