

**REPORT OF CHAIRMAN OF THE TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
COMMITTEE****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 decisions made by the Transport and Highways Committee concerning issues raised in petitions presented to the Chairman of the County Council on 25th February 2016 and 12th May 2016.
- A. **Petition requesting a bus shelter at the junction of Musters Road and Malvern Road, West Bridgford (Ref 2016/0163)**
 2. Councillor Gordon Wheeler presented a petition of 158 signatures to the County Council meeting on 25th February 2016 requesting the installation of a bus shelter at the junction of Musters Road and Malvern Road in West Bridgford.
 3. Officers have reviewed the information supplied by the petitioners and assessed the case against the County Council's Bus Stop criteria.
 4. It has been concluded that there is a strong case for installing a bus shelter at bus stop RU0083 on Malvern Road, West Bridgford.
 5. There is budget available in financial year 2016/17 and the shelter has been added to the Rushcliffe Bus Stop Improvement Programme. The shelter will be installed by 31st March 2017, pending consultation with the adjoining properties.
- B. **Petition requesting the retention of car parking spaces on Main Road, Eastwood (Ref 2016/0176)**
 6. An 86 signature petition from the residents of Eastwood Road, Maws Lane, Jubilee Street, Truman Street and Lawn Mill Road at Kimberley was presented by Councillor Ken Rigby to the 12th May 2016 Full Council meeting.
 7. The petition is a direct result of a letter drop on 25th January 2016, by the County Councils Collision Investigation Unit, to properties 78 to 92 Eastwood Road. The letter advised residents the County Council is considering removal of two on street parking spaces, on road safety grounds, north east of Maws Lane. The petition requests that the spaces are not removed.

8. During the 4.4 year period (1st January 2011 to 30th May 2015) there have been four (one serious, three slight) reported injury collisions at the Eastwood Road/Maws Lane junction. The four collisions are almost identical and involved a vehicle turning right from Maws Lane colliding with a vehicle travelling south east along Eastwood Road. In all four collisions vehicles parked outside the shops have obscured the road user's view. Having examined the circumstances, it was concluded that, whilst contentious, removal of the parking was necessary on safety grounds and it was proposed to remove the existing small parking bay at this location.
9. The loss of the two spaces on Eastwood Road would displace parking onto the surrounding roads where parking is already at a premium. It should be noted four of the properties effected are businesses, two of which are take-away food outlets who would have associated customers.
10. Nottinghamshire Police acknowledge parked vehicles were a contributory factor in the injury collisions at this location and supported the proposed removal of the two parking spaces.
11. The Committee agreed that the on street parking be removed.

C. Petition requesting traffic calming measures in Farnsfield (Ref 2016/0177)

12. County Councillor Roger Jackson presented a 315 signature petition to the 12th May meeting of Full Council requesting traffic calming measures in Farnsfield, to minimise the risk to residents from vehicles speeding through the village.
13. The main 30mph section of road through Farnsfield runs from the junction of Mansfield Road with Cockett Lane, along Main Street, and as far as the limit of the housing on Southwell Road Farnsfield to the south east of the village.
14. In the period 1st January 2013 to 31st March 2016 there were two reported injury accidents on this length of 30mph limit, both of which occurred in September 2013. They were both classified as being of slight injury severity. In one, which occurred on Mansfield Road northwest of Chapel Lane, a car driver lost control of the vehicle, for reasons which could not be addressed by changes to the highway. In the second incident, on Main Street, a pedal cyclist rode onto the footway to allow a bus to pass and collided with a wheelie bin.
15. Based on this accident history the Council is not able to provide funding for traffic calming through Farnsfield.
16. There is an existing Interactive Sign at the northern end of the village near Cockett Lane. A speed survey would be carried out to establish if a further sign might be justified. If the measured speeds meet the appropriate criterion, the site would be added to its current list of requests for an Interactive Sign. This would be included in a future programme of works as soon as funding became available.

D. Petition requesting amendments to an existing Residents' Parking Scheme on Lincoln Street, Newark (Ref 2016/0178)

17. A petition and supporting photographs were presented to the County Council on 12th May 2016 by County Councillor Tony Roberts MBE on behalf of 37 residents requesting an amendment to the existing residents' parking scheme on Lincoln Street in Newark. A

recent change to the Traffic Regulation Order in this area discovered that the signage did not reflect the existing Order, which precipitated the updating of the signs that is mentioned in the petition.

18. The County Council reviews parking arrangements and proposes changes to on-street parking restrictions where necessary. This has resulted in several schemes being delivered to address existing parking issues in Newark. The residents request has been made as a result of parking associated with the nearby railway station, and local residents consider that the hours of the existing restrictions need to be extended to include evenings and Sundays.
19. Parking surveys would be undertaken of the Appleton Gate Resident's Parking Area which includes Northgate, Lincoln Street, Appleton Gate, Sydney Street, Cliff Nook Lane and Nursery Court and if necessary, an amendment to the existing scheme would be considered in the future.

E. Petition requesting the installation of traffic signals at the junction of Oxton Road and Whinbush Lane, Calverton (Ref 2016/0179)

20. County Councillor Boyd Elliot presented a 191 signature petition to the 12th May meeting of Full Council requesting Traffic Signals (Traffic Lights) be installed on the A6097 Oxton Road at the junction with Whinbush Lane and Flatts Lane Calverton.
21. The petitioners expressed their concern at the level of safety at the junction, citing poor visibility and the high speed of main road traffic. They felt that the junction would be much safer with traffic signals.
22. Over a number of years the junction has been the subject of a number of safety improvements including high friction surface dressing, and improved signing and road markings. The A6097 has had its speed limit reduced from 60mph, the national speed limit, to 50mph along this length. Notwithstanding this there remains an underlying level of accidents at the site.
23. A feasibility study into providing traffic signals at the junction is being undertaken. There are a number of potential technical difficulties with designing a safe installation at this site, due to the constraints of the road layout. If it were practically possible, it is likely that this would be a costly project, and funding would need to be prioritised against other competing schemes.
24. Once the study is concluded a decision will be made about the options available to improve the junction. Should a scheme prove to be viable it will be taken to Transport and Highways Committee as part of the Schemes approval process.

Statutory and Policy Implications

25. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (Public Health only), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults, service users, sustainability and the environment and ways of working and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the contents of the report and the actions approved be noted.

Kevin Greaves
Chairman of the Transport and Highways Committee

Background Papers and Published Documents

- None

Electoral Division(s) Affected

West Bridgford West, Kimberley & Trowell, Farnsfield & Lowdham, Newark West, Calverton