

WARDS AFFECTED:
Bilborough

ITEM:
WEST AREA COMMITTEE
10 MAY 2006

REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR OF NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

PEDESTRIAN CASUALTIES IN THE BILBOROUGH WARD

1 SUMMARY

This report informs members of the measures that can be taken to reduce pedestrian casualty rates in Bilborough.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that members request information from relevant departments to ascertain progress towards the following:-

- Measures engineered to reduce accidents by changing layout of roads, vehicle speed reduction measures and the creation of safer routes to and from schools.
- Measures taken to provide education to parents, carers, children and drivers to reduce accidents in Bilborough.
- What traffic laws, for example speed limits, have been introduced in Bilborough to achieve a reduction in road accidents.

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The Child Accident Prevention Project has sent members information from a survey conducted about childhood injury and road safety in the Bilborough Ward funded by the Department of Health. The survey indicated that Bilborough had high numbers of pedestrian casualties compared with the national average.
- 3.2 According to the findings of the survey, between 2000 and 2003 there were thirty-nine (39) pedestrians aged under 16 or over 60, injured in Bilborough. This figure places the Bilborough ward in the top three worst wards in England and Wales for accidents on the roads.
- 3.3 Attached with this report is a guidance document prepared by the Child Accident Prevention Trust outlining measures that can be taken to reduce pedestrian casualty rates in Bilborough.

4 PROPOSALS

It is proposed that members for the Bilborough ward:

- Request a meeting with the council's road safety officer to ascertain measures which have been implemented in response to the Department of Health survey findings.
- Identify any additional measures that can be introduced that will have the greatest impact on reducing deaths and serious injuries.

5 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None.

6 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

The recommendations contained in this report are a means to ensuring that equality of opportunity, equality issues and principles are considered. It is a requirement of the action planning process to adopt these in all aspects of accident reduction work.

7 STRATEGIC AIMS

- Ensuring Local Involvement In Decision Making
- Making Nottingham A Safer City
- Creating A More Attractive Place To Live And Work
- Promoting Education And Lifelong Learning
- Creating Employment Opportunities For Local People
- Improving The Health Of Local People
- Maximising Leisure And Cultural Opportunities

8 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS OTHER THAN PUBLISHED WORKS OR THOSE DISCLOSING CONFIDENTIAL OR EXEMPT INFORMATION.

None.

9 PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN COMPILING THIS REPORT

None.

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