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LONDON BOROUGH OF BROMLEY

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Dear Mr Wells

**Chislehurst War Memorial Junction:
Petition requesting the Council to install a Push-Button Crossing
in with the Traffic Lights**

Thank you for your petition submitted on 15th April 2019.

The Council has previously provided a reply concerning this issue: it remains willing to examine any new evidence that becomes available. The Council attempts to keep traffic on the main routes by removing congestion and pinch points so that the only traffic entering/leaving a more residential area should be those accessing a destination in that residential area. This approach has been successful in smoothing traffic flow around the borough without significantly increasing highway space. It plays a role in supporting other Council objectives, including minimising increases in pollution levels and road safety. The Council views the borough's road network holistically rather than considering any one element in isolation. Encouraging traffic to remain on traffic routes both maintains residential amenity and supports road safety as inexperienced pedestrians and cyclists are less likely to experience high volumes of traffic.

The Council's highway modelling has highlighted that adding a pedestrian phase without increasing highway space at this junction will lead to exceedingly long queues at peak times, resulting in increased pollution and likely diversion of vehicular traffic into residential areas. The Council has engaged with TfL's network performance unit, but they have not supported the comment attributed to them in the petition; we would welcome receiving any evidence that supports that comment. The Council remains willing to reconsider implementing junction remodelling, should adjacent land owners agree. In the absence of that agreement; road safety reviews across the borough may justify other actions in the area in general or at the junction specifically as part of the Council's successful approach to a continual downward trend in serious and fatal road injuries in the borough. This junction is not being ignored.

If you are not satisfied with the Council's response to your petition, our Petition Scheme entitles you (or your nominee) to address a meeting of the full Council for five minutes in support of your petition. The next suitable full Council meeting will be at 7pm on Monday 15th July 2019.

Yours sincerely

Cllr William Huntington-Thresher