TO:	**SWALE JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD**
DATE:	**18 September 2006**
SUBJECT:	**BULL LANE NEWINGTON – RESIDENTS@ PETITION**
BY:	**Divisional Manager – Kent Highway Services, Mid Kent**
Classification:	**Unrestricted**
Summary:	This report Members of a petition received from the residents of Bull Lane Newington requesting the provision of vehicle crossing facilities to enable to park off-street.
Decision Required:	That no further action is taken in respect of the petition and the petitioners' representative is notified accordingly.

Introduction

1. A petition has been received from the residents of Bull Lane expressing concern regarding their cars, parked within the road, being damaged by vehicles travelling too fast through the road. They request that provision is made to construct vehicle crossings to enable them to park their vehicles within the boundaries of their own properties. A copy of the petition is attached in Annex A.

Discussion

2. Bull Lane, as shown in Annex B, is a residential road off the A2 and was the subject of a traffic calming scheme some five years ago. The section of the road in question is relatively narrow with no parking restriction, vehicles therefore park on the carriageway. Vehicle speeds are generally low.

3. The properties along this section of the road generally have sufficient space within their own boundaries to park their cars off-street. They also meet the criteria for construction of vehicle crossing for creating access from the public highway. Vehicle crossings are deemed as improvement to properties and the cost of their introduction would have to be met by the property owners/occupiers, etc. Local authorities, including the County Council, do not provide funding for these.

Decision Required

4. That Members recommend that no action is taken in respect of the petition and the petitioners' representative is notified accordingly.

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Background documents: Residents' petition