

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 21st September 2017.

A. Petition requesting road surfacing on Aukland Road, Hucknall (Ref 2016/0249)

2. A 41 signature petition was presented to the 21st September 2017 meeting of the County Council by Councillor Phil Rostance on behalf of residents of Aukland Road, Hucknall; requesting that the road be resurfaced.
3. This is an unclassified road in a residential area. The overall condition is visually poor but the road surface failure is limited to the upper layer due to the past surface treatment beginning to fail.
4. This road has previously been identified as a site requiring resurfacing and it is currently included in the Highway maintenance programme for delivery during 2019/20. There has, however, been further deterioration since the last planned inspection and therefore it was agreed that this road is considered for the second phase of the maintenance repair schedule being implemented through the additional maintenance funding allocated this year.

B. Petition requesting 30mph speed limit on Beckingham Road, Coddington (Ref: 2016/0250)

5. A petition was presented to the 21st September 2017 meeting of the County Council by Councillor Maureen Dobson requesting a 30mph speed limit on Beckingham Road, Coddington. The road is predominantly rural in nature with a 40mph speed limit through the village.
6. To consider the speed limit request an assessment would be carried out including consideration of the road layout and its purpose, the number of properties fronting the road, an evaluation of traffic speeds, and an investigation of the speed related injury accident data. Once this data is available the request will be considered in line with guidelines for setting

local speed limits; and if appropriate, alterations to the speed limit will be considered for inclusion in a future integrated transport programme.

C. Petition requesting a residents' parking scheme on Lowtown View, Worksop (Ref 2016/0251)

7. A 17 signature petition was presented to the 21st September 2017 meeting of the County Council by Councillor Glynn Gilfoyle on behalf of residents of Lowtown View, Worksop. The petition requested that a residents' parking scheme be introduced on Lowtown View, Worksop.
8. Requests for residents' parking schemes are prioritised in locations where residents do not have off-street parking and where a scheme would 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 throughout the day. Lowtown View has a number of properties with garages and also a large parking area. The highways area manager will contact Councillor Gilfoyle to discuss what is causing the parking issue and consider what action, if any, may be the most appropriate solution to the residents' concerns.

D. Petition regarding land ownership in Ollerton (Ref: 2016/0252)

9. A 41 signature petition was presented to the 21st September 2017 meeting of the County Council by Councillor Mike Pringle regarding trees on Yew Tree Road and Forest View, Ollerton. The petition reported that the trees had not been maintained sufficiently and requested that the land owner, or the responsible party, be identified and the trees be maintained or removed.
10. The open grassed area at the end of Yew Tree Road cul de sac, with the alleyway leading to Briar Court, is considered public highway. Likewise, Forest View is adopted highway including the open space. Therefore, Nottinghamshire County Council is responsible for the maintenance of the trees.
11. A Via EM forestry officer would undertake an inspection of the trees and organise suitable arboricultural works.

E. Petition regarding HGVs travelling through Gringley on the Hill (Ref 2016/0253)

12. A 46 signature petition was presented to the 21st September 2017 meeting of the County Council by Councillor Tracey Taylor on behalf of Gringley on the Hill residents. The residents had stated that HGVs travelling through the village to legitimately access local businesses were directly impacting on road surfacing; and indirectly causing issues such as cars parking on verges along the route. Consequently they asked the Council to work with the residents' representatives and local businesses to try and identify solutions to these issues.
13. The highway area manager would meet the local business and village representatives to discuss the issues raised in the petition and potential solutions to their concerns.

F. Petition requesting a pedestrian crossing on Alford Road, West Bridgford (Ref: 2016/0254)

14. A 428 signature e-petition was presented to the 21st September 2017 meeting of the County Council by Councillor Jonathan Wheeler. The petition requested the installation of a pedestrian crossing on Alford Road, West Bridgford to enable access to the playground and bus stop.
15. The County Council receives far more requests for pedestrian 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, the volume of traffic and other relevant factors such as accident history at a proposed location so that the available funding helps the greatest number of people. Surveys would therefore be undertaken to determine whether a crossing at this location should be prioritised for possible inclusion in a future year's integrated transport programme.

G. Petition requesting a residents' parking scheme on The Ropewalk, Newark (Ref: 2016/0255)

16. An 11 signature petition was presented to the 21st September 2017 meeting of the County Council by Councillor Stuart Wallace on behalf of residents of The Ropewalk, Newark. The petition requested that a residents' parking scheme be introduced on The Ropewalk, Newark.
17. Requests for residents' parking schemes are prioritised in locations where residents do not have off-street parking and where a scheme would 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 throughout the day.
18. The Ropewalk is a residential road situated to the east of the town centre and whilst there are currently no parking restrictions on it, all the properties have off-street parking. As all the properties on The Ropewalk 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.

H. Petition requesting measures to tackle speeding traffic calming on the A608 Mansfield Road, Eastwood (Ref: 2016/0256)

19. A petition was presented to the 21st September 2017 meeting of the County Council by Councillor Tony Harper on behalf of residents of Mansfield Road, Eastwood. The petition requested that the Council provide suitable traffic control measures along Mansfield Road to reduce the speed of vehicles.
20. A fatal road accident occurred on this road in December 2014 and the driver responsible was imprisoned as a result. This collision involved "some extremely dangerous driving", and as such is likely to have been beyond the control of the Highway Authority. We do, however, have great sympathy with the innocent lives that this terrible crash affected, and the ongoing fear of those who live and travel there.
21. The most effective form of traffic calming in a 30mph speed limit consists of 'vertical deflection' features, i.e. road humps of various kinds. However, these projects are not appropriate on

classified 'A' roads because of the volume of traffic on these strategic routes which often include a high proportion of lorries and buses.

22. Another effective way to reduce traffic speeds is the introduction of speed cameras. The A608 route is already one of the core mobile speed camera sites on which enforcement takes place regularly, and the performance of this activity is monitored on an annual basis. In the last three and a half years, seven reported injury accidents have occurred including the fatal collision. Four of these occurred at the junction of Mansfield Road with Greenhills Road, and the Crash Reduction Team have been investigating this location with a view to implementing a remedial scheme.

23. It is likely that a remedial scheme can be justified for funding in the future, possibly as early as 2018/19 subject to approvals and budgets. This could include additional signing and road markings, with the possibility of road repairs around the same time. Such measures would be devised to increase the safety of road users on this route, and could be funded from the County Council's allocation for casualty reduction schemes.

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 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

- Hucknall South – Councillor Phil Rostance
- Collingham – Councillor Maureen Dobson
- Worksop East – Councillor Glynn Gilfoyle
- Ollerton – Councillor Mike Pringle
- Misterton – Councillor Tracey Taylor

- West Bridgford South – Councillor Jonathan Wheeler
- Newark East – Councillor Stuart Wallace
- Eastwood – Councillor Tony Harper