



20th March 2014

Agenda Item:

REPORT OF SERVICE DIRECTOR, HIGHWAYS

RESPONSE TO PETITIONS PRESENTED TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL ON 16TH JANUARY 2014.

Purpose of the Report

The purpose of this report is to recommend to Committee responses to the issues raised in petitions presented to the Chairman of the County Council at the Council meeting on 16th January:

- A. Petition regarding parking on Claymoor Close, Sutton (Ref:2013/053)
- B. Petition regarding fifteen minute parking on Barnby Gate, Newark (Ref: 2013/054)
- C. Petition regarding waiting restrictions at Bilborough College (Ref:2013/055)
- D. Petition regarding parking restrictions on Limegrove / Jubilee Street, Newark (Ref: 2013/056)

A. Petition regarding parking on Claymoor Close, Sutton (Ref:2013/053)

1. A petition of 50 signatures was presented to the County Council Meeting on 16th January 2014 by Councillor Stephen Garner requesting measures to combat obstruction and safety issues caused by parents parking on Claymoor Close for the Sutton Road Primary School & Nursery on Moor Lane, Mansfield. Issues cited included parents parking blocking the road, dropped kerbs, pavements and driveways as well as restricting visibility too close to junctions. There are also reports of anti-social behaviour by drivers and parking on private driveways.
2. Claymoor Close is a small group of cul-de-sacs situated directly opposite the school on Moor Lane. There are yellow lines and 'School Keep Clear' markings covering the whole east side of Moor Lane past the Claymoor Close junction as well as nearly 20 bollards on the south side of the junction to prevent parking on the footway. There are also school warning signs, road

markings and flashing amber warning signals on Moor Lane. Claymoor Close itself is traffic calmed, but has no parking restrictions.

3. It is the Police's remit to enforce obstruction of the highway, parking on pavements, anti-social behaviour and trespass so these matters have been referred to the Police.
4. The Council is currently undertaking a countywide programme of making all 'School Keep Clear' markings legally enforceable over the next few years with the Mansfield area scheduled for 2014/15. Where additional restrictions are needed due to specific parking problems then this can be considered at the same time. It is already anticipated that additional protection would be beneficial to safeguard the School Crossing Patrol crossing point on Moor Lane.
5. Residents can also purchase advisory H-Bar Markings from the Council to protect their individual driveways if they feel this will help deter parking.
6. It is recommended that the lead petitioner be informed.

B. Petition regarding fifteen minute parking on Barnby Gate, Newark (Ref: 2013/054)

7. At the County Council meeting on 16th January 2014 a petition of 519 signatures was presented by County Councillor Stuart Wallace. The petition is from shopkeepers and their customers on Barnby Gate in Newark and requests limited waiting provision. The petitioners state that without on street parking the revenue to businesses in the area decreases every year and they request assistance to be able to provide a service to the residents of Newark.
8. Currently there is a single yellow line meaning that parking is prevented during the working day. Loading is allowed but this will not assist casual shoppers. There are several small accesses on the north side of Barnby Gate including Bede House Lane and a car park, and these junctions would need protection as Barnby Gate is a relatively narrow street. The remaining length on the South side of the road would be converted to parking places as long as access for emergency vehicles can be maintained. 30 minute waiting is suggested for these five spaces (compared with the 15 minutes requested by the petitioners) which would enable shoppers to visit more than one business or shop and encourage trade.
9. A scheme to provide these parking alterations will be included in the programme for delivery during the financial year 2014/15.
10. It is recommended that the lead petitioner be informed.

C. Petition regarding waiting restrictions at Bilborough College
(Ref:2013/055)

11. At the County Council meeting on 16th January 2014 a petition in the form of letters submitted by 59 residents was presented by County Councillor Philip Owen. The petition requests the introduction of a residents' parking scheme on roads in the vicinity of Bilborough College.
12. The county council proposed introducing a scheme at this location in October 2011. Consultation letters were sent to 196 residents but only 14% responded and only 9% responded in favour.
13. As the low response rate from the residents did not give a clear mandate for a residents' parking scheme it was decided to send out a questionnaire, with a return envelope, to better gauge the views of the residents.
14. This consultation, carried out in March 2012, also failed to produce a mandate for the introduction of a residents' parking scheme. Only 21% of consultees responded, below the 35% required by council policy.
15. As a result, proposals to introduce a residents' parking scheme were abandoned.
16. The county council is, however, in the process of introducing parking restrictions on the roads most likely to be adversely affected by parking. The impact of these restrictions will be monitored once in place and further action will be considered if appropriate.
17. It is recommended that the lead petitioner be informed.

D. Petition regarding parking restrictions on Limegrove / Jubilee Street, Newark
(Ref: 2013/056)

18. At the County Council meeting on 16th January 2014 a petition of 32 signatures was presented by County Councillor Stuart Wallace. The petition, from concerned residents and visitors of Jubilee Street in Newark, state that they are not in favour of the proposed Resident's Parking Scheme on Jubilee Street and Lime Grove.
19. All objections are currently being reviewed before the final recommendations are made. This petition will be treated as an objection to the proposals advertised and will be considered as part of a report presented to a future Transport and Highways Committee, which is likely to be in April 2014.
20. It is recommended that the lead petitioner be informed.

Ongoing Consultation

21. Below is a list of petitions which were presented to Full Council on 27th February 2014 for subsequent consideration by the Transport & Highways Committee. The issues raised in these petitions are being considered by officers and consultation is ongoing. It is intended that responses will be prepared for this Committee to consider at the meeting on 24th April 2014:
- a) Street Lighting on Station Road between Sutton Bonington Campus and Kegworth Village (Ref 2014/059)
 - b) Flooding Issues at Normanton on Soar (Ref 2014/060)
 - c) Resurfacing and Traffic Calming on Pye Hill Road, Jacksdale (Ref 2014/061)
 - d) Traffic Lights at crossroads on A60 at Costock (ref 2014/063)
 - e) Resurfacing of Upton Mount, Colwick Close and Blythe Close, Mansfield (Ref 2014/065)
22. The petition regarding overspill car parking at Retford Leisure Centre (Ref 2014/062) was also originally submitted for consideration by this Committee. However, on further investigation it is clear that the Finance & Property Committee is the appropriate body to consider the issues raised in this petition.

Reason for Recommendation

23. To inform Committee on progress being made on petitions submitted and to recommend responses to issues raised in petitions presented to the County Council on 16TH January 2014.

Statutory and Policy Implications

24. 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/S

It is RECOMMENDED that the proposed actions be approved, the petitioners be informed accordingly and a report be presented to Full Council for the actions to be noted.

For any enquiries about this report please contact: Peter Barker

Background Papers

None

Electoral Division(s)

Mansfield South, Newark East, Nuthall.