

**Environment Committee , Thursday 24 July 2014**

**Member's Item: Road Safety Measures for Chesterfield Road Safety Concerns**

**Brief from Traffic and Development (Rē)**

"Following the unfortunate road traffic accident recently Officers of the Council and Rē attended the area with local ward members and a concerned relative of the child who was injured.

A very constructive discussion took place not only on Chesterfield Road but on a larger area that extends to Whiting's Hill School where practical potential safety improvements were also discussed.

We are aware of the e-petition requesting action to be taken to improve road safety in the area and also the Facebook Group '**Chesterfield Road needs a crossing for the safety of our children**' and we welcome the interest of the community in seeking to make improvements.

It was agreed that officers would undertake an initial feasibility study on the wider area to consider possible initiatives including:

- 20mph speed limits,
- reviewing the bus routes and direction of flow, along with bus stop and stand locations,
- potential additional or improved crossing points in the area near to the park and school,
- whether underutilised land near to the school could be used in helping achieve safety improvements in the area and also
- continuing the good work done with the school via their School Travel Plans to educate and encourage improved Road Safety and modal shift to other forms of transport.

It is envisaged that the initial feasibility study will present a number of initiatives to be taken forward so that we can make real safety improvements in the area especially by working with the local community.

Whilst the initial feasibility study of the area will take place over the next month or two, progression of some measures will amount to a significantly large scale and costly traffic scheme.

This could be funded via Local Implementation Plan (LIP) funding. The LIP programme for 2014/15 is already agreed and in progress. Therefore funding in this financial year could only be achieved by agreeing with Transport for London (TfL) and the Environment Committee to drop agreed schemes in the programme to allow funding of work in the Chesterfield Road area. The Council "bids" for its proposed schemes in its Annual Spending Submission to TfL in October and therefore it seems likely that the most appropriate approach would be to include major works at this location in the 2015/16 programme.