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|  | <p>Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee</p> <p>26 October 2016</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Title</p> | <p>Vehicles Activated Sign – Monitoring – Etchingam Park Road, Park View Road and Friary Way</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Report of</p> | <p>Commissioning Director for Environment</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Wards</p> | <p>West Finchley and Woodhouse</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Status</p> | <p>Public</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Urgent</p> | <p>No</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Key</p> | <p>No</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Enclosures</p> | <p>None</p> |
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| <h2>Summary</h2> |
| <p>The report outlines the results of the monitoring of the Vehicles Activated Signs (VAS) on Etchingam Park Road, Park View Road and Friary Way and considers whether any further measures are required.</p> |

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| <h2>Recommendations</h2> |
| <p>1. That the Committee note the summary of the monitoring of the VAS locations</p> |
| <p>2. That the Committee confirm that no further action is taken in Etchingam Park Road, Park View Road and Friary Way and that the VAS remain in situ.</p> |

1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED

- 1.1 Concerns have been raised by residents at the Finchley and Golders Green Residents Forum in July 2015 regarding the speed of traffic along Etchingham Park Road, Park View Road and Friary Way. The matter was referred to the Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee on the same night. The Committee resolved that Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS) be installed on these roads and that speeds were monitored to consider whether any further measures are required.
- 1.2 The VAS signs were installed in February 2016.
- 1.3 This report is required to set out the results of the monitoring and any recommended actions.

2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 The VAS records the speed of vehicles travelling along a length of the road. The VAS's on Etchingham Park Road, Park View Road and Friary Way were monitored and the results are set out in Table 1 below.

2.2 The speeds are assessed in two ways:

1) The average speed quoted is the mean speed of all vehicles using the road. (The average obtained by adding together the results for each vehicle and dividing by the number of vehicles).

This can be affected by exceptionally high speeds or exceptionally low speeds but is the measure that current guidance uses in relation to setting local speed limits.

2) The 85th Percentile Speed which is the speed at which 85 per cent of vehicles travel at or below along a street or road (under free flow conditions).

This measure is not particularly affected by exceptional speeds since the value of the very highest and lowest results does not affect the results. The 85th percentile speed is used in road design to determine the 'design speed' for new features on the road. It is usually close to the speed limit the road and might be characterised as the speed that the majority of motorists consider a sensible maximum for the conditions.

- 2.4 Conditions are usually considered safe if 85th percentile speed is not in excess of the signed speed limit by 5 mph or more. Therefore for a 30 mph road the 85th percentile speed would ideally be less than 35 mph.
- 2.5 In all three roads monitored the 85th percentile speeds are below 30mph in both directions.

Table 1 – Speed Survey Results

| Road | Direction | Data period | Average speed (mph) | 85 th Percentile speed (mph) |
|----------------------------|------------|----------------------|---------------------|---|
| Etchingam Park Road | Northbound | 29.02.16 to 14.09.16 | 20.8 | 26.5 |
| | Southbound | 29.02.16 to 14.09.16 | 17.3 | 25.3 |
| Park View Road | Eastbound | 05.06.16 to 17.09.16 | 20.1 | 27.0 |
| | Westbound | 05.06.16 to 17.09.16 | 20.8 | 27.4 |
| Friary Way | Southbound | 23.05.16 to 14.09.16 | 18.0 | 23.6 |

2.6 The Personal Injury Accident records have been checked and show the following:

- Etchingam Park Road, there has been one slight Personal Injury Accident over the last 3 year period, however, this occurred at the junction with Squires Lane and speeding was not cited in the Police report as a contributory factor in this accident;
- Park View Road there have been no Personal Injury Accidents over the last 3 years;
- Friary Way there have been no Personal Injury Accidents over the last 3 years.

2.7 Consultation has also been undertaken on the results of the surveys with local Ward Councillors.

2.8 After consideration of both speed and collision information for Etchingam Park Road, Park View Road and Friary Way, it is not proposed to install any additional measures at this time. However, it is recommended that the vehicle activated signs remain in place and vehicle speeds continue to be monitored.

2.9 In addition, where residents are concerned about speeding in their local area there is a Community Roadwatch initiative that has been introduced by the Police in Barnet with support from TfL. This gives local residents the opportunity to work side by side with their local police teams, and use speed detection equipment to identify speeding vehicles in their communities. Warning letters will be issued where appropriate, and the information can help to inform the future activity of local police teams.

2.10 Residents can suggest areas or roads for inclusion by contacting CommunityRoadwatch@met.police.uk and Etchingam Park Road, Park View Road and Friary Way have already been forwarded onto them.

3 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND NOT RECOMMENDED

- 3.1 Alternative options are not being considered at this time following speed survey and accident investigation analysis. The existing vehicle activated signs that were installed to monitor speeds will remain in place.

4 POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION

- 4.1 Following the committee's agreement, no further action is recommended at this location and the existing VAS will remain in place.

5 IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION

5.1 Corporate Priorities and Performance

- 5.1.1 The proposals here will particularly help to address the Corporate Plan delivery objectives of "a clean and attractive environment, with well-maintained roads and pavements, flowing traffic" and "a responsible approach to regeneration, with thousands of new homes built" by helping residents and particularly school children to feel confident moving around their local area on foot, and contribute to reduced congestion.

5.2 Resources (Finance & Value for Money, Procurement, Staffing, IT, Property, Sustainability)

- 5.2.1 There are no resources implications as the 30 mph VAS are already in place and no further action is recommended.

5.3 Social Value

- 5.3.1 Not applicable in the context of this report.

5.4 Legal and Constitutional References

- 5.4.1 The Council's Constitution (Responsibility for Functions, Annex A) provides that in the area covered by the Committee:
Area Committee can discharge any functions, within the budget and policy framework agreed by Policy and Resources, of the theme committees that they agree are more properly delegated to a more local level. These include but are not limited to local highways and safety schemes..

5.5 Risk Management

- 5.5.1 None in relation to this report.

5.6 Equalities and Diversity

- 5.6.1 With regard to the council's public sector equality duty under section 149 of the Equality Act 2010, it is not considered that the proposal in this report will have any adverse impacts on any of the protected groups. It is considered that introduction of the measures outlined in the report would benefit pedestrians generally, but in particular children travelling to and from school and those escorting them.

5.7 Consultation and Engagement

- 5.7.1 None in relation to this report.

5.8 **Insight**

5.8.1 Not applicable in the context of this report.

6 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 6.1 Minutes of the 2 July 2015 Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee – Item 7 (3,4,and 14) recommending the VAS on Etchingham Park Road, Park View Road and Friary Way are monitored for 6 months with a report back on the outcome of the findings and recommendation if any further action is required.
<https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/g8263/Printed%20minutes%2002nd-Jul-2015%2019.00%20Finchley%20Golders%20Green%20Area%20Committee.pdf?T=1>