

REPORT OF CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL

RESPONSE TO PETITIONS PRESENTED TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL ON 15 DECEMBER 2011

Purpose of the Report

1. The purpose of this report is to inform Council of responses to the issues raised in petitions presented to the Chairman of the County Council at the Council meeting on 15 December 2011:
 - A. Petition regarding traffic issues on the A606, Upper Broughton.
 - B. Petition opposing the proposed plans to install a zebra crossing on Burton Road, Carlton.
 - C. Petition opposing the permanency of a bus/coach station on the Wharf, Newark.
 - D. Petition requesting the removal of Residents Parking Schemes in Arnold.

Information and Advice

A. Petition regarding traffic issues on the A606, Upper Broughton

Response of the Cabinet Member for Transport and Highways

1. A 21 signature petition/questionnaire was presented to the 25th November 2011 meeting of the County Council by Councillor John Cottee. The petition requests the provision of a pedestrian refuge and speed reducing measures on the A606 to aid pedestrian movements.
2. The A606 is a primary route with a defined traffic function to carry traffic, including HGV. There is a 30mph limit along the A606 through the village which is naturally self enforcing by the bends in the road, which itself is on an incline. During the growing season there are also significant agricultural movements.
3. Initial site investigations have shown that it is extremely difficult to locate a safe position for a pedestrian refuge due to very limited forward visibility on the A606 through the

village highlighted by the existence of a double white line system. The installation of a central refuge would undoubtedly compromise the available running lane width particularly for larger vehicles negotiating the system of bends through the village. Furthermore experience has shown that a refuge in such a location would be vulnerable to frequent vehicle strikes creating an adverse visual impact with inherent ongoing maintenance problems.

4. Further investigations have been undertaken and have identified a potential location but it will be necessary to carry out accommodation works which could impact on:-
 - a) vehicular access to the village hall car park
 - b) the area of vegetation currently denoted by a commemorative plaque, required as a visibility splay
 - c) the location of a well established bus stop
5. It is therefore proposed to carry out preliminary consultation with the local Member and the Parish Council before detailed design work is undertaken.
6. Whilst the approaches to the village have the necessary warning signs and hazard markings, in direct response to local concern over traffic speeds, consideration will also be given to the installation of Interactive Speed Signs, subject to a site survey.

COUNCILLOR RICHARD JACKSON
Cabinet Member for Transport and Highways

B. Petition opposing the proposed plans to install a zebra crossing on Burton Road, Carlton

Response of the Cabinet Member for Transport and Highways

7. A petition of 78 signatures was presented to the 15th December 2011 meeting of the County Council by Councillor Darrell Pulk against a proposed zebra crossing on Burton Road, Carlton.
8. I am advised that a meeting took place with concerned residents on 21st December 2011 to discuss the issues raised.
9. After considering the objections received and taking into account the pressures to install crossings elsewhere, I have decided not to proceed with the proposal to install a crossing in this location.

COUNCILLOR RICHARD JACKSON
Cabinet Member for Transport and Highways

C. Petition opposing the permanency of a bus/coach station on the Wharf, Newark

Response of the Cabinet Member for Transport and Highways

10. A petition of 133 signatures was presented to the County Council on 15 December 2011 by Councillor Keith Girling opposing the permanency of a bus/coach station on the Wharf, Newark.
11. The relevant Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) propose the introduction of parking bays, both for buses and other vehicles, as well as the introduction of a one way system for the first 59 metres from Bar Gate.
12. The proposals contained in the TROs will be advertised and all objections received will be considered, along with the views of the petitioners, before I make a final decision.

COUNCILLOR RICHARD JACKSON
Cabinet Member for Transport and Highways

D. Petition requesting the removal of Residents Parking Schemes in Arnold

Response of the Cabinet Member for Transport and Highways

13. A 125 signature petition was presented to the 25 November meeting of the County Council by Councillor Ged Clarke on behalf of the residents of Smithy Crescent, Leivers Avenue and Rookery Gardens, Arnold. The petition requests that a residents parking scheme currently in operation on these roads be removed.
14. The cost of removing the Residents Parking Scheme along with the revocation of the Traffic Regulation Order backing it will be in the region of £4000.
15. The County Council has undertaken to consider requests for new schemes and amendments to existing schemes, including removal where appropriate. These will continue to be prioritised and this scheme will be included in this programme, which will be progressed as funding is made available.

COUNCILLOR RICHARD JACKSON
Cabinet Member for Transport and Highways

Reason for Recommendation

16. To update members on the petitions presented to the last meeting of Council

Statutory and Policy Implications

17. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, equal opportunities, human resources, crime and disorder, human rights, the

safeguarding of children, sustainability and the environment and those using the service and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1) It is RECOMMENDED that the contents and proposed actions be noted and that the petitioners are informed accordingly.

For any enquiries about this report please contact: Sara Allmond, Governance Team

Constitutional Comments (SLB 16/01/12)

18. The contents and proposed actions in this report are for noting and the Recommendation is within the remit of Council.

Background Papers

None

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

Keyworth
Carlton West
Newark West
Arnold North