

## **REPORT OF THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT AND ENVIRONMENT RESPONSES TO PETITIONS PRESENTED TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL**

### **Purpose of the Report**

1. The purpose of this report is inform Council of the decisions made by the Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment concerning issues raised in petitions presented to the County Council at its 22 September 2022 meeting.

### **Information**

#### **A. Request for the widening of the footway between Tuxford and East Markham (Ref:2022/3)**

2. A 246-signature petition was presented to the 22 September 2022 meeting of the County Council by Councillor John Ogle requesting the widening of the footway between Tuxford and East Markham.
3. The petition reports that the footway is a well-used route but that the existing facility is very narrow, meaning that two people cannot walk side by side, pushing a pushchair is difficult, and the route is unusable for those with limited mobility and those using a wheelchair or a mobility scooter. Maintenance work was carried out in 2019 but the vegetation has grown back, and the petitioners are now requesting that the footway is widened and resurfaced.
4. A feasibility study will be carried out to investigate the options available to repair and improve the footway, and their associated costings.
5. It was agreed that the lead petitioner be informed accordingly.

#### **B. Request for a one-way system and a residents' parking scheme be introduced on Victoria Street, Kimberley (Ref:2022/4)**

6. A 39-signature petition was presented to the 22 September 2022 meeting of the County Council by Councillor Philip Owen on behalf of residents of Victoria Street, Kimberley.
7. Victoria Street is a residential road of terraced properties with limited off-street parking, and on-street parking is only available on one side of the road due to the carriageway widths and existing no waiting restrictions.
8. It has been shown that average vehicle speeds tend to increase on streets where one-way restrictions are introduced due to there being no opposing flow of traffic. Vehicles may also ignore the restriction with the potential for the road to become a popular rat run to avoid traffic queues in Kimberley Town Centre. Records show that there have been no reported injury

accidents on Victoria Street in the last 3-year reporting period. As such, a one-way street cannot be justified on accident reduction grounds.

9. A parking survey will, however, be undertaken to determine whether a residents' parking scheme should be considered at this location for possible inclusion in a future year's integrated transport programme.

10. It was agreed that the lead petitioner be informed accordingly.

**C. Request for a community bus service following the removal of Trentbarton's route 21 bus service, Stapleford (Ref:2022/5)**

11. A 1363-signature petition was presented to the 22 September 2022 meeting of the County Council by Councillor John Doddy requesting that County Council considers providing a community bus service, following the removal of Trentbarton's route 21 bus service which connects Stapleford to Nottingham.

12. In October Trentbarton along with many other bus operators withdrew or reduced over 20 routes in Nottinghamshire. The Transport & Travel Services team are currently reviewing these changes along with over 80 routes the County Council currently supports as part of a wider network review which will develop a plan to use the £3.9m Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP) funding recently approved by Central Government. Services in the Stapleford area are included in this network review.

13. It was agreed that the lead petitioner be informed accordingly.

**D. Request for an urgent review of the safety of Gonalston Lane, Hoveringham (Ref:2022/6)**

14. A 76-signature petition was presented to the 22 September 2022 meeting of the County Council by Councillor Roger Jackson requesting the County Council urgently reviews the safety of Gonalston Lane, Hoveringham, and take steps to ensure safety of pedestrians, motorists, and wildlife.

15. The County Council is aware of the issues caused by visitors to the Railway Lake at Hoveringham especially in the summer. Officers have met with the landowners, the County Councillor, and the Parish Council to help resolve this and as a result a temporary parking restriction was introduced in the school summer holidays that was regularly enforced. On 12 October 2022, a formal consultation commenced on a permanent restriction on Gonalston Lane that will limit the parking areas to the existing off-carriageway hardstanding areas. This consultation closed on 12 November and there were two objections received. Consequently, these will be considered by the Head of Highways in due course. The Parish Council and County Councillor have been engaged throughout and support these proposed measures. The landowners have been encouraged to consider fencing or similar to prevent illegal access, but the County Council has no jurisdiction over this.

16. If the restrictions are introduced after consultation, they will be enforced regularly and at the Parish Council meeting on the 25 October, members offered to help with providing updates on the prevailing parking issues to the enforcement team. These proposals should ensure Gonalston Lane is kept clear of vehicles parking in the verge and restricting access for all users and in particular the emergency services.

17. It was agreed that the lead petitioner be informed accordingly.

### **Link to Nottinghamshire Plan/Annual Delivery Plan**

18. In approving the proposed actions, they will help deliver the following Nottinghamshire Plan ambitions/delivery plan priorities:

- *‘Improving transport and digital connections’* and more specifically;
  - response to petition labelled A will help in the delivery of the action: *‘Invest in and improve the condition of the County’s roads and pavements’*
  - response to petitions labelled A and C will help in the delivery of the action: *‘Support people with transport options that are healthier and more sustainable’*
  - response to petition labelled C will help in the delivery of the action: *‘Improve bus services’*
  - response to petition labelled D will help in the delivery of the action: *‘Keep our highways safe and reduce congestion’*

### **Other Options Considered**

19. There are no other options to consider as this report is for noting only.

### **Reason/s for Recommendation/s**

20. The recommendations detailed within this report have been developed to help ensure delivery of the County Council’s ‘Nottinghamshire Plan 2021-31’ priorities, national priorities, and local transport goals and objectives. Recommendations are based on their ability to deliver strategic objectives (including transport objectives), evidence of need (including technical analysis), feasibility, and value for money assessments.

### **Statutory and Policy Implications**

21. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, data protection and information governance, finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (public health services), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and adults at risk, service users, smarter working, sustainability and the environment and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

### **Financial Implications**

22. There are no specific financial implications arising directly from the report.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the contents of the report be noted.

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**Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment**

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**Background Papers and Published Documents**

- Responses to Petitions Presented to the Chairman of the County Council – Delegated Decision (Reference 152) by Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment (published)

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

- Nuthall and Kimberley – Councillor Philip Owen
- Southwell – Councillor Roger Jackson
- Stapleford and Broxtowe Central – Councillor John Doddy and Councillor John McGrath
- Tuxford – Councillor John Ogle