



London Borough of Hammersmith & Fulham

Cabinet

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**DEPUTY LEADER
(+ENVIRONMENT &
ASSET
MANAGEMENT)**

*Councillor Nicholas
Botterill*

**PETITION: DIVERTING TRAFFIC FROM
TOWNMEAD ROAD TO WILLIAM MORRIS
WAY**

**Ward:
Sands End**

The Council has received a petition objecting to consultation proposals to divert traffic from Townmead Road to William Morris Way.

CONTRIBUTORS

Petitions Officer
ADLDS
DFCS

Recommendation:

That officers inform the petitioners that their petition will form part of the ongoing consultation on the South Fulham Riverside SPD and notes that they have asked for the option to divert traffic from Townmead Road to William Morris Way to be dropped from the next stage of consultation on the SPD.

HAS A EIA BEEN COMPLETED? N/A
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1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 South Fulham Riverside Draft Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) was subject to a first round of public consultation between 8th April - 20th May 2011. A newsletter was sent to all households in the area advising them of the consultation taking place. A notice was also placed in the paper and details were published on our website. Many residents from William Morris Way attended the drop in sessions which were held in the area on 3rd, 4th and 7th May 2011.
- 1.2 Councillor Nicholas Botterill (Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Environment & Asset Management) and Ward Councillors (Councillors Jane Law and Steve Hamilton) held a public meeting on 9th June 2011 at the Wharf Rooms in Imperial Road to discuss a possible diversion and re-routing for traffic in the area, as laid out in the Council's first draft of the south Fulham Supplementary Planning Document (SPD). As a result of this meeting, a petition containing over 600 signatures from people living, working or studying in the borough was received objecting to the Council's consultation proposal to divert traffic from Townmead Road to William Morris Way.
- 1.3 The Petition's prayer is as follows:-

"We the undersigned object to Council's plan to divert traffic from Townmead Road to William Morris Way which will result in disruption, pollution, congestion, danger and inconvenience to motorists".

The petitioners have asked the Council to scrap the scheme which will cause danger, pollution and inconvenience for residents who live in an already congested and noisy area.

- 1.3 Officers are working with our transport consultants to look in more detail at whether the proposed highway intervention involving a change in priority to William Morris Way is definitely required. A second round of public consultation is anticipated in the autumn (October/November) on the draft SPD when the Council will be able to update William Morris Way residents regarding this issue.
- 1.4 Under the Council's Petitions Scheme, a petition attracting a minimum of 250 valid signatures (of people who live, work or study in the borough) triggers consideration of the petition by Cabinet. This petition meets this criterion.

2. COUNCIL RESPONSE TO THE PETITION

2.1 In accordance with the Council's Petitions Scheme, the petition organiser (or someone he/she nominates) may address the Cabinet for up to 5 minutes on the subject of the petition. The Cabinet may then decide to take one or more of the following courses of action:

- take the action requested in the petition
- consider the petition at a Council meeting
- hold an inquiry into the matter
- undertake research into the matter
- hold a public meeting
- hold further consultation
- hold a meeting with petitioners
- refer the petition for consideration by the relevant Select Committee
- write to the petition organiser setting out its views about the request in the petition.
- resolve that the content of the petition be taken into account when reaching a decision on the relevant report.
- in the case of a petition to Council relating to an executive function which is not being exercised in a manner inconsistent with the Budget and Policy Framework, refer the matter to Cabinet for consideration.

3. COMMENTS OF THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES

3.1. There are no financial implications to this report.

4. COMMENTS OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES)

4.1. The petition is valid under the Council's statutory Petition Scheme under Part 1 of the Democracy Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 and falls to be considered by Cabinet.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2000 **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

No.	Description of Background Papers	Name/Ext of hold of file/copy	Department/ Location
1.	Petition and letter relating to the proposed diversion of traffic from Townmead Road to William Morris Way.	Kayode Adewumi ext. 2499	Finance and Corporate Services, HTH, 1 st floor, Room 133
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