

19 May 2016

Agenda Item: 7

REPORT OF SERVICE DIRECTOR, HIGHWAYS

RESPONSES TO PETITIONS PRESENTED TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL

Purpose of the Report

1. The purpose of this report is to recommend to Committee the responses to the issues raised in petitions to the County Council on 24th March 2016.

- A. Petition requesting a Residents' Parking Scheme for Matlock Street, Netherfield (Ref 2016/0169)**

2. A 31-signature petition was presented to the 24th March meeting of the Full Council by Councillor Nicki Brooks on behalf of residents of Matlock Street, Netherfield. The petition requests that a residents' parking scheme is introduced on the road.

3. Matlock Street is a cul-de-sac located off Meadow Road close to the west of the town centre. Properties do not have off-street parking. There are no parking restrictions.

4. Requests for residents' parking are considered against the current policy for new schemes which states that there should be:
 - a. significant levels of current requests from residents
 - b. non-resident parking which is detrimental to the vitality of the local centre or other Local Transport Plan objectives, and
 - c. a trip-attractor which causes non-resident intrusive parking.

5. It is considered that this request meets all these criteria and it is agreed that the county council will carry out an investigation to determine whether a residents' parking scheme could be considered for inclusion in a future year's programme.

6. It is recommended that the lead petitioner be informed accordingly.

B. Petition requesting amendments to an existing Residents' Parking Scheme on Kenrick Street, Netherfield (Ref 2016/0170)

7. A nine-signature petition was presented to the 24th March meeting of the Full Council by Councillor Nicki Brooks on behalf of residents of Kenrick Street, Netherfield. The petition requests that the hours of operation of the existing residents' parking scheme are extended from 8 am to 6 pm to all day.
8. Kenrick Street forms part of the one-way system that operates in Netherfield. It has a mix of commercial and residential properties. The residential properties do not have off-street parking. There is an existing parking scheme but residents complain that it remains difficult to park after 6 pm when the present restrictions end.
9. Given the proximity to the town centre and nearby commercial properties, it is acknowledged that the present restrictions may not provide sufficient protection for permit holders. Consequently, this request will be considered for inclusion in a future year's programme.
10. It is recommended that the lead petitioner be informed accordingly.

C. Petition requesting a Residents' Parking Scheme for Windsor Crescent, Stapleford (Ref 2016/0171)

11. A 29-signature petition was presented to the 24th March meeting of the Full Council by Councillor Jacky Williams on behalf of residents of Windsor Crescent, Stapleford. The petition requests that a residents' parking scheme is introduced on the road.
12. Windsor Crescent is a cul-de-sac located off Windsor Street to the east of the town centre. Properties do not have off-street parking and the street is very narrow (3.5 metres) with a turning head. There are no parking restrictions. Petitioners claim that residents of Windsor Street park vehicles on Windsor Crescent and, in doing so, obstruct access and deny elderly residents an opportunity to park close to their properties.
13. Requests for residents' parking are considered against the current policy for new schemes which states that there should be:
 - a. significant levels of current requests from residents
 - b. non-resident parking which is detrimental to the vitality of the local centre or other Local Transport Plan objectives, and
 - c. a trip-attractor which causes non-resident intrusive parking.
14. This request does not meet these criteria: the alleged parking problems are caused by residents, albeit, those who do not live on the street in question. Consequently, a residents' parking scheme on Windsor Crescent is not considered to be a priority and so no further action is intended at this time.
15. It is recommended that the lead petitioner be informed accordingly.

D. Petition requesting traffic calming on Main Street, Bothamsall (Ref 2016/0172)

16. County Councillor John Ogle presented a petition to the 24th March meeting of Full Council from the residents and visitors of Bothamsall. The petition requested that the Council provide suitable traffic calming on Main Street Bothamsall, to address concerns about excessive speed of traffic. It cited a number of recent incidents including damage to a Parish provided Grit Bin, a field gate and a number of sections of fencing. Poor footway provision is also a concern.
17. In the period 1st January 2010 to 31st January 2016 there was one reported injury accident in the whole of Bothamsall. This occurred on Main Street and involved a motorcyclist falling off his machine while cornering in wet weather.
18. Based on this accident history the Council could not provide funding for traffic calming on Main Street Bothamsall.
19. A speed survey carried out in September 2015 shows a mean speed of 32.8 mph which is broadly in line with what would be expected in a typical 30mph limit. However the 85th percentile speed of 38.2 mph supports the view that a proportion of drivers are regularly exceeding the limit.
20. The Council have already agreed to deploy a temporary Interactive Speed Sign on Main Street in early May 2016, for a period of 6 to 8 weeks. These signs detect a driver's speed, and display a message encouraging them to slow down if they are over the limit.
21. For the longer term, the Council will add Main Street Bothamsall to its current list of requests for a Permanent Interactive Sign. This will be included in a future programme of works as soon as funding is available.
22. It is recommended that the leading petitioner be informed.

E. Petition Response: 'Traffic Outside Holgate Primary School' (Ref 2016/0173)

23. A 66 signature petition was presented to County Council on 24th March 2016 by Councillor John Wilkinson on behalf of the residents of High Leys Road, Annies Close and Fox Meadow at Hucknall. The petition requests parking restrictions are enforced at school starting/finishing times and the one way/drop off at the school is reinstated immediately.
24. As part of the school redevelopment a one way drop off zone was constructed which operates within the school curtilage. It appears altercations have occurred between parents and school staff following misuse by parents. As a result the school now closes the gates which has removed this facility. Subsequently parking and congestion issues now occur on the roads around the school where the petitioners live.
25. To address the residents' concerns a request has been made for the County Council's camera-equipped enforcement vehicle to visit the location.
26. The County Council will work with the school in an attempt to improve the situation further. The problems with pedestrian and vehicular interaction within the school grounds will be assisted by ramping the zebra crossing also within the school grounds and constructing a

footway to the east of the site as detailed in the original design. These requirements were part of the planning consent granted for the school redevelopment but to date have not been delivered. The concerns of residents regarding highway safety will be brought to the attention of the relevant planning officer.

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

F. Petition request footway extension on Alfreton Road Underwood (Ref 2016/0174)

28. A petition containing 26 signatures was presented to 24th March 2016 meeting of the County Council by Councillor David Martin. The petition requests the introduction of a new section of footway from 124 Alfreton Road to Larch Close Underwood.

29. A scheme to provide a new section of footway on Alfreton Road Underwood was approved for inclusion in the 2016-17 Integrated Transport capital programme by the Transport and Highways committee on the 17th March 2016.

30. It is intended that the scheme will be delivered by the 31st March 2017 subject to further design

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

G. Petition requesting a Residents' Parking Scheme for Cemetery Road, Stapleford (Ref 2016/0175)

32. A 31-signature petition was presented to the 24th March meeting of the Full Council by Councillor Stan Heptinstall on behalf of residents of Cemetery Road, Stapleford. The petition requests that a residents' parking scheme is introduced on the road.

33. Cemetery Road is a cul-de-sac located off Nottingham Road to the north east of the town centre. Properties on the west side do not have off-street parking but most properties on the east side do. There are no parking restrictions. There are two businesses located at the junction of Cemetery Road and Nottingham Road. It is claimed that the introduction of parking restrictions on nearby roads has caused visitors to park on Cemetery Road as an alternative.

34. Requests for residents' parking are considered against the current policy for new schemes which states that there should be:

a. significant levels of current requests from residents

b. non-resident parking which is detrimental to the vitality of the local centre or other Local Transport Plan objectives, and

c. a trip-attractor which causes non-resident intrusive parking.

35. It is considered that this request meets these criteria and it is agreed that the county council will carry out an investigation to determine whether a residents' parking scheme could be considered for inclusion in a future year's programme.

36. It is recommended that the lead petitioner be informed accordingly.

Statutory and Policy Implications

37. 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

- None

Electoral Division(s) Affected

Carlton East, Bramcote and Stapleford, Tuxford, Hucknall, Selston.