

# report



meeting COUNTY COUNCIL

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## **RESPONSE TO PETITIONS PRESENTED TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL ON 24 JUNE 2010**

### **Purpose of Report**

1. The purpose of the report is to respond to the issues raised in petitions presented to the Chairman of the County Council at the Council meeting on 24 June 2010.
  - A. Petition in support of the proposed new SureStart Centre at Brinsley Primary School
  - B. Petition against proposed charges for on-street parking permits on Smithy Crescent, Leivers Avenue and Rookery Gardens, Arnold
  - C. Petition for a zebra/pelican crossing near the rear of Selston Arts & Community College on Mansfield Road, Selston
  - D. Details to be confirmed
  - E. Petition against proposed Permit Parking on Anston Avenue, Worksop

### **A. Petition in support of the proposed new SureStart Centre at Brinsley Primary School**

A written petition signed by 8 local parents has been received, urging the Council “to reject the objections made around parking on ‘The Moor’ and traffic increase to the surrounding area” and to “support the new building for the Children’s Centre.”

This matter, along with the objections, the petition and other letters of support was considered at the County Council’s Planning Committee on 6 July and the proposal for the new building was accepted. The concerns of the petitioners have therefore been addressed.

COUNCILLOR PHILIP OWEN  
Cabinet Member for Children & Young People’s Services

**B. Petition against proposed charges for on-street parking permits on Smithy Crescent, Leivers Avenue and Rookery Gardens, Arnold**

Response of the Cabinet Member for Transport and Highways

2. A petition of approximately 110 names was presented to 24 June 2010 meeting of the County Council by Councillor Carol Pepper requesting that the County Council reconsider the proposals to charge for on-street parking permits issued in connection with Residents Parking Schemes on Smithy Crescent, Leivers Avenue and Rookery Gardens, Arnold.
3. The proposal to charge for permits was included in the budget proposals in November 2009 and confirmed as part of the County Council's budget for 2010/11 on 25 February 2010.
4. On 9 March 2010 the "Charges for Highway Services 2010/11" report to the Cabinet Member for Transport and Highways included the detail of this charge as being £25 per permit issued (with permits being valid for a maximum of 12 months).
5. Concessions have been agreed for Blue Badge holders and those aged 75 and over, since Blue Badge holders and the elderly can be more reliant upon private transport than other residents and therefore have greatest need to keep a vehicle near to their homes.
6. Charging for permits for on-street schemes is common practice in the UK and the charges which will be applicable in Nottinghamshire are similar to those applied by many other authorities.
7. Residents' Parking Schemes exclude the majority of motorists from parking in the area of the scheme thereby improving the opportunity for local residents to park nearer to their homes. Charging for permits ensures that those who obtain the benefit from such schemes contribute to their operation and management, which is a fair and equitable arrangement. The charge relates to the provision of the permit and administration of the scheme and is not a charge for parking on the public highway.

COUNCILLOR RICHARD JACKSON  
Cabinet Member for Transport and Highways

**C. Petition for a zebra/pelican crossing near the rear of Selston Arts & Community College on Mansfield Road, Selston**

Response of the Cabinet Member for Transport and Highways

8. At the County Council meeting of 24 June 2010 Councillor Gail Turner presented a petition of 464 signatures requesting a zebra/pelican crossing at the rear of the Selston Arts and Community College on Mansfield Road, Selston.
9. This request will be investigated in terms of accident records, vehicle and pedestrian flows in addition to other relevant local factors and will be considered against other bids for available funding in the 2011/12 financial year and beyond.
10. It has to be stressed that there are severe pressures on funding for such projects, with Local Transport Plan funding having been significantly cut back in the current financial year and the position in 2011/12 and beyond very uncertain.
11. Priority for the available funding will therefore continue to be given to schemes with the highest priority when relevant factors are taken into account.

COUNCILLOR RICHARD JACKSON  
Cabinet Member for Transport and Highways

**D. Petition regarding a rights of way issue on applying for the re-opening of a bridle route between Lings Lane, Keyworth and Occupation Lane, Wysall**

The Corporate Director of Communities is commissioning an independent review investigating the issues raised within the petition. The review will need to seek clarification of the issues raised in the Petition and will cover both the technical Rights of Way issue and the actions of the Rights of Way service in relation to it.

COUNCILLOR RICARD JACKSON  
Cabinet Member for Transport and Highways

**E. Petition against proposed Permit Parking on Anston Avenue, Worksop**

Response of the Cabinet Member for Transport and Highways

12. At the meeting of the County Council on 24 June 2010, Councillor Sybil Fielding presented a petition of approximately 150 signatures requesting that the proposed residents' permit parking scheme on Anston Avenue, Worksop be withdrawn.

13. Consultation with residents on the proposed scheme has recently been carried out, with the closing date for comments being 25 June 2010.
14. A number of comments have been received, and these are being considered. Once this has been completed, a report will be taken to the Cabinet Member for Transport and Highways for decision on whether to progress this scheme. The petitioners will be informed as appropriate once a decision has been made.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

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

#### **Comments of the Service Director – Finance**

The cost of actions arising from the petitions will have to be met from existing budgets. (MB 13/07/10)

#### **Legal Services' Comments**

The proposal in this report is within the remit of Council.  
(SLB 13/07/10)

#### **Background Papers Available for Inspection**

None

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