

Transport and Environment Committee

10.00am, Thursday 23 May 2024

Petition for Consideration: Make Ellersly and Kinellan Roads Safer for Everyone

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Wards

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Recommendations

- 1.1 To consider the terms of the petition 'Make Ellersly and Kinellan Roads Safer for Everyone' as set out in Appendix one.

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Report

Make Ellersly and Kinellan Roads Safer for Everyone

Executive Summary

- 1.1 The Transport and Environment Committee is asked to consider a petition at this meeting.

Background

- 2.1 The City of Edinburgh Council at its meeting on 22 June 2017 agreed the Petitions Committee be discontinued and that petitions would be sent to the responsible executive committees or in future locality committees for consideration.
- 2.2 At the meeting, the committee can:
 - a) request a report on the issues raised by the petitioner and the committee;
 - b) agree that the issues raised do not merit further action and/or
 - c) agree to take any other appropriate action.

Main report

- 3.1 A valid petition entitled 'Make Ellersly and Kinellan Roads Safer for Everyone' had been received on 2 April 2024. The petition received 121 signatures.
- 3.2 The petition calls on the Council to implement traffic calming measures on both roads, widen the narrow footway on the north side of Ellersly Road and develop a plan for a pedestrian crossing.

Next Steps

- 4.1 The committee will determine next steps at this meeting.

Financial impact

- 5.1 Any proposals would be required to be fully costed, including any legal implications and agreed through the annual budget process.

Equality and Poverty Impact

5.2 Any proposals would require an equality and poverty impact assessment.

Climate and Nature Emergency Implications

6.1 Any proposals would require to be considered and agreed in line with the Climate Change (Emissions Reductions Targets) (Scotland) Act 2019 and Nature Conservation (Scotland) Act 2004.

Risk, policy, compliance, governance and community impact

7.1 Any proposals would require full community consultation.

Background reading/external references

8.1 [Minute of the City of Edinburgh Council 22 June 2017.](#)

Appendices

Appendix 1 – Petition – Make Ellersly and Kinellan Roads Safer for Everyone

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| Date made available for signatures | Date closed for signatures | Petitions Title and Petitions Statement | Wards affected |
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| | | <p>Make Ellersly and Kinellan Roads Safer for Everyone</p> <p>Safety improvements for walkers and wheelers on heavily-trafficked Ellersly Road have been sought by Murrayfield Community Council and others for over ten years. In 2021 traffic data confirmed that both Kinellan Road, a popular high-speed rat-run, and Ellersly Road meet criteria for traffic calming. The 20mph speed limit is not enforced and is respected by only a small minority of drivers. Since 2022 traffic volume has visibly increased still further. Footways, particularly on the north side of Ellersly Road, are very narrow and abut high stone walls, leaving little separation between footway users and traffic speeding close to the kerb.</p> <p>The petitioners, all residents of Ellersly and Kinellan Roads and adjoining enclaves (Westerlea Gardens, Guardianswood, Belmont Drive and Wallace Gardens) now seek action by City of Edinburgh Council in 2024-25:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. As the highest and most immediate priority, to implement traffic calming, promised since 2021, on both Ellersly and Kinellan Roads; 2. To take advantage of carriageway resurfacing scheduled in 2024 to widen the footway on the north side of Ellersly Road from Belmont Drive to Murrayfield Road; and | Corstorphine/ Murrayfield |

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| | | <p>3. To develop a firm plan for a pedestrian crossing at the east end of Ellersly Road ("Benjamin's crossing").</p> <p>Items 2 and 3 have been identified as NEPs (Neighbourhood Environmental Projects) since 2020 but have not so far been approved for funding.</p> | |
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