

REPORT OF CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL

RESPONSE TO PETITIONS PRESENTED TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL ON 3 NOVEMBER 2011

Purpose of the Report

1. The purpose of this report is to inform Council of responses to the issues raised in petitions presented to the Chairman of the County Council at the Council meeting on 3 November 2011.
 - A. Petition requesting a parking permit scheme be placed on Coppice Road, Arnold
 - B. Petition against the proposals for a zebra crossing on Mansfield Road, Selston
 - C. Petition requesting a zebra crossing on Westgate, Southwell

A. **Petition requesting a parking permit scheme be placed on Coppice Road, Arnold**

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2. A 22 signature petition was presented to the County Council on 3rd November 2011 by Councillor Carol Pepper on behalf of the residents of Coppice Road, Arnold. The petition requests that a residents parking scheme is implemented on Coppice Road on the section West of Pond Hills Lane leading into Arnold Town Centre.
3. Coppice Road is a residential road linking the B684 Mapperley Plains in to Arnold Town Centre. The petitioners express concerns relating to vehicles parking sometimes all day which the residents believe to be workers in the area avoiding car parking charges. Concerns have also been raised with regard to obstruction to driveways. A Residents Parking Scheme was implemented south of Coppice Road in the Smithy Crescent Area in 2009 and this may also have transferred some all day parking onto Coppice Road.
4. This request for Residents Parking will be considered against the recently agreed policy for new schemes which states that there should be :-

- a. significant levels of current requests from residents
 - b. non-resident parking which is detrimental to the vitality of the local centre or other Local Transport Plan objectives and
 - c. a trip-attractor which causes non-resident intrusive parking.
5. It will then be put forward for possible inclusion in a future year's programme subject to availability of funding.

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B. Petition against the proposals for a zebra crossing on Mansfield Road, Selston

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6. A petition of 19 signatures was presented to the 3rd November 2011 meeting of the County Council by Councillor Gail Turner against a proposed zebra crossing on Mansfield Road, Selston.
7. Prior to this petition, a petition of 464 signatures was presented to the 24th June 2010 meeting of the County Council by Councillor Gail Turner requesting a pedestrian crossing at the rear of the Selston Arts and Community College on Mansfield Road, Selston.
8. A speed survey carried out on Mansfield Road has identified that the 85th percentile speed is in excess of the allowable speed for a zebra crossing.
9. An alternative option to install a puffin crossing in the same location has been investigated and discussed with Councillor Turner.
10. A puffin crossing in this location is not supported by Councillor Turner and will therefore not be taken further.
11. Alternatives to improve facilities for pedestrians in this location are being investigated.

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C. Petition requesting a zebra crossing on Westgate, Southwell

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12. A petition of 226 signatures was presented to the County Council on 3rd November 2011 by County Councillor Bruce Laughton.
13. The highly focused petition urges Councillor Laughton to 'arrange the provision of a zebra crossing on Westgate, Southwell to link the footpath from Lowes Wong through to Nottingham Road'. The suggested location is 50 yards east of the Holy Trinity Church and School which affords the best visibility to traffic in both directions. Concerns focus on the relatively high speed of the traffic and the dangers of crossing at this location which is used by Minster and Holy Trinity School pupils, parents and toddlers attending the Toddlers Group and elderly residents.
14. In order to help pedestrians at this location various options are being considered including a 'build out' which would narrow the width of the road without jeopardising parking for residents and those attending Church. As soon as there is a preferred option this will be discussed with all concerned parties. The petitioners have already been informed of this by way of a letter circulated by County Councillor Laughton.

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Statutory and Policy Implications

- D. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, equal opportunities, 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

- 1) It is RECOMMENDED that the contents and proposed actions be noted and that the petitioners are informed accordingly.

For any enquiries about this report please contact: Sara Allmond, Governance Team

Constitutional Comments (KK 30/11/11)

25. The contents and proposed actions in this report are for noting and the Recommendation is within the remit of Council.

Background Papers

None

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

Arnold North

Selston

Southwell and Caunton