



19 January 2017

Agenda Item: 10

REPORT OF CORPORATE DIRECTOR OF PLACE DEPARTMENT

**RESPONSES TO PETITIONS PRESENTED TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE
COUNTY COUNCIL**

Purpose of the Report

1. The purpose of this report is to recommend to Committee the responses to the issues raised in petitions to the County Council on 24th November 2016.

A. Petition requesting the reduction of the speed limit on Brookhill Lane, Pinxton (Ref: 2016/0201)

2. A 632 signature petition was presented to the 24th November 2016 meeting of the County Council by Councillor John Knight. The petition requests that the speed limit is reduced, that a weight limit is introduced, and a central white line is marked on the road.
3. It should be noted that Brookhill Lane is in Derbyshire, but a section of the road, named as Pinxton Lane, is in Nottinghamshire. The road is rural in nature and currently has a de-restricted speed limit.
4. A lorry ban has recently been introduced on Brookhill Lane by Derbyshire County Council, and a white line has been painted down the centre of the road.
5. To consider the speed limit request an assessment will 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.
6. If appropriate, any potential change in speed limit would also need to be consistent with the section of road in Derbyshire and therefore a copy of the petition has been forwarded to Derbyshire County Council for consideration.
7. It is recommended that the lead petitioner be informed accordingly.

B. Petition requesting a residents' parking scheme on Southend Avenue, Newark (Ref: 2016/0202)

8. A 35 signature petition was presented to the 24th November 2016 meeting of the County Council by Councillor Stuart Wallace on behalf of residents of Southend Avenue, Newark. The petition requests that a residents' parking scheme is introduced on Southend Avenue, Newark as the petitioners' state that parking has increased on the road due to the introduction of residents' parking schemes on nearby roads.
9. 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 traffic speeds. Schemes are prioritised based on the level of non-resident parking.
10. Southend Avenue is a residential road situated to the south-west of the town centre. There is a mixture of properties on the road, there are currently no on-street parking restrictions but the majority of properties have off-street parking.
11. As most of the properties on Southend Avenue have off-street parking the introduction of a residents' parking scheme at this location 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.
12. It is recommended that the lead petitioner be informed accordingly.

C. Petition requesting a residents' parking scheme on Hawthorne Grove, Beeston (Ref: 2016/0203)

13. A 16 signature petition was presented to the 24th November 2016 meeting of the County Council by Councillor Kate Foale on behalf of residents of Hawthorne Grove, Beeston. The petition requests that a residents' parking scheme is introduced on Hawthorne Grove, Beeston.
14. Requests for residents' parking schemes are prioritised based 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.
15. Hawthorne Grove is a residential road with no off-street parking situated to the east of the town centre. Home Bargains car park and delivery vehicle access are both located on Hawthorne Grove. There are existing on-street parking restrictions on the road together with a 12 bay parking area opposite the properties. The bays, however, have no restrictions and it is unclear if these are being used by residents or non-residents. A parking survey will therefore be undertaken to determine if a residents' parking scheme should be considered a priority at this location for possible inclusion in a future year's integrated transport programme.
16. It is recommended that the lead petitioner be informed accordingly.

D. Petition requesting the reduction of the speed limit on the A616 in Caunton (Ref: 2016/0204)

17. A 299 signature petition was presented to the 24th November 2016 meeting of the County Council by Councillor Bruce Laughton on behalf of residents of Caunton and others. The petition requests a reduction in the speed limit to 50mph. The road is rural in nature and currently has a de-restricted speed limit.
18. To consider the speed limit request an assessment will 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.
19. It is recommended that the lead petitioner be informed accordingly.

E. Petition requesting the reduction of the speed limit and the installation of a pedestrian crossing on Wighay Road in Linby (Ref: 2016/0205)

20. A 288 signature petition was presented to the 24th November 2016 meeting of the County Council by Councillor Chris Barnfather. The petition requests a reduction in the speed limit and the introduction of a pedestrian crossing on the road. Wighay Road is currently built up along most of its southern side, with little development on its northern side which is open countryside. The road therefore currently has a 40mph speed limit.
21. Given the existing nature of the road the reduction in the speed limit and installation of a pedestrian crossing would not be considered a priority because it would offer limited community benefit (e.g. very few pedestrians would be likely to use a pedestrian crossing).
22. A large-scale housing development is, however, proposed at nearby Top Wighay Farm. It is likely that once the development has been constructed there will be a need for pedestrian crossing facilities; and the change in character from semi-rural to urban is likely to justify a reduction in speed limit.
23. It is appropriate, therefore, that these requests are considered for inclusion as part of the works package associated with the Top Wighay Farm development. If, for whatever reason, it is not considered appropriate to introduce these measures as part of that development, they will, however, be assessed by the County Council as stand-alone requests and will be considered for inclusion in a future integrated transport programme.
24. It is recommended that the lead petitioner be informed accordingly.

F. Petition requesting the installation of a pedestrian crossing on Rugby Road in West Bridgford (Ref: 2016/0206)

25. A 161 signature petition was presented to the 24th November 2016 meeting of the County Council by Councillor Gordon Wheeler. The petition requests the installation of a pedestrian crossing on Rugby Road to aid access to the nearby community centre and other local facilities for elderly residents living in the area.
26. Rugby Road is a spine road linking the A60 Loughborough Road to Compton Acres. It provides access to a number of residential streets; and at its eastern end there is sheltered accommodation located either side of the road, including a community centre.
27. The County Council receives far more requests for such crossings than it is able to fund. Requests for crossings are therefore prioritised based on the numbers of people crossing, traffic volumes and other relevant factors such as accident history so that the available funding helps the greatest number of people. Surveys will 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.
28. It is recommended that the lead petitioner be informed accordingly.

G. Petition to reduce the speed limit on A60 in the vicinity of Portland College and provide a footway from Portland to Oak View Rise (Ref: 2016/0207)

29. A petition was presented to the 24th November 2016 meeting of the County Council by Councillor Steve Carroll. The petition requests a reduced speed limit on the A60 from Thieves Wood Lane past Portland College, and the provision of an additional footway on the eastern side of the A60 between Portland College and Oak View Rise.
30. The petition is a result of two young people being injured on the A60 in the vicinity of the college and Oak View Rise in September 2016. These collisions were different in terms of location and contributory factor, and the vehicles involved were not speeding. Prior to this there were only 2 other accidents in 3.5 years, both were slight in nature and neither involved a pedestrian.
31. A meeting between representatives from Highways, Councillor Carroll, Gloria De Piero MP, the Heads of Portland and Fountaindale College, the police and residents was held on the 31st October 2016 to share information. The historic and recent accident record was discussed, as was the speed measurements that showed an average speed of 43 mph and an 85th percentile speed of 49 mph. The current speed limit on this road is 50 mph. It was agreed to carry out a vehicle and pedestrian movement survey to establish travel patterns in the area, which was carried out on the 22nd and 23rd November 2016.
32. The pedestrian survey was carried out between 0700 and 1800 and indicated low numbers of pedestrians crossing the A60. Pedestrians using the formal crossing point adjacent to the college were 133 in number, pedestrians crossing to Oak View Rise were 43, and crossing in the vicinity of The Spinney were 11 during an eleven-hour period.

33. Given the above results, no amendments to the facilities for pedestrians are recommended. A reduction in the speed limit to 40 mph in the vicinity of the colleges is recommended and a report will be taken to Transport and Highways Committee in March 2017 recommending budget is allocated for carrying out the works in 2017/18. Associated with the speed limit reduction, consideration will be given to the provision of a mobile interactive speed sign to reinforce the message.
34. Whilst not requested as part of the petition, representation was made at the meeting in October regarding the problems vehicles have egressing Oak View Rise. Whereas the reduction in speed limit should assist this process, further investigation is recommended to alert drivers to the proximity of the side road, and ease vehicular movements from it. Concern was also raised about the bus stop to the south-east of the MARR junction, and a review into the safety and suitability of the bus stops along this corridor is also to be considered.
35. It is recommended that the lead petitioner be informed accordingly.

H. Petition requesting the resurfacing of Rockwood Crescent, Beauvale (Ref: 2016/0208)

36. A 56 signature petition was presented to the 24th November 2016 meeting of the County Council by Councillor Alice Grice on behalf of the residents of Rockwood Crescent, Beauvale. The petition requests that the road be resurfaced.
37. Rockwood Crescent is an access road off Hillcrest Drive and did not previously feature in the 5-year highway maintenance programme. A further inspection of the road has, however, been undertaken since receipt of the petition and it is showing signs of deterioration and as such, given the overall condition of the section of Rockwood Crescent from Hillcrest Drive to Laxton Drive, it has been added to the 5-year capital maintenance programme.
38. The 5-year capital maintenance programme is reviewed every year and an annual programme developed which features the worst sites. Rockwood Crescent will be considered as part of this process. In the meantime, the road will be inspected regularly and any areas considered unsafe will be repaired.
39. It is recommended that the lead petitioner be informed accordingly.

I. Petition requesting a residents' parking scheme on Bencaunt Grove, Hucknall (Ref: 2016/0210)

40. A 23 signature petition was presented to the 24th November 2016 meeting of the County Council by Councillor John Wilmott on behalf of residents of Bencaunt Grove, Hucknall. The petition requests that a residents' parking scheme is introduced on the road.
41. Requests for residents' parking schemes are prioritised based 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.

42. Bencaunt Grove is a residential road situated to the north-west of the town centre and whilst there are currently no parking restrictions on it all of the properties on the road have off-street parking.
43. As all of the properties on Bencaunt Grove Avenue have off-street parking, the introduction of a residents' parking scheme at this location 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.
44. It is recommended that the lead petitioner be informed accordingly.

J. Petition requesting a residents' parking scheme for Harrington Street, Worksop (Ref: 2016/0211)

45. A 19 signature petition was presented to the 24th November 2016 meeting of the County Council by Councillor Kevin Greaves on behalf of residents of Harrington Street, Worksop. The petition requests that a residents' parking scheme is introduced on the road.
46. 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 traffic speeds. Schemes are prioritised based on the level of non-resident parking.
47. Harrington Street is a residential road with no off-street parking situated to the west of the town centre; there are currently no on-street parking restrictions. Petitioners state that the problem is caused by a school at the southern end of the road and shops at the northern end of the road.
48. A parking survey has consequently been undertaken on Harrington Street and the results of this survey will be used to consider the request for possible inclusion in a future year's integrated transport programme.
49. It is recommended that the lead petitioner be informed accordingly.

K. Petition requesting a residents' parking scheme on Lilley Close, Selston (Ref: 2016/0212)

50. A 62 signature petition was presented to the 24th November 2016 meeting of the County Council by Councillor David Martin on behalf of residents of Lilley Close, Selston. The petition requests that a residents' parking scheme is introduced on the road due to parking and other anti-social issues caused by parents dropping-off and picking-up school pupils.
51. Residents' parking schemes are not introduced outside schools to prevent parents from picking-up and dropping-off pupils at school start and finish times. In cases where such parking is causing difficulties with local residents the County Council works with the school community to help them address such issues. It is therefore recommended that the Highways District Manager contact the school to discuss the issues raised by the petitioners.

52. Residents are also able to fund the provision of white advisory H-bar markings to help prevent obstruction of their driveways.

53. It is recommended that the lead petitioner be informed accordingly.

Statutory and Policy Implications

54. 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/S

It is recommended that the proposed actions be approved, the lead petitioners be informed accordingly and a report be presented to a County Council meeting for the actions to be noted.

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Background Papers and Published Documents

- None

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

- Kirkby in Ashfield North - Cllr. John Knight
- Newark East - Cllr. Stuart Wallace
- Beeston South and Attenborough - Cllr. Kate Foale
- Southwell and Caunton - Cllr. Bruce Laughton
- Newstead - Cllr. Chris Barnfather
- West Bridgford West - Cllr. Gordon Wheeler
- Sutton in Ashfield East - Cllr. Steve Carroll
- Hucknall - Cllr. Alice Grice, Cllr. John Wilkinson & Cllr. John Wilmott
- Worksop West - Cllr. Kevin Greaves
- Selston - Cllr. David Martin