
INTRODUCE A 30KM ZONE IN BERHAMPORE

Primary Petitioner: Willemijn Vermaat
Total Signatures: 81 (via e-Petition)

Presented by: Curtis Nixon
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Director Responsible: Anthony Wilson

Recommendations

Officers recommend that the Transport and Urban Development Committee:

1. Receive the information.
2. Note the process proposed in the development of cycleways in Berhampore and Newtown will include engagement and consultation on safer speed limits.

Background

1. The ePetition "Introduce a 30km zone in Berhampore" was initiated by Willemijn Vermaat on 22 April 2014 and closed on 17 June 2014.
2. The purpose of the petition is to request that the Council introduce a 30km zone along Adelaide Road through Berhampore to ensure the safety of all its users, as traffic is heavy at peak times and in the weekend. The petitioner notes that neighbouring suburbs have lower speed zones, and that many children and recreational cyclists use this road.
3. The petition was open to all members of the public with internet access to the Council's website. It received 81 signatures.

Officer's response

4. In 2009 the then Strategy and Policy Committee of Council approved a forward programme of safer speed limits of 30km/h in 21 identified suburban centres. To date 11 centres have been through the change process and had a safer speed limit approved and implemented.
5. The Berhampore shopping village was identified as one of the 21 suburban centres and is on the current work programme to completed.
6. The recently received report from the Citizens Advisor Panel that looked at how cycling could be better catered for through Berhampore and Newtown, identified Adelaide Road through the Berhampore Village as its preferred route. Given the road space considerations through the village it is quite likely that a lower speed limit would have a significant role in making the area safer for cycling.
7. The current proposal for Berhampore and Newtown as outlined in the Cycle Network report presented to the Transport and Urban Development Committee on 21 August

2014 proposes engaging with the Berhampore and Newtown Communities in February 2015. We would expect safer speeds in Berhampore be part of this engagement.

Attachments
Nil