

**10 September 2015****Agenda Item: 8****REPORT OF INTERIM SERVICE DIRECTOR, HIGHWAYS & SERVICE  
DIRECTOR, TRANSPORT, PROPERTY AND ENVIRONMENT****RESPONSES TO PETITIONS PRESENTED TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE  
COUNTY COUNCIL ON 9<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2015.****Purpose of the Report**

1. The purpose of this report is to recommend to Committee the responses to the issues raised in petitions presented to the County Council on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2015.

**A. Petition Regarding the Warsop to Worksop Bus Service (Ref 2014/0118)**

2. A petition signed by 432 residents regarding the Edwinstowe to Warsop bus service was presented to the County Council on 9th July 2015 by Councillor John Allin.
3. The Worksop – Warsop – Edwinstowe service 209 was introduced in August 2014 following a countywide review of local bus services as part of the budget efficiencies programme. This involved a reduction in the frequency of poorly used services in the area. Passenger figures for the 209 service are being assessed and further discussions will be held with Cllr John Allin to assess how the needs of the local community can be met. Any increase in the services will be dependent on usage and the availability of funding from the Local Bus Service budget. Any recommendations regarding the future funding of local bus services in the area will be brought to the Transport & Highways Committee later this year.
4. It is recommended that the lead petitioner be informed.

**B. Request for a Bus Shelter on Ilkeston Road (Hicklings Lane), Stapleford (Ref 2014/0119)**

5. A petition signed by 34 residents was presented to the County Council on 9th July 2015 by Councillor Jacky Williams.
6. The request for a shelter at Ilkeston Road, Stapleford was received in June 2015 followed shortly after by the petition. A site visit has been undertaken together with an assessment of the passenger numbers using the stop and a safety audit of the site. The location meets the criteria for a bus shelter which can be provided and funded from the bus shelter programme. Residents living near the bus stop site will shortly be contacted

about the proposed shelter and upon completion of this consultation, the bus shelter will be ordered. It is expected that a two panel polycarbonate bus shelter with half end panels will be installed by spring 2016.

7. It is recommended that the lead petitioner be informed.

**C. Petition Regarding Bus Services in Beeston North (Ref 2014/0120)**

8. A 323 signature petition was presented to the County Council on 9th July 2015 by Cllr Steve Carr. The petition asked the County Council to ensure that North Beeston continues to get a frequent bus service.
9. The new Beeston Tram & Bus Interchange opened on 12 July 2015 with a number of changes being made to commercially provided bus services. Yourbus have introduced a new X36 and S1 service which operates along Bramcote Avenue, Park Street and Wollaton Road every 30 minutes. The peak time X36 journeys extends to Nottingham and the off peak S1 service connects at the new Interchange with a number of high frequency bus services and the tram to Nottingham and Chilwell. All previous stops in Beeston are covered by the new routes.
10. It is recommended that the lead petitioner be informed.

**D. Petition Regarding Inappropriate Short Cuts by Vehicles in the Beeston North Area (Ref 2015/121)**

11. A 26 signature petition was presented to the 9<sup>th</sup> July meeting of the County Council by Councillor Steve Carr. The petitioners were concerned about vehicles using inappropriate short cuts to avoid congestion on the A52.
12. There are no access restrictions or traffic calming in the area , however construction works for the tram are close to completion and it is accepted that with any major works on the highway there is a tendency for traffic movements around the area to alter and those movements should change on completion of these works. Contact has been made with the manager of the local depot of UPS (a nationwide parcels delivery firm) requesting that their vans use more appropriate routes although it is possible that the company will have legitimate reason for accessing the area to deliver parcels to residents and shops.
13. The accident history for the area does not justify any improvements. However, the carriageway markings in the area need refreshing and this work will be added to the future programme.
14. It is recommended that the lead petitioner be informed.

**E. Petition Requesting Improvements to the Carriageway Condition on Carlingford Road, Hucknall (Ref 2015/122)**

15. An 85 signature petition was presented to the 9th July 2015 meeting of the County Council by Councillor John Wilmott. The petitioners requested improvements be undertaken to the carriageway on Carlingford Road Hucknall.

16. The carriageway has been inspected recently and it has numerous areas of surface course fretting and old utility reinstatements. The issues are compounded by double parking along the road, thus all traffic takes the same centre line. Notwithstanding this, no actionable defects were found during the inspection.
17. In the meantime, the condition of the carriageway will be monitored via the routine annual inspections and any defects repaired which jeopardise the safety of road users. Although not included in the original 2015/16 resurfacing programme the road is being assessed for inclusion in the programme should the opportunity arise.
18. It is recommended that the lead petitioner be informed.

**F. Petition Requesting the Resurfacing of a Grassed Area on Knoll Avenue, Hucknall (Ref: 2014/0123)**

19. A 29 signature petition was presented to the 9th July 2015 meeting of the County Council by Councillor John Wilmott. The petitioners requested the large grassed area of adopted highway in front of properties 9 to 27 on Knoll Avenue Hucknall be turned into a car park for local residents.
20. Soft landscape areas within the highway enhance the local environment and the grass is well maintained with two well established trees and utility services in the area. The creation of a car parking area would necessitate the removal of these features. It is accepted that on occasion residents may not be able to park directly outside their properties but are able to park within a reasonable distance. It is not considered that the creation of a parking area is warranted.
21. It should be noted that the recent tragic fatality in this vicinity was not related to the issues contained within the petition.
22. It is recommended that the lead petitioner be informed.

### **Other Options Considered**

23. Each petition response sets out any other options that may be considered.

### **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**

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

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### **Background Papers and Published Documents**

Minutes of County Council meeting 9<sup>th</sup> July 2015.

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

Warsop, Bramcote and Stapleford, Beeston North, Hucknall.