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| <b>Item No.</b><br>6.              | <b>Classification:</b><br>Open | <b>Date:</b><br>30 January 2016   | <b>Meeting Name:</b><br>Camberwell Community Council |
| <b>Report title:</b>               |                                | Petition – Improving cycle safety on the junction of Denmark Hill and Orpheus Street Junction |  |
| <b>Ward(s) or groups affected:</b> |                                | Camberwell Green Ward   |  |
| <b>From:</b>                       |                                | Constitutional Manager  |  |

### RECOMMENDATION

1. That the Camberwell Community Council consider a petition in respect of improving cycle safety on the junction of Denmark Hill and Orpheus Street Junction.

### BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2. A petition containing 250 signatures or more maybe presented to the Camberwell Community Council. A petition can be submitted by a person of any age who lives, works or studies in Southwark. Petitions must relate to matters which the council has powers or duties or which affects Southwark.
3. At the meeting, the spokesperson for the petition will be invited to speak up to five minutes on the subject matter. The Camberwell Community Council members will debate the petition for a period of up to 15 minutes and may decide how to respond to the petition at the meeting.
4. Any relevant resource or community impact issues will be contained in the comments of the strategic director.

### KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

5. A petition containing 276 signatures has been received from members of the public in respect of this matter. The petition states:

“We the undersigned petition the council to improve the safety at the junction of Denmark Hill and Orpheus Street in Camberwell, either by the addition of a bicycle box at the nearby traffic lights, or with a road warning sign.

Whilst cycling through Camberwell to my office in King's College Hospital last November, I was hit by a lorry turning left at the junction of Denmark Hill and Orpheus Street, flattening my bike. I walked away from that junction with a foul temper and a bruised leg. I wish the same could be said for Esther Hartsilver.

Esther was tragically knocked off her bike and killed in a truck collision at the same junction in May this year. The left turning from the busy Denmark Hill onto Orpheus Street is fairly inconspicuous, but is frequently used by cars, buses and lorries (due to the traffic system in place, it is the only way to get on to Coldharbour Lane if you are travelling south along Denmark Hill).

Furthermore, a set of traffic lights just before the junction increases the likelihood of accident, as the lack of a cyclist box encourages cyclists to line up alongside larger vehicles (this was certainly the case for my collision).

This is why I feel that something needs to be done at the junction of Denmark Hill and Orpheus Street to promote cycle safety. Either a cyclist box at the nearby traffic lights or a road sign warning cyclists (and HGV drivers alike) to be mindful when using the Orpheus Street junction would be relatively easy and cheap to implement, and would no doubt go a long way to promoting cyclist safety in Camberwell.

Either option would only be a small change, one in a city that is desperately in need of a large-scale revision of its road infrastructure to better accommodate cyclists, but it would be a welcome start.”

6. The members of Camberwell Community Council should decide how to respond to the petition at this meeting. A decision could be made to:
  - Take the action the petition requests
  - Not to take the action requested for reasons put forward in the debate, or
  - To commission further investigation into the matter.

## **SUPPLEMENTARY ADVICE FROM OTHER OFFICERS**

### **Strategic Director of Environment and Leisure**

7. Southwark Council will be implementing improvements on Denmark Hill this summer these include, the re-siting of the pedestrian crossing adjacent to Orpheus Street closer to Butterfly Walk where more people want to cross the road, allowing the right hand turn from Denmark Hill to Coldharbour Lane and a new pedestrian crossing at Love Walk. These designs were consulted in July and August 2015 and received broad support from the public. Because the proposed changes are on the Strategic Road Network the borough has to seek approval from Transport for London (TfL). When this permission is granted we will be in a position to be more precise on a start date. The outline designs for Denmark Hill will be available to view on the website from 15 February 2016.

The proposals have been designed to make the junction with Orpheus Street safer for all modes and officers will continue to consult the police during the detailed design stages for their continued support.

The Denmark Hill interventions were to be included in the Camberwell Town Centre major scheme programme, however there have been delays on the progress of the designs for the main junction at Transport for London so the borough has decided to progress the proposals on Denmark Hill so they can be delivered as soon as possible.

## **BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

| <b>Background Papers</b> | <b>Held At</b>                       | <b>Contact</b>                           |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|
| Copy of ePetition        | 160 Tooley Street,<br>London SE1 2QH | Beverley Olamijulo<br>Tel. 020 7525 7234 |

## APPENDICES

| No.  | Title |
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| None |       |

## AUDIT TRAIL

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| <b>Report Author</b>  | Tim Murtagh, Constitutional Officer   |                          |
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| <b>Dated</b>  | 22 January 2016                       |                          |
| <b>Key Decision?</b>  | No                                    |                          |
| <b>CONSULTATION WITH OTHER OFFICERS / DIRECTORATES / CABINET MEMBER</b> |                                       |                          |
| <b>Officer Title</b>  | <b>Comments Sought</b>                | <b>Comments included</b> |
| Chief Executive   | Yes                                   | No                       |
| Director of Law and Democracy   | No                                    | No                       |
| Strategic Director of Finance and Governance                            | No                                    | No                       |
| Strategic Director of Environment and Leisure                           | Yes                                   | Yes                      |
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