



4th July 2013

Agenda Item:

**REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS
COMMITTEE**

**RESPONSE TO PETITIONS PRESENTED TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE
COUNTY COUNCIL ON 28TH FEBRUARY 2013, 25TH APRIL 2013 AND 16TH
MAY 2013.**

Purpose of the Report

The purpose of this report is to recommend to Committee responses to the issues raised in petitions presented to the Chairman of the County Council at the Council meetings on 28th February 2013, 25th April 2013 and 16th May:

- A. Petition requesting increase of on street parking limit on Outram Street, Sutton in Ashfield(Ref:2013/11)
- B. Petition requesting implementation of parking controls around Bargain Booze, Sutton in Ashfield (Ref:2013/016)
- C. Petition regarding speed limit on A60 between Carlton in Lindrick and Langold (Ref:2013/18)
- D. Petition requesting resurfacing of Derbyshire Drive, Selston (Ref:2013/022)
- E. Petition regarding weight restrictions along Landmere Lane, West Bridgford (Ref:2013/023)
- F. Petition regarding bus stops in Rosemary Centre area, Mansfield (Ref:2013/024)
- G. Petition regarding waiting time on Nottingham Road, Hilltop, Eastwood (Ref 2013/25)

A. Petition requesting increase of on street parking limit on Outram Street, Sutton in Ashfield(Ref:2013/11)

1. A 2170 signature petition was presented to the 28th Feb meeting of the County Council by Councillor Michelle Gent. The petition is from local residents, business owners and shoppers on Outram Street, Sutton In Ashfield.
2. When this restriction was first introduced consideration was given to different views of those businesses that want a one hour restriction (such as a hairdresser) because their customers stay for longer periods and those (such as a newsagent) that want a quicker turnaround with 30 minutes waiting. The length of time of the restriction does have an effect on the number of vehicles that can legitimately park in the spaces (on average doubling the length of time will halve the number of vehicles). It is therefore recommended that the businesses be consulted on the change of time and if there is sufficient support then the Traffic Regulation Order be modified.

B. Petition requesting implementation of parking controls around Bargain Booze, Sutton in Ashfield (Ref:2013/016)

3. A 650 signature petition was presented to the 25th April 2013 meeting of the County Council by Councillor Michelle Gent. The petition is from residents of the area and shoppers using Bargain Booze.
4. There are currently no parking restrictions on this road and numerous visits to assess the level of parking have revealed a regular turnover of vehicles and rarely found all parking spaces full. Nearby streets have recently had restrictions applied (Church Street resident's parking scheme) but there appears to have been little displaced parking.
5. It is therefore recommended that the parking restrictions on Church Street remain unchanged but that the situation is monitored and the petitioners informed accordingly.

C. Petition regarding speed limit on A60 between Carlton in Lindrick and Langold (Ref:2013/18)

6. A 432 signature petition was presented to the 25th April meeting of the County Council by Councillor Sheila Place. The petition states that the current 30mph speed limit along the above length of road is too low and that the 40mph limit it replaced was preferred. It also states that the central refuges are dangerous and too many and that the filling in of the three bus stops was unnecessary.

7. This Speed Limit was lowered as part of the Countywide A and B roads Speed Limit Review. The length of the A60 reviewed was from Rotherham Baulk in North Carlton to Labernum Road in Langold. The Limit is located within two County Divisions, Blyth and Harworth (Councillor Place) and Worksop NE and Carlton (Councillor Rhodes).

8. During the development of the scheme consideration was given to retaining the existing 40mph limit along the undeveloped eastern part of the route though this was not of sufficient length to support a stand-alone limit. A collision problem was identified on the partially built up section of road which the new speed limit is expected to contribute towards reducing.

9. It is too early to conclusively determine accident savings though in the 3 years 10 months prior to the scheme there were 1 fatal, 3 serious and 3 slight injury accidents along this length of the A60 and during the 1 year 5 months afterwards there has been 1 slight injury accident. However, this is increasing evidence that the overall speed limit reduction and associated measures has achieved accident savings and this would need to be taken into full consideration in considering any changes.

10. This matter has been discussed on site with Councillor Place who agrees that the short length of undeveloped road in her Division is not long enough to impose a lower limit. It is proposed that the petitioners are informed accordingly.

D. Petition requesting resurfacing of Derbyshire Drive, Selston (Ref:2013/022)

11. A 30 signature petition was presented to the 16th May meeting of the County Council by Councillor Gail Turner requesting that Derbyshire Drive be resurfaced.

12. Derbyshire Drive's road surface is in a poor condition and surface dressing would not be cost effective. The resurfacing programme for the current year is fully committed so Derbyshire Drive will be considered for next year's programme. In the meantime, the road will be regularly inspected and made safe where necessary. It is recommended that the petitioners be informed accordingly.

E. Petition regarding weight restrictions along Landmere Lane, West Bridgford (Ref:2013/023)

13. A petition of 111 names requesting a weight restriction on Landmere Lane in West Bridgford was presented to Full Council on 16/5/13 by Councillor Gordon Wheeler and cited the grounds of noise, disturbance, environmental intrusion, damage to property from vibration and safety.

14. Landmere Lane will be assessed for a weight restriction in terms of the percentage of heavy goods vehicles (HGVs) using the route, accidents involving HGVs, environmental issues, the presence of schools/health centres, road geometry, carriageway condition and pedestrian/cycling activity. It will then be considered for inclusion in the annual weight restriction programme and it is recommended that the petitioners be informed accordingly.

F. Petition regarding bus stops in Rosemary Centre area, Mansfield (Ref:2013/024)

15. A 42 signature petition was presented to full Council on 16th May, by Councillor

Stephen Garner, requesting bus stops to serve the Rosemary Centre.

16. A bus stop has been provided on Quaker Way for outbound bus services from the new bus station. A new bus stop for inbound bus services, stopping on Rosemary Street, will be installed in the near future.

G. Petition regarding waiting time on Nottingham Road, Hilltop, Eastwood (Ref 2013/25)

17. A 267 signature petition requesting to change the current waiting time of 30mins to one hour to assist customers and help regain trade to the businesses on Hilltop Eastwood was presented to the 16th May meeting of the County Council by Councillor Keith Longdon

18. When this restriction was first introduced consideration was given to different views of those businesses (such as a hairdresser) that wanted a one hour restriction and those (such as a newsagent) that wanted 30 minutes waiting. The length of time of the restriction does have an effect on the number of vehicles that can legitimately park in the spaces (on average doubling the length of time will halve the number of vehicles). It is therefore recommended that the businesses be consulted on the change of time and if there is sufficient support then the Traffic Regulation Order be modified.

Reason for Recommendation

19. To recommend responses to issues raised in petitions presented to the County Council on 28th February, 25th April 2013 and 16th May 2013.

Statutory and Policy Implications

20. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, the public sector equality duty, human resources, crime and disorder, human rights, the safeguarding of children, sustainability and the environment and those using the service and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

RECOMMENDATION/S

1) It is RECOMMENDED that the proposed actions be approved, the petitioners be informed accordingly and a report be presented to Full Council for the actions to be noted.

For any enquiries about this report please contact: Peter Barker

Background Papers

None

Electoral Division(s)

Sutton in Ashfield Central, Blyth and Harworth, Selston, West Bridgford West, Mansfield South, Eastwood.