

## **REPORT OF THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT AND ENVIRONMENT**

### **RESPONSES TO PETITIONS PRESENTED TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL**

#### **Purpose of the Report**

1. The purpose of this report is to inform Council of the decisions made by the Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment concerning issues raised in petitions presented to the County Council at its 24 November 2022 meeting.

#### **Information**

##### **A. Request for carriageway resurfacing on Brookside Avenue, East Leake (Ref:2022/8)**

2. A 26-signature petition was presented to the 24 November 2022 meeting of the County Council by Councillor Matt Barney. The petition was from residents requesting that the carriageway be resurfaced.
3. The resurfacing of Brookside Avenue is currently on the candidate list for consideration for resurfacing in a future year's programme of work.
4. The carriageway was last inspected on the 1 December 2022, no investigatory defects were noted during the inspection.
5. The condition of the carriageway will continue to be monitored by the routine highway inspections and it was agreed that the lead petitioner be informed accordingly.

##### **B. Request for improved road safety measures in and around Spion Kop (Ref:2022/10)**

6. A 42-signature petition was presented to the 24 November 2022 meeting of the County Council by Councillor Bethan Eddy requesting improved road safety measures in and around Spion Kop.
7. Spion Kop is a village that is intersected by the A60 Mansfield Road. The village extents are subject to a 30mph speed limit, and it currently has an interactive speed sign situated at its southern end facing northbound traffic.
8. The accident record for this location shows that there have been no reported collisions involving injury within the 30mph extents during the 01/01/2019 to 30/06/2022 period. Following Police reports of injury accidents north of Spion Kop, a casualty reduction scheme was progressed and safety measures including signing and lining improvements were installed. More recently, a fatal accident occurred in September 2022 however, there is no treatable accident pattern which could be prioritised for a reactive safety scheme; however, the County Council can consider pro-active measure to address public concerns.

9. Following a site meeting with Councillor Eddy and a meeting with residents and the Police, it was agreed that the Police would carry out enforcement visits as part of their Fatal 4 operations as part of their Safer Streets Project. The local PCSOs have made contact with Warsop Parish Council and residents to discuss setting up a Community Speedwatch group. To recommend this location for a fixed speed camera would require 85th percentile speeds of more than 35mph and 3 injury accidents per kilometre which result in fatality or serious injury. Vehicle speeds within the 30mph limits were assessed in 2015 and revealed an 85th percentile speed of 34.1mph and the aforementioned record of injury accidents means that fixed cameras cannot be considered.
10. Further measures are being proposed, with further signage to increase awareness of the access road to properties on Mansfield Road included in the 2022/23 Integrated Transport block programme. It is also recommended that provision of a further pedestrian refuge be assessed near to the junction of Moss-car Close, this would be dependent upon a feasibility study to check site constraints and suitability of a refuge.
11. It was agreed that the lead petitioner be informed accordingly.

**C. Request for carriageway resurfacing on Westdale Lane, Carlton (Ref:2022/11)**

12. A 771-signature petition was presented to the 24 November 2022 meeting of the County Council by Councillor Errol Henry. The petition is from residents requesting carriageway resurfacing on Westdale Lane is resumed.
13. Resurfacing on Westdale Lane due to its length must be phased over several years with the section from Plains Road to Oakleigh Avenue already completed.
14. The next phase from Oakleigh Avenue to Cavendish Road is on the provisional list for inclusion in the carriageway re-surfacing programme for financial year 2023/24.
15. The condition of the carriageway will continue to be monitored by the routine highway inspections and it was agreed that the lead petitioner be informed accordingly

**D. Request for a residents' permit parking restriction on Valley Prospect and Parkway, Newark (Ref:2022/7)**

16. An 81-signature petition was submitted to the 24 November 2022 meeting of the County Council by Councillor Keith Girling on behalf of residents requesting that the County Council introduces a residents' parking scheme on Valley Prospect and Parkway to alleviate problems caused by parking associated with use of nearby Devon and Sconce Park at weekends.
17. The roads in question are residential and act as accesses to the Park pavilion and car park.
18. While the County Council is sympathetic to the frustrations caused by intrusive parking, permit schemes are intended to prevent or limit the loss of on-street parking for residents and are, therefore, prioritised in locations where residents do not have access to off-street parking.
19. All properties on both roads benefit from having off-street parking. As a result, this request would not be considered a priority for inclusion in a future year's integrated transport programme and so no further assessment will be undertaken.

20. The petition refers to concerns about emergency vehicle access during periods where there is a lot of parking. This occurs on most residential roads and is not in itself a reason to introduce a permit scheme. The emergency services advise that they do not expect to have free passage through residential areas and subsequently have developed methods to deal with this type of situation which they experience frequently.
21. Residents also highlight the issue of indiscriminate parking causing obstruction to driveways. Permit schemes are not introduced to address this issue, but residents are, however, able to fund the introduction of H-bar road markings to help deter obstruction of an existing driveway access by other vehicles. If residents wish to pursue this option, they should contact the local area highway manager to discuss this and seek approval for their introduction.
22. It was agreed that the lead petitioner be informed accordingly.

#### **E. Request for a pedestrian crossing on Wolds Drive, Keyworth (Ref:2022/12)**

23. An 843-signature petition was presented to the 24 November 2022 meeting of the County Council by Councillor John Cottey requesting that a pedestrian crossing be installed on Wolds Drive, Keyworth.
24. Wolds Drive is a primarily residential road. However, there is a shopping area located within an approximate 100m section between Cherry Hill and Church Drive. There is also a school, leisure centre, and library located on Church Drive approximately 50m to 100m west of the shopping area.
25. The road is subject to a 30mph speed limit and has school warning signs in the vicinity of the school.
26. The County Council is aware of a recent incident involving a pedestrian on 10 October 2022. However, due to this being a recent incident, the Council are still awaiting confirmation of the full details. Other than the recent incident, in the last five years there has been one confirmed accident on Wolds Drive at its junction with Church Drive, which involved a pedestrian.
27. The County Council receives far more requests for pedestrian crossings (such as puffin or zebra crossings) than it is able to fund and therefore requests for crossings are prioritised based on the number of people crossing, the volume of traffic and other relevant factors such as accident history at a proposed location so that the available funding helps the greatest number of people. For road safety reasons formal crossings are also currently only installed where they are used by pedestrians throughout the day.
28. A pedestrian and traffic survey will therefore be undertaken to determine whether a pedestrian crossing at this location should be prioritised for future funding. At locations where formal crossings aren't provided, alternative measures are also considered to help overcome issues raised. The Council will therefore also carry out an assessment of the site to determine if there are alternative options to a formal crossing that could be considered for inclusion in a future years' highways programme.
29. It was agreed that the lead petitioner be informed accordingly.

## **Link to Nottinghamshire Plan/Annual Delivery Plan**

30. Should the proposed actions be approved, they will help deliver the following Nottinghamshire Plan ambitions/delivery plan priorities:

- 'Improving transport and digital connections' and more specifically:
  - response to petitions labelled A and C will help in the delivery of the action: '*Invest in and improve the condition of the County's roads and pavements*'
  - response to petition labelled B will help in the delivery of the action: '*Keep our highways safe and reduce congestion*'
  - response to petition labelled E will help in the delivery of the action: '*Support people with transport options that are healthier and more sustainable*'

## **Other Options Considered**

31. There are no other options to consider as this report is for noting only.

## **Reason/s for Recommendation/s**

32. The recommendations detailed within this report have been developed to help ensure delivery of the County Council's 'Nottinghamshire Plan 2021-31' priorities, national priorities, and local transport goals and objectives. Recommendations are based on their ability to deliver strategic objectives (including transport objectives), evidence of need (including technical analysis), feasibility, and value for money assessments.

## **Statutory and Policy Implications**

33. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, data protection and information governance, finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (public health services), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and adults at risk, service users, smarter working, sustainability and the environment and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

## **Financial Implications**

34. There are no specific financial implications arising directly from the report.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the contents of the report be noted.

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## **Background Papers and Published Documents**

- Responses to Petitions Presented to the Chairman of the County Council – Delegated Decision (Reference 187) by Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment (published)

## **Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected**

- Carlton West – Councillor Errol Henry and Councillor Jim Creamer
- Keyworth – Councillor John Cottee
- Leake and Ruddington – Councillor Matt Barney and Reg Adair
- Newark West – Councillor Keith Girling
- Warsop – Councillor Bethan Eddy