

COMMITTEE: WEST LUTON AREA
DATE: 26 JANUARY 2010
SUBJECT: PETITION – ONEWAY AT THE JUNCTION OF
FILMER ROAD AND ARCHWAY ROAD
REPORT BY: HEAD OF ENGINEERING AND TRANSPORTATION
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IMPLICATIONS:

LEGAL	COMMUNITY SAFETY
EQUALITIES	ENVIRONMENT
FINANCIAL	CONSULTATIONS
STAFFING	OTHER

WARDS AFFECTED: LEAGRAVE

PURPOSE

1. To report to West Luton Area Committee the receipt of a petition requesting the junction of Filmer Road and Archway Road be made one-way.

RECOMMENDATION (S)

2. That the West Luton Area Committee note:-
 - (i) receipt of the petition; and
 - (ii) that based on the accident record of the junction it is recommended that the current layout remains unchanged.

BACKGROUND

3. A copy of a petition containing 15 signatures was received on 14 January 2010. The great majority of the signatories are residents of Filmer Road.
4. The petitioners are requesting that the junction of Filmer Road and Archway Road be made one-way. They feel "... *this will reduce the number of traffic collisions on Filmer Road*".

REPORT

5. There have been six recorded accidents in this vicinity since 2004. Of the six, four accidents occurred at the junction of Filmer Road and Archway Road, all of which were classed as slight.
6. Of these one accident may have been prevented had this arm of the junction operated in a one-way direction.
7. Driver errors are the major cause of accidents. It is clear that inattentive driver behaviour coupled with a lack of perception were major factors.
8. The accident record of all junctions in Luton are regularly monitored and a priority list of where action is required drawn up. This junction has not been identified as needing road safety modifications. With limited funding it is important that junctions with the poorest road safety records are given priority.
9. Therefore, based on the accident record of the junction it is recommended that the junction layout remains unchanged.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

10. There are no legal implications to this report and this has been agreed by Mary Cormack in Legal Services on 19 January 2010.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

11. There are no financial implications. Agreed by the Finance Manager (Environment & Regeneration) on 21st January 2010.