

Bolton Council

Report to: Executive Cabinet Member -
Environmental Services

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Report of: Director of Place

Report No: ECMES/48/16

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Report Title: **Petition Requesting the provision of pedestrian stage on the signal controlled junction of Bradshaw Brow and Turton Road, Bolton.**

Non Confidential: This report does **not** contain information which warrants its consideration in the absence of the press or members of the public

Purpose: To advise the Executive Cabinet Member on a petition that has been received requesting the provision of a pedestrian stage at the signal controlled junction of Bradshaw Brow and Turton Road, Bolton.

Recommendations: The Executive Cabinet Member Environmental Services is recommended to approve the following:

a) That no further action is taken with regard to the petition received from the residents of Bradshaw Brow and Turton Road.

Decision:

Signed:

Leader / Executive
Member

Monitoring Officer

Date:

Summary:

A petition has been received requesting that the Council provides a pedestrian stage on the traffic signal controlled junction of Bradshaw Brow and Turton Road. The Executive Cabinet Member Environmental Services is requested to approve the recommendation contained in this report.

Background Information

1. A petition, containing 89 signatures of persons (representing 78 households), has been received. The petitioners request that the Council provides a pedestrian stage to the signal controlled crossing at the junction of Bradshaw Brow and Turton Road, Bolton.
2. The petition states that due to the high volumes of traffic it is extremely hazardous to cross the road at most times of the day.
3. The petition states that the area has a high percentage of elderly/inform residents who need time to traverse these roads safely.
4. The petition states that traffic flows down this road, but also up from Bradshaw Brow via Harwood and along Bradshaw Brow via Bolton, resulting in permanent flow of traffic with no cessation.
5. The petition states that on Sundays and in the evenings the only public transport available is the 507 bus from Harwood, which due to the location of the bus stops means people have to cross two very busy roads.

Current Situation

6. The junction of Bradshaw Brow and Turton Road forms an important part of the highway network to the north of the borough and is the convergence of traffic heading towards/from Bromley Cross, Harwood and further afield towards Blackburn and Bury.
7. The junction is an oblique T-junction with housing and businesses fronting the majority of the junction. It should be noted that Bradshaw Brow does queue in two lanes in both directions with Turton Road queuing in a single lane and there is little opportunity to increase lane widths on any of the approaches. There are waiting restrictions through the junction on all 3 arms to assist with traffic flows.
8. There are no pedestrian stages on any arms of the junctions and pedestrians are expected to cross between stages.

Officer Observations

9. In 2009 the junction was modelled with a pedestrian stage included which would have operated on-demand only. This showed that during the peak hours of travel (3.30pm – 6.30pm) there would be traffic queues of some 300m in length back towards Bolton. This queue would conflict with the junction of Crompton Way and Tonge Moor Road and cause an increase in congestion on a route which is already saturated.
10. The latest traffic statistics also show that Turton Road and Bradshaw Road (which feeds onto the junction in question) are classed as two of the slowest roads in Bolton during the morning peak hour (8.00am – 9.00am). By introducing additional stages to the signals would further exacerbate this problem and introduce unacceptable peak time delays.

11. The injury accident statistics show that there have been 3 slight accidents in the past 3 years. One was a rear end collision with two vehicles, one was a Police Officer who was struck by an ambulance whilst on duty and one was a pedestrian who stepped out into the carriageway. This is not excessive for this type of junction given the levels of traffic flow.
12. There is a controlled crossing to the west of the junction (on a heavily used pedestrian route) adjacent to the school which is more suitable and safe for crossing this busy road.

Recommendations

13. The Executive Cabinet Member Environmental Services is recommended to approve the following:
 - a) That no further action is taken with regard to the petition received from the residents of Turton Road.