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## REPORT OF THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT

### **RESPONSE TO A PETITION PRESENTED TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL ON 17 MAY 2007**

#### **Purpose of Report**

1. The purpose of this report is to make an initial response to the issues raised in the following petition presented to the Chairman of the County Council at the Council meeting on 17 May 2007.

#### **Petition requesting additional lay-bys and access roads on Hoe View Road, Cropwell Bishop.**

2. A 63 signature petition requesting the provision of additional parking facilities by the installation of two access roads on land off Hoe View Road and the creation of lay-bys on Hoe View Road itself was presented to the 17<sup>th</sup> May 2007 meeting of the County Council by Councillor Richard Butler. The petition included the support of three bus companies whose services are affected by parked vehicles.
3. A site meeting has now been held with Councillor Butler to discuss the petitioners' requests.
4. It is feasible to accommodate two access roads off Hoe View Road within the adopted highway land; however, the provision of carriageway alone could, in each case, cost in the region of £25,000. Each road would serve eleven properties and statutory undertakers' equipment would need to be relocated, which could double the overall costs of the scheme. Furthermore, for the scheme to be successful the commitment of residents to provide, subject to planning approval, hard standing for car parking within the curtilage of their property would need to be obtained to prevent the access roads being blocked by cars in the future.
5. The provision of formal parking lay-bys within the carriageway of Hoe View Road itself along a 300m length could not be achieved in principle due to the lack of available width.
6. There are two large areas of amenity land on Hoe View Road and the possibility of creating parking areas within this land was discussed at the site meeting. The

consent of the landowner, Rushcliffe Borough Council, would be required if residents consider this to be a suitable alternative.

7. A bid for funding for the two access roads would be considered via a nomination from Councillor Butler for funding from the Building Better Communities budget.

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