

Addendum to Item 6: Petitions; additional submitted petition.

The Committee is requested to consider the petitions and make a determination in line with its powers as detailed in recommendation 2 of the cover report for item 6.

Petition: Decoy Avenue Road Safety

Lead Petitioner: Steven Ginsberg

Ward: Golders Green

Number of signatures: 26

Details:

We are appealing to the council to look at Decoy Avenue NW11 with a view to putting in place some road calming measures, as we believe that this road has become increasingly dangerous to the residents and motorists.

This once quiet residential road is currently home to a number of elderly and vulnerable residents, as well as many families with you children and babies. We believe it is only a matter of time before there is a serious fatality in this road.

This is in part due:-

1. The road is used as a cut-through from Golders Green to Finchley Road; the traffic has increased significantly since the major roadworks at Henley's Corner when a lot of extra motorists 'found' Decoy Ave.
2. The increasing number of additional cars parked on the roadside making the road narrow, and as a result not allowing passing of two vehicles without at least one giving one to the other.
3. Cars have been found to be left in the road for weeks at a time – clearly not belonging to residents.
4. Almost continual residential building works in the road over the past few years bringing in large lorries and skips and workmen using the road for building materials and as a place to work on!
5. The home deliveries has further exacerbated the issue of the number of vehicles using Decoy Avenue as a cut-through.
6. Plain reckless driving, including:-
7. Seemingly (this still has to be properly measured), excessive speed by motorists down this residential road.
8. Motorists (sharply) cutting the corners of Bridge Lane and Eastside into and out of Decoy Ave and at speed.
9. At the meeting with Jackie Staples in the road on 24/3/2022, several motorists were observed holding mobile phones in their hands whilst driving past us. The use of mobile phones by drivers is significant which when added to the excessive speed and tight road is going to potentially cause serious accidents.

10. We are aware that the issues we experience are also the same that affect our neighbouring road of Hurstwood Road and Eastside, and feel that the whole route should be taken into consideration.

11. There have been a series of accidents and near misses already.

To this end we would welcome some traffic calming measures perhaps to reduce the motorists' speed, new/ better road markings, and a consideration of CPZ parking which will allow the road to safely support two-way traffic again.