

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF COMMUNITIES AND PLACE COMMITTEE

RESPONSES TO PETITIONS PRESENTED TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL

Purpose of the Report

1. The purpose of this report is to inform Council of the decisions made by the Communities and Place Committee concerning issues raised in petitions presented to the Chairman of the County Council on 13th July 2017.

A. Petition requesting a residents' parking scheme on Erewash Street, Kirkby in Ashfield (Ref 2016/0240)

2. A 17 signature petition was presented to the 13th July 2017 meeting of the County Council by Councillor Rachael Madden on behalf of residents of Erewash Street, Kirkby in Ashfield. The petition requested that a residents' parking scheme be introduced on Erewash Street, Kirkby in Ashfield.
3. Requests for residents' parking schemes are prioritised in locations where residents do not have off-street parking and where a scheme won't negatively affect nearby streets and town centres, or increase rat running or vehicle speeds. Schemes are prioritised based on the level of non-resident parking.
4. Erewash Street, Kirkby in Ashfield is a residential road with no off-street parking situated to the west of the town centre; with existing on-street parking restrictions on the road at its junction with Urban Road but not its entire length.
5. A parking survey would be undertaken to determine whether a residents' parking scheme should be considered a priority at this location for possible inclusion in a future year's integrated transport programme.

B. Petition requesting parking restrictions in the laybys on the A608 near its junctions with the M1 (Ref: 2016/0241)

6. A petition was presented to the 13th July 2017 meeting of the County Council by Councillor Rachel Madden on behalf of food businesses operating at the laybys on the A608 on its approaches to M1 Junction 27. The petition requested the introduction of limited waiting parking restrictions to prevent vehicles parking in the layby for long periods of time; which it was claimed was negatively impacting on the businesses.

7. The Council receives a very large number of requests for such parking restrictions and therefore requests are prioritised by the local highways district manager. To ensure that all similar requests are assessed in a standard and consistent way parking restrictions are implemented at locations where some, or all, of the following issues are evident:
- there have been three or more accidents in the last three years which have resulted in personal injury
 - emergency services and/or bus services are being severely obstructed by the parking on a regular basis
 - problems entering into or out of junctions by emergency services and/or bus services have been repeatedly and regularly reported
 - the parking restriction is likely to be respected by drivers and will have a significant beneficial effect on the area
 - there would not be a significant transfer of the parking to adjacent areas
 - the required public consultation on the restriction would not result in significant objections.
8. Unfortunately the issues outlined above do not appear to be evident at this location and therefore the request would not currently be prioritised. If, however, any of the conditions stated above alter significantly in the future the request would be reviewed.

C. Petition requesting parking restrictions at Maypole Green, Wellow (Ref: 2016/0242)

9. A 10 signature petition was presented to the 13th July 2017 meeting of the County Council by Councillor John Peck on behalf of residents of Maypole Green, Wellow. The petition requested that parking restrictions be introduced on Maypole Green to prevent inconsiderate parking.
10. The Council receives a very large number of requests for such parking restrictions and therefore requests are prioritised by the local highways district manager. To ensure that all similar requests are assessed in a standard and consistent way parking restrictions are implemented at locations where some, or all, of the following issues are evident:
- there have been three or more accidents in the last three years which have resulted in personal injury
 - emergency services and/or bus services are being severely obstructed by the parking on a regular basis
 - problems entering into or out of junctions by emergency services and/or bus services have been repeatedly and regularly reported
 - the parking restriction is likely to be respected by drivers and will have a significant beneficial effect on the area
 - there would not be a significant transfer of the parking to adjacent areas
 - the required public consultation on the restriction would not result in significant objections.
11. Unfortunately the issues outlined above do not appear to be evident at this location and therefore the request would not currently be prioritised. If, however, any of the conditions stated above alter significantly in the future the request would be reviewed.
12. The Committee were advised that residents had previously contacted the Council about inconsiderate parking on Maypole Green and to help address the issue of the highways liaison

team have, however, offered to work with the village hall (which attracts a number of visitors) and provided residents with postcards which advise drivers which they believe have parked inconsiderately. Residents are also able to fund the provision of white advisory H-bar markings outside their properties to help prevent obstruction of their driveways. All of these options are still available to the residents should they wish to pursue them.

D. Petition requesting road safety improvements on Peafield Lane, Mansfield Woodhouse (Ref: 2016/0243)

13. A 1,547 signature petition was presented to the 13th July 2017 meeting of the County Council by Councillor Joyce Bosnjak on behalf of residents and visitors of Mansfield Woodhouse. The petition requests that the Council provide road safety improvements, preferably average speed safety cameras, on the A6075 Peafield Lane, Mansfield Woodhouse. It cites a number of recent incidents including two fatalities, and voiced a general concern of drivers travelling too fast along this section of road.
14. The A6075 was assessed under the 'speed limit review' in 2009/2010 which recommended that the speed limit be reduced to 50mph. This was implemented in 2012 and 50mph signs were introduced to reflect the change in speed limit. The 30mph section east of the A60 was also extended to the edge of the built-up area and an interactive 'Your Speed' sign installed.
15. The most effective form of safety camera for such a length of rural road is an average speed camera system. These have been very successful in reducing the level of road accident casualties and on average in Nottinghamshire reduce KSI accidents (those which result in casualties who are killed or seriously injured) by 66%. However, these projects are extremely expensive, they can be unpopular with drivers, and often lead to complaints for years after installation. Consequently, the County Council's policy is to only consider safety cameras as a remedy to the most serious of recorded injury accident problems, and where no other viable measures are available.
16. On the length of Peafield Lane between the Forest Lane mini-roundabouts and the speed limit change at Dendor Drive there were eight reported injury accidents in the period 1st May 2014 to 30th April 2017; three were KSI accidents, including the two fatal accidents. A detailed investigation into the accidents is currently being undertaken to consider what the most effective course of action would be to address these accidents. A speed survey has also been recently undertaken, the results of which are being examined as part of the study.
17. The provision of safety cameras, as well as other alternative measures, would be considered as part of this assessment. If a viable cost effective option could be identified, and given sufficient funding was available, appropriate Member approval would be sought for its inclusion in a future year's highway capital programme.

E. Petition requesting a residents' parking scheme on Queens Road North, Eastwood (Ref 2016/0244)

18. A 46 signature petition was presented to the 13th July 2017 meeting of the County Council by Councillor Tony Harper on behalf of residents of Queens Road North, Eastwood. The petition requested that waiting restrictions be introduced outside property numbers 1-29 Queens Road North, Eastwood and; a residents' parking scheme be introduced outside property numbers 1-63 on Queens Road North, Eastwood.

19. Requests for residents' parking schemes are prioritised in locations where residents do not have off-street parking and where a scheme won't negatively affect nearby streets and town centres, or increase rat running or vehicle speeds. Schemes are prioritised based on the level of non-resident parking.
20. Queens Road North is a residential road situated to the south of the town centre. Property numbers 1-63 have no off-street parking. There are existing on-street parking restrictions on the road, including no waiting Monday to Saturday 8am-6pm.
21. A parking survey would be undertaken to determine whether a residents' parking scheme should be considered a priority at this location for possible inclusion in a future year's integrated transport programme.

F. Petition requesting a crossing at Brookside Primary School, East Leake (Ref: 2016/0245)

22. A 1,000 signature petition was presented to the 13th July 2017 meeting of the County Council by Councillor Andrew Brown on behalf of residents of East Leake. The petition requested a pedestrian crossing on Main Street, East Leake near Brookside Primary School.
23. The County Council receives far more requests for formal crossings (such as puffin or zebra crossings) than it is able to fund and therefore requests for crossings are prioritised based on the numbers of people crossing and the volume of traffic at a proposed location so that the available funding helps the greatest number of people.
24. A similar request for a crossing at this location was received in late 2012 and surveys were undertaken at the site to determine whether a crossing at this location should be prioritised for future funding. The surveys undertaken on Main Street, East Leake at the time identified that both the volume of traffic travelling through the site and the number of pedestrians crossing at the site was low when compared to other locations that had requested a formal crossing. Formal crossings are also provided where they are identified as the most effective means of addressing a history of reported road collisions resulting in injuries. Fortunately our records show that there have been no reported injury accidents at this location in the last five years. This location would not, therefore, currently be prioritised for a formal pedestrian crossing.
25. The majority of the people crossing at this location were parents and pupils travelling to and from school and in such cases the provision of a school crossing patrol (SCP) is also considered. A SCP operated outside the school until February 2011 when the SCP left and unfortunately the Council has been unable to recruit to the post as no members of the community have come forward. The Council would continue to monitor the site (the last count being in July 2017) and would continue to try and recruit a SCP at this location.

G. Petition requesting an alteration to parking restrictions on Newgate Lane, Mansfield (Ref: 2017/0246)

26. A 227 signature petition was presented to the 13th July 2017 meeting of the County Council by Councillor Andy Sissons on behalf of residents, customers and businesses on Newgate Lane, Mansfield. The petition requested that the existing limited waiting bays be increased from 30 minutes to 1 hour.

27. Newgate Lane is located to the east of the town centre with a mixture of residential/commercial properties. There are existing on-street parking restrictions on the road.

28. The request would be investigated and considered for inclusion in a future integrated transport programme should it be considered appropriate (subject to Communities and Place Committee approval).

H. Petition requesting road resurfacing on Bridge End Avenue, Selston (Ref: 2017/0247)

29. A 41 signature petition was presented to the 13th July 2017 meeting of the County Council by Councillor David Martin on behalf of residents of Bridge End Avenue, Selston, The petition requested resurfacing of the road.

30. Bridge End Avenue is an unclassified road; its condition has deteriorated and it has been patched numerous times. The overall condition is visually poor but the road surface failure is limited to the upper layer. This road has been identified as a proposed resurfacing site for the 2018/19 Highway maintenance programme for micro-asphalt resurfacing and as such will feature in the report presented to committee in the autumn to endorse this programme.

31. Following receipt of the petition the road was inspected and a number of defects identified for immediate repair. These repairs have been undertaken and the site would continue to be monitored through the planned inspection regime to keep the surface safe ahead of the planned resurfacing work next year.

I. Petition requesting a residents' parking scheme on Lime Tree Road, Elkesley (Ref: 2017/0248)

32. A 10 signature petition was presented to the 13th July 2017 meeting of the County Council by Councillor Kevin Greaves on behalf of residents of Lime Tree Road, Elkesley. The petition requests that a residents' parking scheme be introduced on Lime Tree Road, Elkesley. Requests for residents' parking schemes are prioritised in locations where residents do not have off-street parking and where a scheme will not negatively affect nearby streets and town centres, or increase rat running or vehicle speeds. Schemes are prioritised based on the level of non-resident parking.

33. Lime Tree Road is a residential road situated to the south of the village and whilst there are currently no parking restrictions on it, all the properties have off-street parking.

34. As all of the properties on Lime Tree Road have off-street parking, the introduction of a residents' parking scheme would not currently be considered a priority. Residents are, however, able to fund the provision of white advisory H-bar markings to help prevent obstruction of their driveways.

Statutory and Policy Implications

35. 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 contents of the report and the actions approved be noted.

Councillor John Cottee
Chairman of Communities and Place Committee

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Background Papers and Published Documents

- None

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

- Kirkby South – Councillor Rachel Maddon
- Sherwood Forest – Councillor John Peck
- Mansfield North – Councillor Joyce Bosnjak
- Eastwood – Councillor Tony Harper
- Leake & Ruddington – Councillor Andrew Brown
- Selston – Councillor David Martin
- Worksop South – Councillor Kevin Greaves