

21 May 2015

Agenda Item: 15

**REPORT OF INTERIM SERVICE DIRECTOR, HIGHWAYS & SERVICE
DIRECTOR, TRANSPORT, PROPERTY & ENVIRONMENT**

**RESPONSES TO PETITIONS PRESENTED TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE
COUNTY COUNCIL ON 26TH MARCH 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 26th March 2015.

A. Petition Regarding Part Night Lighting at Misterton (Ref 2015/113)

2. A 78 signature petition was presented to the Chairman of the County Council at the meeting of 26th March 2015 by Cllr Liz Yates.
3. The petition was from residents of Grove Park, Grovewood Road, Gravelholes Lane and Amcott Avenue, Misterton who were requesting that the street lighting be returned to all night operation.
4. Over the last 18 months various changes have been made in Misterton with regard to altering the part night lighting schemes. As Misterton is one of the most northern villages in Nottinghamshire the travel cost and staff time involved in return visits to keep adjusting one or two lights is not cost effective.
5. As a result of the petition there will be more lights on all night than part night operation. Therefore the decision has been taken to adjust all the lighting to all night whilst the street lighting crews are there. The works will be combined with a bulk clean and change (on all lights) so that further visits will not be needed for some time.
6. It is recommended that the lead petitioner be informed.

B. Petition Supporting the Installation of two Bus Stops in Farndon (Ref 2015/114)

7. A 33 signature petition was presented to the Chairman of the County Council at the meeting on 26th March by Councillor Sue Saddington. The petition supports the proposals for two new bus stops on Marsh Lane, Farndon close to the junction of Chestnut Grove. This Petition followed a news article in the Newark Advertiser by a resident objecting to the proposed location of one of the bus stops.
8. The County Council is currently reviewing the demand for the bus stop in conjunction with the local bus operators and the Parish Council and will, during the process, consider any objections received together with the support given in the petition.
9. It is recommended that the lead petitioner be informed.

C. Petition Requesting a Residents' Parking Scheme on Grange Avenue, Beeston (Ref: 2014/0115)

10. A petition signed by 24 residents was presented to County Council on 26 March 2015 by Councillor Steve Carr. The petition raises complaints about intrusive parking on Grange Avenue and requests the introduction of a residents' parking scheme.
11. Parking restrictions in and around Beeston and Chilwell are currently under review by the County Council, particularly relating to potential impacts of NET Phase 2. To that end, before the tram works started surveys were undertaken to establish the current levels of parking (including Grange Avenue) so that we can determine changes in parking patterns once NET Phase 2 becomes operational. Further surveys will be carried out within six months of the line opening.
12. The experience of NET line 1 has shown that parking at local tram stops is not a major issue as access to the intermediate stops is not as attractive as the free park and ride car parks where there is better security. Having said this it may be that parking patterns are different on NET Phase 2 and therefore should the need arise the 2015/16 funding allocated for parking improvements will be prioritised to address parking issues arising from NET Phase 2.
13. The County Council receives a number of non-tram related requests for parking restrictions across the county. Each request is assessed and if necessary considered, alongside all other requests, for funding in a future years' integrated transport programme. Grange Avenue will also be considered as part of these assessments.
14. It is recommended that the lead petitioner be informed.

Other Options Considered

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

Statutory and Policy Implications

16. 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 26th March 2015.

Electoral Division(s) Affected

Mlsteron, Farndon & Muskham, Beeston North