

MEMORANDUM

Date 17/11/16

To Councillor Rehman
Councillor Spencer

From Garry Dalton
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PETITION: ALTERATION TO ONE-WAY (AVONDALE ROAD)

This memo is in response to a petition presented to Hall Green District Committee Meeting, requesting Avondale Road is made one-way.

The petition contained 106 signatures, and was worded as follows:

“Request for the for the alteration of Avondale Road, Sparkhill to a one-way system as both side roads, Clarence Road (south) and Evelyn Road (north) were already a one-way system from Percy Road to Stratford Road and therefore, placed a heavy pressure of two-way traffic on Avondale Road..

We the undersigned are concerned citizens who urge our leaders in Birmingham City Council to act now to change the traffic flow on Avondale Road from two-way to one way ASAP. We suggest the one-way traffic should be directed from Stratford Road to Percy Road to create a balance.”

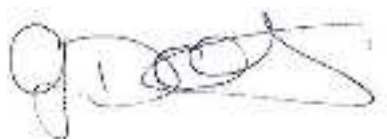
While a one-way traffic system can reduce obstruction to traffic flow and congestion these can give rise to new problems such as increased speeds and traffic volumes. One-way traffic flows are considered in conjunction with the adjacent roads that would carry displaced traffic, in the opposite direction. Evelyn Road and Clarence Road already have one-way restrictions and so considerations would also be required for Hillfield Road, and certain other Roads in the area, as these roads may effectively become one-way roads, also. All residents and the visitors to this area will become affected by the proposal.

In order to introduce a one-way system on this road requires an extensive public consultation with all affected, over a wider area. A Traffic Regulation Order would have to be made and there would also be need for signage and certain physical measures to allow or restrict turning movements, as appropriate. The cost and resource implications would therefore be significant and are estimated in excess of £20,000.

The identification of such funds would be necessary before commissioning the design and consultation exercise.

Priority for the allocation of resources from the limited highway safety budgets is decided mainly on the basis of personal injury accidents recorded by the Police.

Therefore, the accident history for Avondale Road has been checked, for a period of 3 years ending June 2015 (latest available data) to reveal that has been no recorded accidents along the whole length of the road. The road would therefore, have a lower priority when compared with other locations with adverse accident histories and regrettably a priority for a developing a one-way proposal cannot be accommodated within the existing road safety budgets, and the request cannot be taken any further under present conditions.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Dalton', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Garry Dalton
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